

EU-LIFE Charter of Independent Life Science Research Institutes

CeMM is a proud member of the EU-LIFE alliance since the beginning, and Giulio Superti-Furga, Scientific Director of CeMM and the Ri.MED Foundation, is the current Chair of EU-LIFE. The 15 EU-LIFE member institutes are leading and renowned life science research centres in Europe, and are profiting from the exchange of best practices, having common principles of research excellence, and contributing to European research policy. The different activities of the alliance are carried out by the Board of Directors and dedicated working groups, formed by experts and main representatives from the member institutions. They are supported by Marta Agostinho, EU-LIFE Executive Director, and her team.

EU-LIFE publishes its views in position papers ranging from policy statements to detailed analysis and concrete recommendations with the overall goal to support and strengthen research in Europe. Position papers (<https://eu-life.eu/newsroom/publications>) on EU-LIFE's Guiding Principles for FP10 and a vision for the European Innovation Council (EIC), as well as EU-LIFE recommendations for MSCA Actions were already launched earlier this year.

Now, the “EU-LIFE Charter of Independent Life Science Research Institutes” has been published OA in FEBS Letters.

Giulio Superti-Furga, Marta Agostinho, Jo Bury, Simon Cook, Christine Durinx, Anita Ender, Henri van Luenen, Anders H Lund, René H Medema, Marta Międzyńska, Dorthe Nickel, Pier Giuseppe Pelicci, Alain Puisieux, Samuli Ripatti, Maïke Sander, Dirk Schubeler, Luis Serrano, Thomas Sommer, Katrine Sonne-Hansen, Pavel Tomančák, Joan Vives, John Vontas, Mónica Bettencourt-Dias. EU-LIFE Charter of Independent Life Science Research Institutes. *FEBS Lett.* 2024 Mar 21. [doi: 10.1002/1873-3468.14855](https://doi.org/10.1002/1873-3468.14855).

10 principles, detailed in the Charter, encompass excellence, independence, training, internationality and inclusivity, mission focus, technological advancement, administrative innovation, cooperation, societal impact, and public engagement. The aim is to inspire the establishment of new institutes to adhere to these principles and to raise awareness about their significance.

EU-LIFE celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2023, and as a result of constant exchange among the directors and working groups of the 15 EU-LIFE institutes, Giulio Superti-Furga and colleagues are eager to share the insights that were gained. *“Research institutes play fundamental roles in the knowledge and innovation ecosystem. May it inspire and help others!!”*

Pictures attached

Graphical Abstract: FEBS Letter_EU-LIFE Charter_Giulio Superti-Furga using DALL-E
Figure: EU-LIFE Charter Principles_by EU-LIFE

Links

EU-LIFE: <https://eu-life.eu/>

FEBS Press Online Library:

<https://febs.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/1873-3468.14855>

The **CeMM Research Center for Molecular Medicine of the Austrian Academy of Sciences** is an international, independent and interdisciplinary research institution for molecular medicine under the scientific direction of Giulio Superti-Furga and administrative leadership of Anita Ender. CeMM is oriented towards medical needs and integrates basic research and clinical expertise to develop innovative diagnostic and therapeutic approaches for precision medicine. Research focuses on cancer, inflammation, metabolic and immune disorders, and rare diseases. The Institute's research building is located on the campus of the Medical University and the Vienna General Hospital. www.cemm.at

EU-LIFE is an alliance of research centres whose mission is to support and strengthen European research excellence. EU-LIFE members are leading research institutes in their countries and internationally renowned for producing excellent research, widely transferring knowledge and nurturing talent. www.eu-life.eu

EU-LIFE Partners

Center for Genomic Regulation (CRG, Spain) | Central European Institute of Technology (CEITEC, Czech Republic) | European Institute of Oncology (IEO, Italy) | Flanders Institute For Biotechnology (VIB, Belgium) | Friedrich Miescher Institute for Biomedical Research (FMI, Switzerland) | Institut Curie (France) | Institute for Molecular Medicine Finland (FIMM, Finland) | Institute of Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (IMBB FORTH, Greece) | Instituto Gulbenkian de Ciência (IGC, Portugal) | International Institute of Molecular and Cell biology in Warsaw (IIMCB, Poland) | Max Delbrück Center for Molecular Medicine in the Helmholtz Association (MDC, Germany) | Research Center for Molecular Medicine of the Austrian Academy of Sciences (CeMM, Austria) | The Babraham Institute (Babraham, United Kingdom) | The Netherlands Cancer Institute (NKI, The Netherlands) | The University of Copenhagen Biotech Research & Innovation Centre (BRIC, Denmark)

For further information please contact:

Anita Ender

Administrative Director

CeMM

Research Center for Molecular Medicine
of the Austrian Academy of Sciences
Lazarettgasse 14, AKH BT 25.3
1090 Vienna, Austria
Phone +43-1/40160-70 079
Fax +43-1/40160-970 000
aender@cemm.oeaw.ac.at
www.cemm.at