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AFRODITA NEWSLETTER

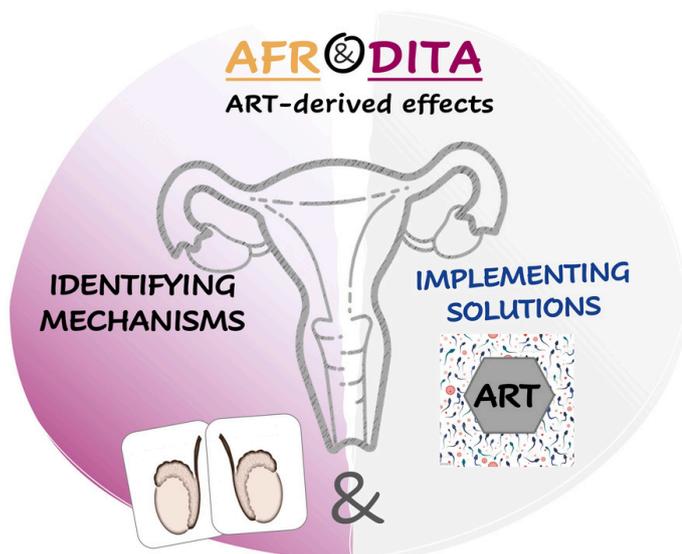
Dear readers,

We are excited to share the latest developments from the AFRODITA Project (#101120126), a **European Doctoral Network** funded by the EU's Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions. AFRODITA addresses critical challenges in reproductive health, focusing on the long-term impacts of Assisted Reproductive Technologies (ART).

Our network brings together 17 partner institutions across 9 countries, offering training for the selected **15 PhD candidates** who have now officially joined the project. They are original from 10 countries (Spain, Italy, China, Brazil, Ireland, Poland, Greece, Pakistan, Norway and Colombia) and this October marks the start of their doctoral journey, as they begin an interdisciplinary research program aimed at understanding the biological, genetic, and environmental factors affecting ART outcomes.

Why AFRODITA Matters?

As infertility treatments become increasingly common worldwide, it's vital to understand their implications. AFRODITA's innovative approach seeks to improve patient care while addressing important knowledge gaps about ART's long-term effects.



● Research Focus

AFRODITA's research aims to enhance reproductive technologies and assess their long-term effects. The PhD researchers are investigating how ART impacts individual health over time, translating their findings into better clinical outcomes. The project is dedicated to advancing our understanding of fertility, pregnancy, and reproductive well-being, making ART safer and more effective.

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Key Upcoming Events



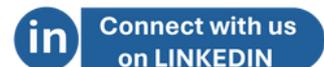
Dr Dimitrios Rizos, PhD fellows Gislaine Dos Santos and Michela Prestianni and Dr Alfonso Gutierrez-Adan (from left to right) at the Department of Animal Reproduction at INIA-CSIC (Madrid, Spain).

From **November 5-8**, we will host the **Training School 0**. It is our first official training event and the venue will be at **CSIC-INIA** in **Madrid**, with Dr. **Dimitrios Rizos** and Dr. **Alfonso Gutierrez-Adan** as hosts. This school will serve as a foundational meeting for all newly enrolled PhD candidates, as well as an opportunity for them to connect with their supervisors. The event will feature **hands-on workshops** and **seminars** during 4 days, designed to introduce the researchers to cutting-edge methodologies and foster collaboration within the network. In addition, online theoretical lessons have been scheduled during October to introduce PhD candidates in the field.

Looking ahead

In addition to Training School 0, we are planning more workshops, conferences, and collaborative sessions in the coming months. Stay tuned for exciting updates as we move forward with ground-breaking research!

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