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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This document “Deliverable D5.2, 1st annual meeting and school” is a deliverable of the NeuroNanotech Project, from the HORIZON-MSCA-2023-DN-01-01 call.

The purpose of this document is to report on the first annual meeting and school, which took place at IMDEA Nanociencia (Madrid) from March 24th to 27th.

The first Annual Meeting and Training School of the NeuroNanotech MSCA Doctoral Network was successfully held in **Madrid from 24–27 March**. This gathering marked an important milestone for the consortium, bringing together beneficiaries, associate partners, and all recruited doctoral candidates (except R2, who is on a long-term sick leave).

The event was structured in two consecutive parts:

- **Training Event (24–26 March):** The first days were dedicated to scientific and transferable-skills training for the doctoral candidates. The sessions included research training—for example, in neuroscience and organoids—as well as practical workshops on the FAIR data principles and gender perspective in research.
- **Mid-Term Review (26–27 March):** The final days were devoted to the Mid-Term Review meeting with the Project Officer. This session focused on assessing project progress, discussing recruitment outcomes, reviewing training implementation, and planning the next stages of the network.

The timing of the meeting was intentionally adjusted from the original schedule, postponing it from January to the end of March. The delay served two key purposes:

- **Ensuring full recruitment before the first network-wide event:** The meeting was postponed so that all PhD candidates had been hired, ensuring equal participation and access to the initial training activities. However, in the end, R2 was unable to attend because she was on sick leave, and R5's hiring could not be finalized in time due to a visa rejection. On the other hand, R11 was able to attend thanks to the delay in the training.
- **Reducing travel by aligning with the Mid-Term Review:** By holding the Annual Meeting and the Mid-Term Review consecutively, beneficiaries and doctoral candidates were able to travel only once, optimizing resources and minimizing environmental impact.

Despite the revised timeline, the event fully achieved its objectives. The presence of most doctoral candidates created a cohesive start to the network's scientific and training program, and the Mid-Term Review provided constructive guidance for the next phases of the project.

The schedule for the two events was the following:



VENUE

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Meeting

MSCA Doctoral Network

24-27 March 2026

Training Event

Tuesday, March 24th

Hinarejos room

- 14:15-14:30 **Welcome to NeuroNanotech**
- 14:30-15:30 **Nanotechnology in neuroscience: different approaches**, *M. Teresa Gonzalez, IMDEA Nanociencia*
- 15:30-16:30 **Organoids: improving the clinical translation of in-vitro studies**, *Marta Pérez, UAM*
- 16:30-16:45 Coffee break (Hall)
- 16:45-17:45 **How to perform an early environmental hazard assessment**, *Martin Himly, PLUS*
- 19:00-21:00 **Social Event, Madrid City Center Walking Tour**, (C/ Santiago 18)

Wednesday, March 25th

- 10:00-11:30 **Visit to FJXXIII centre: first-hand view of present solutions for intellectual disabilities**
(Location: Avenida Gran Vía del Este, 1. Madrid)

Room 215

- 13:00-14:00 Lunch (Room 213)
- 14:00-15:00 **Magnetic-based neuro applications**, *Lucas Pérez, UCM*

- 15:00-16:00 **Polymeric materials and soft electronics for implanted neural devices**, *Isabel Rodríguez, IMDEA Nanociencia*

- 16:00-16:15 Coffee break (Room 213)

- 16:15-17:15 **What data FAIRness can do for Safety and Sustainability by Design**, *Martin Himly, PLUS*

- 17:15-18:15 **Gender Dimension in Science**, *Marisa Miraldo, Chaperone*

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Thursday, March 26th

Conference room

- 10:30-11:00 Welcome coffee (Hall)
- 11:00-11:30 **Neurodegenerative disease, basic to clinic. New therapeutic perspectives**, *Luis Ley, HRyC*
- 11:30-12:30 **Functional network alterations along the Alzheimer's disease continuum**, *Fernando Maestú, UCM* (Director of the Center for Cognitive and Computational Neuroscience)
- 13:00-14:00 Lunch (Hall)



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Meeting

MSCA Doctoral Network

24-27 March 2026**Mid-term review****Thursday, March 26th****Conference room**

14:00-14:30	Introduction and Tour de Table (<i>Coordination Team & REA Representative</i>) Short introduction by the REA Project Officer and the Project Coordinator. Tour de table: All scientists-in-charge should briefly present their research team and describe their role within the network. Introduction of the Associated Partners.
14:30-15:30	REA Project Officer presentation Presentation on the purpose of the meeting.
15:30-16:15	Coordinator's Report Presentation of the Network and the progress
16:15-16:30	Coffee break (Hall)
16:30-17:30	DC's Individual presentation I (6 presentations) DCs will present themselves, their background and their individual research project (foreseen research, training, secondments, etc.). Scientific results are not expected in the presentations at this stage of the project (therefore, max 10 minutes/each).
20:30	Dinner

Friday, March 27th**Conference room**

09:30-10:30	DC's Individual presentation II (5 Presentations) See above
10:30-10:45	Coffee break (Hall)
10:45-11:45	Restricted session with the DCs The session is intended to allow the researchers to discuss with the REA representative about their experiences within the network in terms of training foreseen, supervision arrangements, progress and impact on their future careers. In parallel: Meeting of the supervisory board + different committees (Hinarejos room).
11:45-12:00	Coffee break (Hall)
12:00-12:15	Restricted session Meeting between coordinator and Project Officer to discuss any issue.
12:15-12:45	Feedback and open discussion Feedback from the REA Project Officer on the output of the network so far, on possible training areas for future exploitation or the impact on DCs' future careers development.

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Below is a selection of photos from the event:



