

IMMUNO-model
Modelling immunotherapy response
and toxicity in cancer

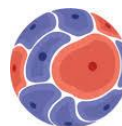


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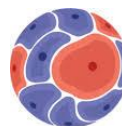
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THE WORKSHOP

We are pleased to invite you to participate in the IMMUNO-model COST Action workshop “Models, challenges and promises of advanced therapies for cancer: NK cells in the clinic and industry”, which will take place in March 5-6, 2026 in Madrid.

The event will bring together researchers, clinicians and industry experts, offering a unique platform to share recent efforts in innovation on advanced therapies.

The scientific sessions include keynote talks by international scientists and clinicians, experts in the transfer of new therapies to the clinic and industry. As a novelty, we will have several roundtables in which invited specialists will discuss other crucial aspects to consider when planning translational research such as regulatory issues, how to work in a clean room and business aspects.

Participants will also have the opportunity to present their ongoing research projects in the field of cancer immunotherapy, aligned with the mission of the IMMUNO-model COST Action: in addition to our invited talks, 8-10 abstracts will be selected for oral presentation and we will host a poster session. For this Meeting, IMMUNO-Model COST Action will financially support some attendants with oral presentations. Selected presenters will be eligible to receive reimbursement for travel and accommodation costs, in line with COST Travel Reimbursement Rules, and subject to funds availability. All information can be found here: https://www.cost.eu/uploads/2025/04/Travel_Reimbursement_Rules_2025.pdf

For more information, please follow our social media channels and check your email for updates.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- 14/Nov/2025: open registrations for abstracts and participants
- 09/Jan/2026: deadline for submission of abstracts
- 22/Jan/2026: email to successful applicants and e-COST invitations

If you are interested in participating, please fill out the application form available:

[Abstract submission and pre-registration](#)

We look forward to your participation.

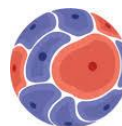
The deadline for application submission is January 9th, 2026.

Applications will be evaluated by the scientific committee based on the submitted abstract. Results will be communicated to all applicants by January 22nd, 2026.

We believe this meeting will be a timely opportunity to exchange ideas, and build new collaborations within the IMMUNO-model network and beyond.

We are looking forward to meeting you in Madrid!

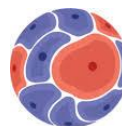




CONFIRMED SPEAKERS

- Prof. David Raulet, University of California, Berkeley & Co-founder Dragonfly Inc
- Prof. Jordan Orange, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
- Prof. Eric Vivier, Aix-Marseille University
- Prof. Todd Fehniger, Professor of Medicine, Washington University, St. Louis
- Prof. Ulrike Kohl, Director of the Institute of Clinical Immunology, Leipzig, and Zelluna
Immunotherapy
- Prof. Luis Álvarez-Vallina, CNIO and Hospital 12 de octubre
- Prof. Katy Rezvani, online talk, Medical Director, Stem Cell Transplant and GMP
Laboratories, MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, Texas
- Dr. Sol Ruiz, Head of Biologics, Advanced Therapies, and Biotechnology, Spanish Medicines
Agency (AEMPS)
- Dr. Charo Sánchez Pernaute, Biocruces Hospital, Bilbao
- Dr. Belen Alvarez Palomo, Barcelona Tissue Bank and Vall d'Hebron Institute of Research
- Dr. Marisol Quintero, CEO Highlight therapeutics
- Dr. Carolina Pola, CEO Stab therapeutics
- Dr. Sheila López Cobo, Citospin, S.L., and CSIC
- Dr. Rizwan Romee, Dana Farber Cancer Institute, Harvard Medical School
- Prof. Dean Lee, Nationwide Children's Hospital and The Ohio State University
Comprehensive Cancer Center
- Dr. Gemma Guinart, Invivo partners
- Prof. Kalle Malmberg, Oslo University





ORGANIZERS

LOCAL ORGANIZER:

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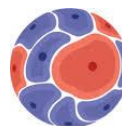
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HOW TO GET TO MADRID

Madrid, the capital of Spain, is a vibrant and cosmopolitan city known for its rich history, cultural attractions, and modern infrastructure. It is a hub for international events, offering excellent conference facilities, accommodations, and transportation.

INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND LOCAL TRANSPORT:

BY AIR

Adolfo Suárez Madrid-Barajas Airport (MAD) is the main international gateway, located just 12 km (7.5 miles) from the city centre. It serves major airlines from Europe, the Americas, Asia, and beyond.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION FROM THE AIRPORT

From the airport, the city can be reached by subway, train and buses.

Metro: Line 8 connects the airport to central Madrid.

Taxi: A flat rate of around 35 € to the city centre.

Bus: The Express Aeropuerto runs 24/7 to key locations.

