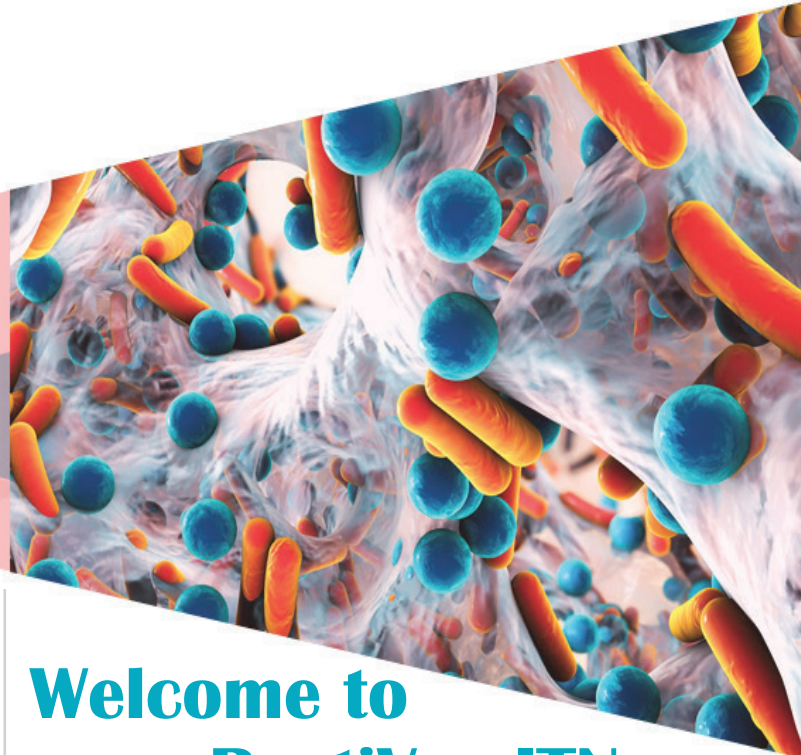


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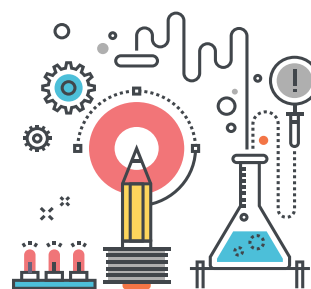


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Welcome to BactiVax ITN

Welcome to the first newsletter of the BactiVax programme! BactiVax (anti-Bacterial Innovative Vaccines) is a European Training Network funded by the European Commission as a Marie Skłodowska-Curie Action. The consortium brings together leading universities, research organisations and industrial partners from 8 European countries to train a new generation of outstanding researchers and advance scientific innovation.

So what is our approach?



BactiVax was created to tackle the societal challenge caused by the emergence of antimicrobial resistant human pathogens and bring significant impact on dealing with those causing life-threatening infections. Our strategy focuses on improving vaccine design with new

antigens, optimised immune responses and more effective delivery systems. Ultimately, we aim to translate our innovative vaccination strategies into safe and efficacious vaccines, that will prevent severe diseases and save lives.

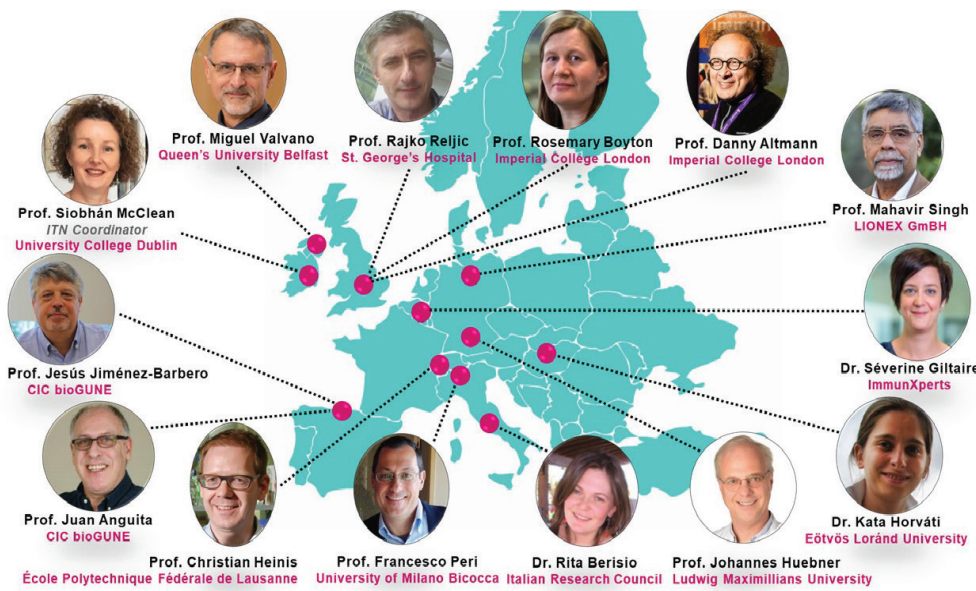
This will be achieved by providing high-quality interdisciplinary training to our 15 early stage researchers, and by equipping them with state-of-the-art transferrable skills to transform vaccine development in Europe and beyond.

