



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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### Local Organizers and Meeting Secretariat

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## REGISTRATION

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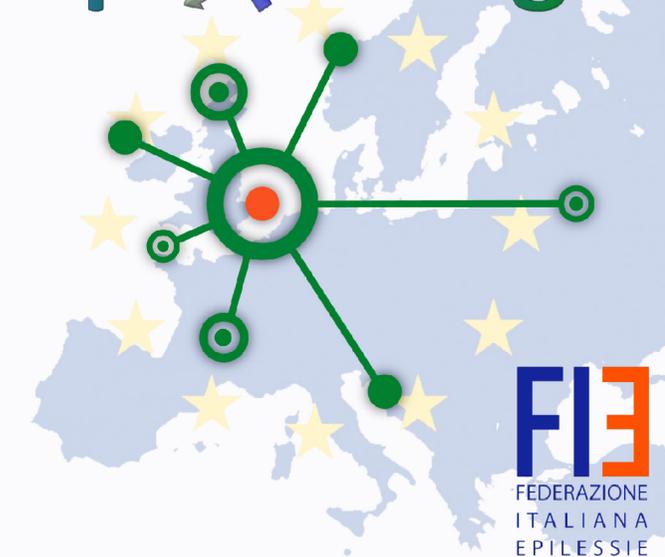
## FINAL EPIXCHANGE WORKSHOP

# 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

# epiXchange



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## Program



Wednesday, October 28

**Session I**  
**Epixchange**

- 08.30-09.30 **Welcome address**  
Michele Simonato (Epixchange)  
Rosa Cervellione (FIE President)  
**Greetings**  
EU, National Government, Regional Government, Ferrara University
- 09.30-10.00 **Introduction to EPIXCHANGE**  
Michele Simonato (coordinator)
- 10.00-10.45 **Presentations by EPIXCHANGE Fellows**  
My Andersson (Lund University)  
Avtandil Nanobashvili (NsGene)  
Giovanna Paolone (Ferrara University, NsGene)
- 10.45-11.15 Coffee Break
- 11.15-11.45 **Presentations by EPIXCHANGE Fellows**  
Chiara Falcicchia, (Ferrara University, Bioviron, NsGene)  
Pascal Trempat (Bioviron, Ferrara University, Lund University)

**Session II**  
**Epilepsy, science, policies and politics**

- 11.45-12.30 **Promoting epilepsy care and research: the vision of ILAE and IBE**  
Emilio Perucca (ILAE President)  
Sari Tervonen (IBE Secretary General)
- 12.30-13.00 **Science, medicine and politics**  
Luigi Ferrari (Diplomatic Counselor of the Minister of Health)
- 13.00-14.30 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)  
Neil West (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)