



Palazzo della Racchetta - Via Vaspergolo, 4-6 Ferrara

This event will gather together all EU-funded and currently ongoing research projects specifically focused on epilepsy.

Several laboratories and research institutions in Europe are supported from the EU for research on the mechanisms of epileptogenesis and on the development of new therapies. Currently, six projects are receiving funds from the EU and they account for a total investment of almost 60 million euros.

Coordinators and partners of each project will present their results and future aims, providing a vision of EU epilepsy research and highlighting areas of promising developments.

Moreover, major international funding agencies, both public and private, will present their portfolios of research-funding initiatives.

Aim of this event is to build a framework for epilepsy research in Europe and to identify opportunities for the future.

Organizing Committee

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REGISTRATION

Registration is **free of charge**.
It is however **required to register**:
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FINAL EPIXCHANGE WORKSHOP

EPILEPSY RESEARCH IN THE EU

**STATE OF THE ART
AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE FUTURE**

**Ferrara, October 28-29
Palazzo della Racchetta
via Vaspergolo 4-6**

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Program



Wednesday, October 28

Registration

Welcome address

Michele Simonato (Epixchange)
Rosa Cervellione (FIE President)

Greetings

EU, National Government, Regional
Government, Ferrara University

Session I

Epixchange

Introduction to EPIXCHANGE

Michele Simonato (coordinator)

Presentations by EPIXCHANGE Fellows

My Andersson (Lund University)
Avtandil Nanobashvili (NsGene)
Giovanna Paolone (Ferrara University,
NsGene)

Coffee Break

Presentations by EPIXCHANGE Fellows

Chiara Falcicchia, (Ferrara University,
Biovion, NsGene)
Pascal Trempat (Biovion, Ferrara University,
Lund University)

Session II

Epilepsy, science, policies and politics

Promoting epilepsy care and research: the vision of ILAE and IBE

Emilio Perucca (ILAE President)
Sari Tervonen (IBE Secretary General)

Science, medicine and politics

Luigi Ferrari (Diplomatic Counselor
of the Minister of Health)

Lunch

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Session III

Funding opportunities for epilepsy research and trends in the global scenario

14.30-14.45 **Introduction**
Philippe Ryvlin (ILAE-IBE)

14.45-15.30 **Pharmaceutical industry**
Henrik Klitgaard (UCBpharma)
Antonio Laurenza (Eisai)

15.30-16.15 **European Union**
Lara Passante (EU)
Elisabetta Vaudano (IMI)

16.15-16.30 Coffee break

16.30-17.15 **Charities**
Tracy Dixon (CURE)
Helen Pernelet (Epilepsy Society UK)
Lucia Monaco (Telethon Italy)

17.15-18.00 **ROUND TABLE**
chaired by Philippe Ryvlin

Evening

Gathering and art event

Art exhibition dedicated to epilepsy, accompanied by wine
and cheese.

Thursday, October 29

Session IV

Epilepsy research in the EU

09.00-10.00 **EpiTARGET**
Merab Kokaia (coordinator)
Annamaria Vezzani and Michele Simonato

10.00-11.00 **EPImiRNA**
David Henshall (coordinator)
Ischia Lopes-Cendes and Gianpiero Cavalleri

11.00-11.30 Coffee Break

11.30-12.30 **EpiSTOP**
Sergiusz Jozwiak (coordinator)
Paolo Curatolo and Jacek Jaworski

12.30-13.30 **DESIRE**
Renzo Guerrini (coordinator)
Janet Mifsud, Giuliano Avanzini and Alfonso
Represa

13.30-14.30 Lunch

14.30-15.30 **EpiPGX**
Sanjay Sisodiya (coordinator)
Gianpiero Cavalleri and Holger Lerche

Session V

Innovative therapies for epilepsy

15.30-16.00 **Highly efficient in vitro and in vivo
delivery of functional RNAs using new
versatile chimeric retrovirus-like particles**
Jean-Christophe Pagès (Inserm Tours)

16.00-16.30 Coffee break

16.30-17.00 **Development of HSV vectors for gene
transfer in nervous system**
Joseph C. Glorioso (University of Pittsburgh)
17.00-17.30 **Gene therapy approaches to modifying
neuronal excitability in focal epilepsy**
Matthew Walker (UCL)

17.30-17.45 **Conclusive remarks**