BactiVax beneficiaries



Meet our team

Our supervisory board comprises **14** world-class experts in vaccinology, proteomics, medicine, microbiology, biochemistry, immunology, structural biology and chemistry, from **12** high-profile organisations across **8** European countries. The programme also includes **7** partner organisations and a Project Manager, who will support the BactiVax Coordinator in the day-to-day management of the consortium. We look forward to completing our team with the addition of **15** early stage researchers over the next few months!

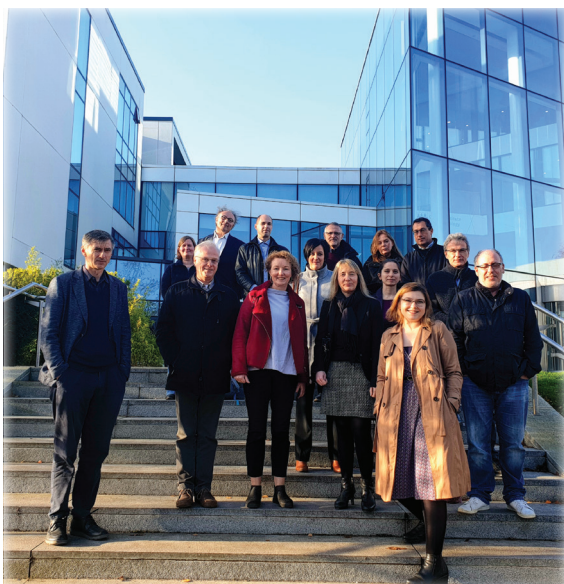


Principal Investigators part of the BactiVax ITN

BactiVax kick-off meeting



The BactiVax programme kicked-off with a team meeting held in University College Dublin on Monday 9th December 2019. Representatives of 14 beneficiary and partner organisations gathered to discuss the practical implementation of the consortium. In particular, the action plan for the recruitment of our future 15 Early Stage Researchers and the schedule of training events were agreed. This first meeting was a great opportunity for the team to meet in person, discuss future plans, and get to know new members. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day and a sunny Dublin!



The BactiVax team at the kick-off meeting in UCD

Recruitment updates

Our programme will train 15 exceptional early stage researchers in the area of vaccinology. In addition to the technical training provided through PhD modules, and dedicated tutorials and workshops within the network, the doctoral candidates will also avail of a wide range of non-technical trainings in communication, intellectual property, innovation and entrepreneurship, and ethics. All BactiVax vacancies were widely advertised last year on platforms such as Euraxess, FindAPhd.com, Researchgate Jobs, the BactiVax website and social media, and received an overwhelming response from applicants. We would like to say huge thanks to everyone who showed interest and readiness to join our programme! The recruitment board was extremely pleased with the high standard of applications received and is currently running an extensive selection process. Once this is complete, each candidate will be notified in writing regarding the outcome of their application.



Stay in touch with us and check our latest news

We're excited to announce the launch of our website www.bactivax.eu, which provides both lay and scientific overviews of the work being carried out within the programme, and highlights news, upcoming events and research achievements. Keep an eye on our social media too, as we post our latest updates here:



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