



## BBMRI.be annual meeting 2023

October 3rd 2023  
Hof Van Liere, Antwerp



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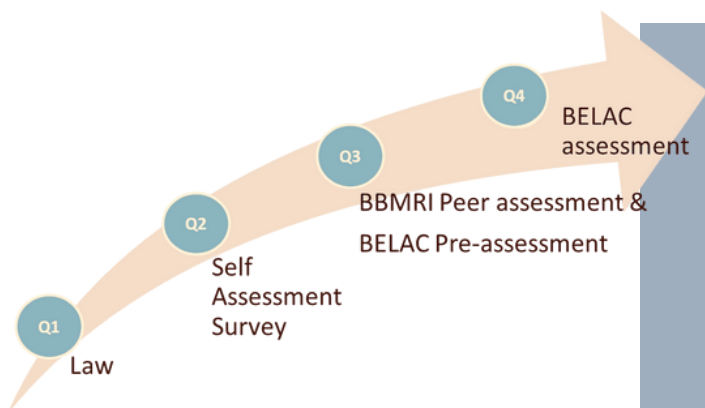
### Biobank AZ Delta joins the BBMRI.be network

The BBMRI.be network has been broadened with one new biobank partner. Find out more about our new biobank partner on page 2.



### Celebrate with us the 10th anniversary of BBMRI.be !

On Tuesday October 3rd 2023, we will celebrate the 10th anniversary of BBMRI.be. Don't miss this great event! More info on page 4.



## Guidance towards ISO20387

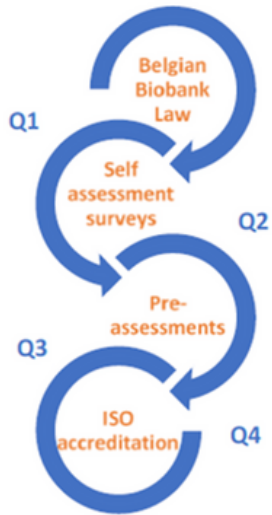
In the framework of the B3-ISO project, guidance documents are developed to support the BBMRI.be biobanks with acquiring all necessary quality requirements for the ISO 20387 standard.

The guidance documents will be prepared for the different quality levels (Q1-Q4) and will be available on the [intranet of BBMRI.be](#) for all members of BBMRI.be .

## B3-ISO webinars

In March & April 2023, several webinars were organized in the framework of the B3-ISO project. These webinars support our biobanks to reach the next Quality levels in the road towards ISO 20387 accreditation.

All webinars are available for members of BBMRI.be on the [intranet of BBMRI.be](#).



07/03/2023  
ELSI Webinar  
(Q1)

20/04/2023  
Documentation  
guidance (Q1)

27/04/2023  
Self-assessment  
Surveys (Q2)



**The BBMRI.be network is now connecting  
20 Belgian biobanks!**



### Meet our newest biobank partner

The Biobank AZ Delta was specifically set up to support scientific research. The goals of this biobank are multiple:

By setting up this biobank, researchers will have faster access to samples and data for conducting high level scientific research.

The samples and data from this biobank will be used to obtain better insights in the interaction between genes, environment and lifestyle factors influencing the health condition and the development of diseases.

These insights will be used to develop new therapeutic drugs, treatments and genetic tests in order to contribute to a general improvement of healthcare.

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**Research Topic** *Supported by EPTRI*

**Supporting the Pediatric Drug Development: From Basic Research to Clinical Studies and Technological Advancements**

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**Submission Deadline: 1 August 2023**

With the support of European Paediatric Translational Research Infrastructure ([EPTRI](#)), a Research Topic was initiated at Frontiers in Pediatrics to facilitate the publication of high-quality studies on a variety of aspects of drug development that can have an impact on children's therapeutics and health.

We welcome manuscripts on any subject around pediatric drug development ([more info here](#)).



## Codex4SMEs - Companion Diagnostics expedited for SMEs

The [Codex4SMEs program](#) aims to support small and medium-sized (SME) companies in the life sciences and medical technology sectors engaged in the development of diagnostics.

BBMRI.be is included in this program as a synergistic biobank and assists SME's on the route to acquiring samples from biobanks by giving [informative webinars on the importance of biobank \(networks\) for SME's](#) and by guiding them through the online catalogues of [BBMRI.be](#) and [BBMRI-ERIC](#).

On May 31st 2023, several members of the BBMRI.be ELSI Working Group presented the Belgian biobank legislation and the challenges that go along with it.

The recording of this interesting webinar, and all other ELSI Dialogue webinars of BBMRI-ERIC are available [here](#).

### BBMRI-ERIC ELSI DIALOGUES BIOBANK LEGISLATION WEBINAR

#### Introduction to the Belgian Biobank Legislation

A Piece of the Puzzle in the Complicated EU Regulatory Landscape

 31 May 2023	 14:00 CEST
 Online	 <a href="https://tinyurl.com/elsi0523">tinyurl.com/elsi0523</a>

 This webinar has received funding from the European Union's Horizon Europe research and innovation programme under the project canSERV - providing cutting edge cancer research services across Europe (grant agreement number 101098620).



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Tuesday  
October  
3rd 2023

## Join us for the 10th anniversary meeting of BBMRI.be!

### Morning session

**Presentation BBMRI.be Working Groups**  
*Quality/ELSI/IT/Sustainability  
Networking/Stakeholders*

**10 years BBMRI.be**  
*A glance at the past  
&  
a glimpse of the future*

### Afternoon session

**Workshop 1:**  
*B3-ISO : hands-on workshop*

**Workshop 2:**  
*Collaborative projects with the Belgian  
biobanks & research partners*

**Workshop 3:**  
*Stakeholder Involvement*

[Find out  
more &  
register  
here!](#)

### FLASH NEWS

Activities of the different BBMRI.be Working Groups (Quality, Stakeholder Involvement, ELSI) were presented at several international conferences by members of BBMRI.be.

**ISBER 2023 ANNUAL MEETING & EXHIBITS**  
SEATTLE, USA | MAY 3 - 6, 2023  
VIRTUAL | JUNE 6 - 7, 2023

**High Quality BioBanking in Belgium: the Road towards ISO20387 Accreditation**  
*Annemieke De Wilde*

**KNOWLEDGE FOR GROWTH REINVENT LIFE SCIENCES**

**Designing a Public Awareness Campaign on Biobanks with Participatory Research Techniques**  
*Patrick Miqueu*

**11. Nationales Biobanken-Symposium 2023**  
25.-26. Mai 2023 | Berlin  
#biobanken2023

**Implementation of the biobank law and first experiences (Belgium)**  
*Manon Huizing*

In the latest BVT newsletter, the main aspects of the 11 biobank partners are summarized to inform researchers about samples from the oncology collections.



BBMRI-ERIC joined together with 31 other health stakeholders and co-shaped a [consensus Joint Statement](#) on EHDS legislation. More news on this topic can be found [here](#)



BBMRI-ERIC is coordinating the European [canSERV project](#). Explore the 400+ oncology research services accessible via the [canSERV project website](#).



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