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Biobank Week 2026

Scope + Complete Programme

Biobank Week is designed to explore best practices in biobanking for biomedical research fostering discussion, harmonization and innovation in approaches to biobanking.

At the core of *Biobank Week* is an **Advanced Course** that delves into the inner workings of a biobank — from daily operations and quality management to ethics, governance, data protection and sample security. The programme includes a hands-on workshop component, ensuring that participants can translate theory into practice.

For those with limited availability, *Biobank Week* also offers an **open session for the wider community**, on 23rd February PM, focused on increasing the visibility and understanding of biobanks in health research, particularly among healthcare professionals. The programme is further enriched by the participation of industry partners, providing insights into the latest materials, technologies and solutions for biobanking.

Biobank Week is aimed at **all those seeking a deeper and up-to-date understanding of biobanks**, whether healthcare professionals, researchers, technicians, postgraduate students in health sciences or the general public.

Dates: 23–26 February 2026

Location: Cidade Universitária, Lisbon

Find out more here <https://care.gimm.pt/biobank-week/>



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Day 1 (23 Feb)	Day 2 (24 Feb)	Day 3 (25 Feb)	Day 4 (26 Feb)
9.00-9.45	9.00-9.45	9.00-9.45	9.00h-9.15
Welcome & Course Introduction (Brígida Riso & Ângela Afonso)	Biobanks in context: international and national initiatives (Brígida Riso)	Data privacy in Biobanking: legal aspects (Rita Coutinho + Ana Vidigal)	Welcome to the workshop
9.45h-10.30	9.45-10.45	9.45-10.45	9.15-10.00
Biobanco.pt (Sérgio Dias)	Biobanking: Insights from other Initiatives (Christiane Hahn)	Data management in Biobanks (Maria Sá Guedes & José Maximino)	Practical case: Sample quality (Isabel Novoa)
10.30-11	10.45-11.15	10.45-11.15	10.00-10.30
Coffee-Break	Coffee-Break	Coffee-Break	Coffee-Break
11h-12.00	11.15h-12.00	11.15h-12.00	10.30h-11.30
Visit to the GIMM Biobank	Tumour biobanks (Rita Barros)	ISO 20387:2018 (Anabela Martins)	Required documentation for project submission to Ethics Committee (Ângela Afonso)
12.00-13.00	12.00-13.30	12.00-13.30	12.00-13.30
Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch

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13.00-14.00	13.30-14.30	13.30-14.15	13.30-15.00
OPEN SESSION <i>From the idea to the launch</i> (João Eurico da Fonseca)	ELSI and Biobanks: an overview (Brígida Riso)	Sample quality: a key to biobank success (Ângela Afonso)	Practical case: Informed Consent (Isabel Novoa)
14.00-15.00	14.30-15.30	14.15-15.00	
OPEN SESSION <i>From patients to research: how do biobanks work?</i> (Cláudia Faria)	Informed consent for future research: key challenges (Cíntia Águas)	Risk assessment (Ionela Toader)	
15.00-15.30	15.30-16.00	15.00-15.30	15.00h-15.30
Coffee-Break	Coffee-Break	Coffee-Break	Coffee-Break
15.30-17.00	16.00-17.00	15.30-16.15	15.30-16.30
OPEN SESSION <i>Round table</i> Biobanks in Portugal: a question of trust? Clinician: Patrícia Costa Reis (ULSSM); Researcher: Ana Almeida (GIMM) Patient Association: Margarida Cruz (Acreditar) Research and Innovation Agency: Anabela Isidro (AICIB); Biobank Donor: TBC	Biobank technologies and materials showcase (Sponsors)	What's next? Organoids and biobanking (Andreia Lopes)	Practical case: Data Protection (Isabel Novoa, VHIR)
		16.15-17.00	16.30-17.00
		How to fund a Biobank (Joana Costa)	Closing remarks

***Included in the paid and accredited Advanced course. Sessions in ENGLISH.**

***Open to the community and free to attend. Sessions in PORTUGUESE.**

