

Invitation to a virtual workshop “EMBL and Austria: A Forward Look”

7 July, 14:00-18:00

Dear Madam, dear Sir,

on behalf of the Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research and the European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL), we would like to cordially invite you to join the **virtual event “EMBL and Austria: A Forward Look”**. In this workshop, we will cover the existing links between EMBL and the Austrian scientific community, explore new synergies, and encourage close cooperation in the future, especially in the area of Planetary Biology.

As part of its new 2022-2026 Programme *Molecules to Ecosystems*, EMBL will build upon its strengths in fundamental molecular biology research, whilst also expanding into ambitious new scientific directions, including Planetary Biology – a special focus of this event. **EMBL will lead the first pan-European molecular biology programme for environmental and human health.** With Austria and other EMBL member states as key partners, EMBL will conduct innovative molecular research that understands life in its environment at the molecular level, and provides the fundamental research needed to help develop transformative approaches to the threats posed by climate change, loss of biodiversity and pollution.

Challenges of this magnitude cannot be tackled by one country nor by one scientific discipline. **To Austria and its other member states, EMBL proposes a unique collaborative model for the life sciences that allows to coordinate and truly integrate molecular-level ecosystems research across national and disciplinary borders.** This virtual event will explore the scientific complementarities with the Austrian community, and discuss opportunities to expand existing collaborations and create new scientific links.

The workshop will take place on **7 July, 14:00-17:45 CEST**. To take part in the event, please [register here](#).

We have attached a preliminary schedule including the key speakers below and look forward to fruitful exchange and discussion.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Best wishes,

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