

CA23152 RegulatoryToolBox

AGENDA

10th-11th February 2026 (Barcelona, Spain & Teams)



ALL MEETING TIMES ARE IN THE LOCAL TIME ZONE

TUESDAY 10th FEBRUARY

Online meeting link: [CA23152 RegulatoryToolBox - Barcelona's Meeting \(Day 1\)](#)

Core team meeting (08:00 – 09:00)

Welcome (09:00 – 09:15)

Chairs: Darla Goeres, Paulina Rakowska, Carolina Riolles-Avila & Manel López Bejar.

WG1 (09:15 – 10:40)

Chairs: James Redfern, Carolina Riolles-Avila & Henriette Lyng Røder

09:15 – 09:20 – WG1 Introduction

09:20 – 10:00 – Task owner presentations:

Reviews

- Toward a standardized bioinformatics framework for biofilm analysis – State of the art and future perspectives; (Owner: Judit Knisz)
- Surface and matrix models; (Owners: James Redfern and Enriqueta Garcia-Gutierrez)
- From biofilm components to cleaning outcomes: Linking biofilm properties with practical cleaning parameters; (Owner: Caroline Bachlechner)

Perspective articles

- Perspective article on imaging as an analytical method to assess biofilms and quantification; (Owner: Guruprakash Subbiahdoss)
- Bridging the gap: Standardising laboratory biofilm methods with applications to the food industry for regulatory science; (Owner: Efstatios Giaouris)

10:00 – 10:40 – Group discussions

- *Clinical*
- *Food*
- *Water*

Coffee Break (10:40 – 11:10)

Following up on activities (11:10 – 12:30)

Chairs: Torben Lund Skovhus, Judit Knisz & Martijn Riool

11:10 – 11:30 – Water workshop update

11:30 – 12:30 – Teaching modules/workshops

- *Overall idea/structure (10 min)*

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- *Breakout/discussion in focus areas to define modules (25 min)*
- *Feedback sessions, get more structured modules, incl. volunteers per module (15 min)*
- *Summary/next steps (10 min)*

Lunch (12:30 – 14:00)

WG1 + WG2 Combined panel (14:00 – 16:00)

Chairs: James Redfern & Maria Salta

- 14:00 – 14:05 Presentation
- 14:05 – 14:30 Albert Farré. Chief Commercial Officer at 4Mediks “How evidence becomes action: Translating scientific innovation into EU regulatory frameworks”
- 14:30 – 15:15 Panel of experts “Biofilms and regulation: What evidence is needed for actionable guidance?”
 - *Darla Goeres (Universidade do Porto)*
 - *Paulina D Rakowska (NBIC, University of Southampton)*
 - *Albert Farré (4Mediks)*
 - *José Juan Rodríguez Jerez (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona)*
 - *Matthias Buhmann (Brillhygiene)*
 - *Maria Sanz (Christeyns)*
- 15:15 – 15:45 Group discussions: What does this process look like in different sectors?
 - Clinical
 - Food
 - Water
- 15:45 – 16:00 Wrap up and summary of next steps

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WEDNESDAY 11th FEBRUARY

Online meeting link: [CA23152 RegulatoryToolBox - Barcelona's Meeting \(Day 2\)](https://ca23152-regulatorytoolbox-barcelonas-meeting-day-2)

WG2 (09:00 – 10:30)

Chairs: Maria Salta & Jontana Allkja

- 09:00 – 09:05 – Housekeeping (Carolina Ripollés Ávila)
- 09:05 – 09:15 – WG2 introduction (Maria Salta, Jontana Allkja)
- 09:15 – 09:40 – Update on regulatory landscape survey feedback and future eDelphi project (Speaker TBC)
- 09:40 – 10:30 – Group activity and wrap-up.

Questions:

- *How to use eDelphi to create consensus in regulatory bodies?*
- *What guidelines are needed to inform decision making in the biofilm area?*

Participants will be divided into 3 groups randomly. We would prefer a mix of different sectors within each group to motivate interdisciplinary discussions:

- Group 1 (Maria Salta)
- Group 2 (Jontana Allkja)
- Group 3 (Third chair TBC)

Online participants will be similarly separated into three breakout rooms. (Chairs TBC)

Coffee Break (10:30 – 11:00)

WG3 (11:00 – 12:30)

Chairs: Geertje van Keulen & Farah Gonul

- 11:00 – 11:10 Welcome
- 11:10 – 11:40 Dr. Georgios Efthimiou: “Innovative training and outreach approaches for sharpening biofilm skills and raising public awareness”
- 11:40 – 12:10 Dr. Joe E. Weaver: “The power of play: Using computational modelling to inform and educate about biofilm processes”
- 12:10 – 12:25 Training school updates (max. 5 min each)
 - Manchester: James Redfern, Paulina Rakowska
 - Slovenia: Darla Goeres
 - Call for 2027
- 12:25 – 12:30 Wrap up and summary of next steps



Lunch (12:30 – 14:00)

Methods in action (14:00 – 15:00)

- *Update on CEN and the biofilm collaborative studies under development Matthias Buhmann (in person) and Anja Richter (virtual)*

Updates ECRs/outreach and communication (15:00 – 15:45)

Communications team and WG3 leadership

- ECR update (Bara)
- Grants (Martina)
- Teams Channels (Carolina, Geertje)
 - *(Sub)folder structure and etiquette*
 - *Working documents*
 - *Teams 'chat' for info to/tasking of members*
- Website (Renata)
- Social Media
 - *Reaching out to Industrial and regulatory engagements in all sectors*
 - *Connecting with members and promoting member activities*

Wrap up and summary of next steps (15:45 – 16:00)

Darla and Paulina