



Training School on "SynComs Development" Girona, Spain, from July 20 to 23, 2026

FIRST CIRCULAR

The **4th Training School of the MiCropBiomes COST Action** will be focused on **provide insight and gaining experience on SynComs development**, including selection of microbial inoculants for the consortia design, compatibility tests between the members of the consortia, production in bioreactors and monitoring after inoculation in plant samples. The training will offer **hands-on experience** to get familiar with methodologies used for consortia designing and testing. Beyond the technical content, the training will be useful to foster networking and collaborative environment between participants.

Program

Monday, July 20

13:00-14:00 Participant arrival, welcome and registration
14:00-14:30 Introduction
14:30-16:30 Lab session 1
16:30-17:30 Talk 1

Tuesday, July 21

09:00-10:00 Talk 2
10:00-11:00 Talk 3
11:00-13:00 Bioinformatics session
13:00-14:30 Lunch
14:30-18:00 Lab session 2

Wednesday, July 22

09:00-10:00 Talk 4
10:00-13:00 Microscope session
13:00-14:30 Lunch
14:30-18:00 Lab session 3

Thursday, July 23

09:00-10:00 Talk 5
10:00-12:00 Conclusions of lab sessions
12:00 - Closure
13:00-14:30 Lunch

Trainers

- **Dr. Claire Prigent-Combaret**, Ecologie Microbienne, Université Claude Bernard Lyon1, Université de Lyon
- **Dr. Ioannis A. Stringlis**, Laboratory of Plant Pathology, Agricultural University of Athens
- **Dr. Victor J. Carrion**, Departamento de Microbiología, Universidad de Málaga; Instituto de Hortofruticultura Subtropical y Mediterránea "La Mayora" Universidad de Málaga-CSIC
- **Prof. Emilio Montesinos, Dr. Núria Daranas and Dr. Anna Bonaterra**, Laboratory of Plant Pathology, Institute of Food and Agricultural Technology-CIDSAV, Universitat de Girona

Details for the application procedure

DATE: July 20-23, 2026

VENUE: [Research and Innovation Park of the University of Girona](#)

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TRAINEES: Max. 8 persons.

TARGETED TRAINEE AUDIENCE: PhD students, young researchers

TRAINEE GRANT: The financial support from COST CA22158 is a fixed contribution of up to 1,100€ for max 8 persons to cover accommodation and travel expenses. Trainee's grants do not necessarily cover all expenses related to attending the training school.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: Submission through registration form

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: 12 June, 2026

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELIGIBLE TRAINEES: 19 June, 2026

About the location

Girona is a historic city in Catalonia, northeast Spain, known for its well-preserved medieval quarter, Roman foundations, and colourful houses along the Onyar River. Located near the Pyrenees and Costa Brava, it features stunning Gothic architecture, a famed Jewish quarter, and ancient city walls.

The **University of Girona** is a public institution and part of the Catalan public university system. It is devoted to excellence in teaching and research and involved in social development and progress through the creation, transmission, dissemination and criticism of science, technology, the humanities, the social and health sciences and the arts. It is an economic and cultural driver of the region with a universal mission and it is open to all the world's traditions, advances and cultures. The **Research and Innovation Park** of the University of Girona, set up as a non-profit foundation, is the main agent of promotion and economic development in the region of Girona.

The **Centre for Innovation and Development in Plant Health (CIDSAV)** is a research centre located at the Research and Innovation Park at the University with the primary aim of carrying out research, services, transfer, training and dissemination in the field of plant health.

Practical information

How to get Girona: <https://www.girona.cat/turisme/eng/transports.php>

Getting around: <https://www.girona.cat/turisme/eng/mobilitat.php>

Where to stay: <https://www.girona.cat/turisme/eng/allotjaments.php>

Restaurants: <https://www.girona.cat/turisme/eng/restaurants.php>

Practical info: <https://www.girona.cat/turisme/eng/info.php?idClasse=57>

Health: <https://www.girona.cat/turisme/eng/info.php?idClasse=52>