BY TRAIN

Madrid Atocha Station is the main hub for high-speed trains (AVE) from Barcelona, Seville, Valencia and France. Madrid Chamartín Station: Connects with northern Spain and international routes.

High-speed AVE trains: Provide quick travel within Spain, e.g., Barcelona-Madrid in ~2.5 hours.



THE VENUE

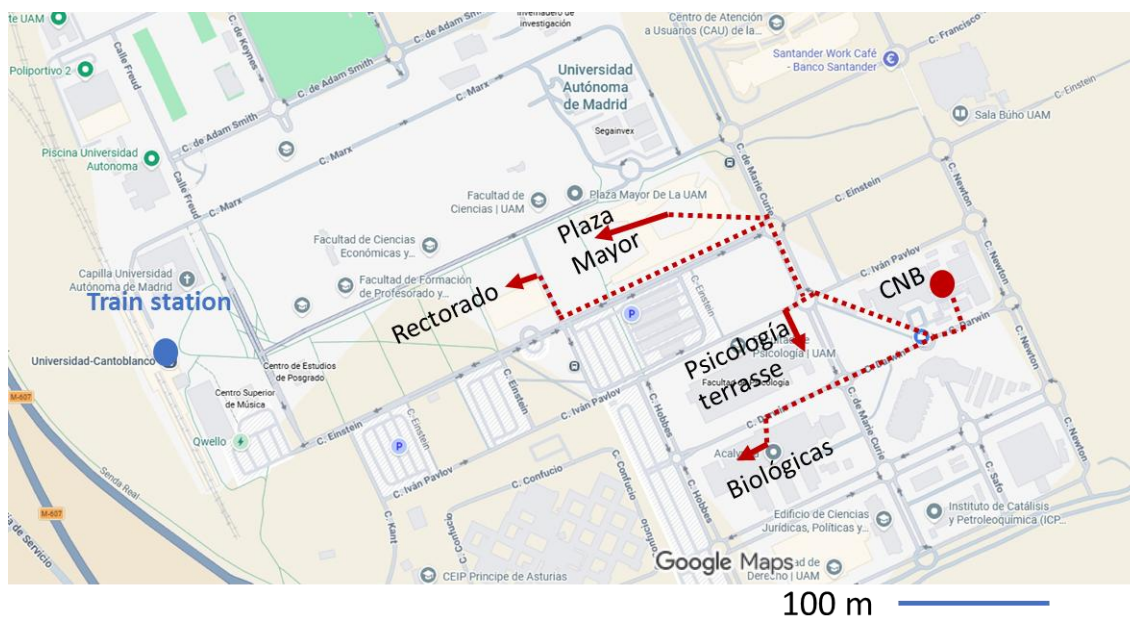
The meeting will take place at the National Centre for Biotechnology (CNB-CSIC). This venue offers an Auditorium with 100 seats and a hall in which poster sessions, coffee breaks and sponsors stand will be placed.

CNB- CAMPUS UAM - CANTOBLANCO

The National Centre for biotechnology (CNB-CSIC) is located in the northern part of Madrid, in Cantoblanco, the Campus of the Autonomía University of Madrid and several institutes of the Spanish Research National Council [Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (CSIC)]. Use this [link](#) to open the CNB location.

Address: Darwin, 3; 28049 Madrid, Spain

Lunch can be bought at several cafeterias on campus:



PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION FROM MADRID TO UAM-CANTOBLANCO CAMPUS

1. By Train

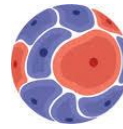
From Atocha or Chamartín, take Cercanías lines C4A or C4B (~15 min).

Get off at Cantoblanco Universidad and walk around 10 minutes.

2. Bus

Bus 714 from Plaza de Castilla and get off at Darwin - Facultad de Ciencias. Walk ~3 minutes.





3. By Taxi / Ride-Sharing

A taxi from the airport takes ~20-30 min (~30-35€).

A taxi from Madrid centre takes ~20-25 min (~20-25€).

HOTELS NEAR THE VENUE:

We give a couple of examples with easy access to the CNB, but more hotels can be found nearby, both in Tres Cantos and Alcobendas, with local train service to Cantoblanco campus.

Hotel Eurostars Madrid Foro, Ronda de Europa, 1, 28760 Tres Cantos (Madrid)

Phone: +34 913 34 21 96

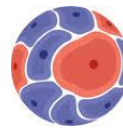
Official website: www.eurostarshotels.com (Eurostars Madrid Foro)

Hotel VP Jardín de Tres Cantos, Avda. de los Encuartes, 17, 28760 Tres Cantos (Madrid)

Phone: +34 918 06 49 99

Official website: www.trescantos-hotel.com





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