



The CECT participates to the EU project European Consortium of Microbial Resources Centres  
**EMbaRC**



[EMbaRC](#) is an EU project funded under the Seventh Framework Programme, Research Infrastructures action.

EMbaRC aims to improve, coordinate and validate Microbial Resource Centre (MRC) delivery to European and international researchers from public and private sectors. EMbaRC participants plan to incorporate the current OECD best practice guidelines as well as emerging national standards for Biological Resource Centre into their Quality Management System. That will keep quality of their products and services at the highest level, and contribute to optimise the offer of quality microbial resources and services at international level.

Research output will deliver new methods for strain and DNA preservation, novel techniques for identifying species and high throughput screening for natural products. The networking elements create the European node of the Global Biological Resource Centre Network, as envisaged by OECD.

#### **OPPORTUNITIES OF TRAINING AND OUTREACH STAYS IN LEADING EU MICROBIAL RESOURCES CENTRES**

The EMbaRC Training and Outreach Programme (TOP) activities will ensure that microbiologists working in the European Union and associated countries can take advantage of the outputs of the consortium work. TOP is an opportunity for scientists to visit one of the EMbaRC BRCs and benefit from expert advice and advanced equipment during a stay which includes hands-on sessions.

A competitive Call for Transnational Access is organised by EMbaRC; the selected scientists will be provided access. Given the support of Seventh Framework Programme, Research Infrastructures Action, EMbaRC will cover the bench fees, travel and subsistence costs for the selected scientists. For more information, visit the [TOP webpage](#).

