

EATRIS SPOTLIGHT PROGRAMME – ITALY 2026

Dear Prof./Dr,

On behalf of the A_IATRIS Coordination Team, we are pleased to introduce the Italian participation in the EATRIS Spotlight Programme 2026.

EATRIS (European Infrastructure for Translational Medicine) is the European research infrastructure dedicated to accelerating the translation of scientific discoveries into innovative solutions for patients and society. In 2024, EATRIS launched the Spotlight Programme, an initiative aimed at showcasing the scientific excellence expertise and strategic priorities of its national nodes. Every six months, a national node selected by EATRIS is placed “under the spotlight” and coordinates a programme of events and activities focused on a topic of particular relevance to translational medicine.

From June to November 2026, Italy, through the A_IATRIS network, has been selected as the fifth country to lead the initiative. Coordinated by the Istituto Superiore di Sanità, A_IATRIS brings together a national network of leading research institutions, including IRCCS, universities, research centres, fostering a strong and collaborative ecosystem in translational medicine.

The Italian Spotlightprogramme is dedicated to *“Inclusion and Equity in Medicine and Biomedical Research.”* and promote a more inclusive, accessible and representative approach to biomedical and translational research, capable of fully valuing biological, social and cultural diversity and addressing the needs of all populations more effectively.

During the Spotlight period, the programme aims to foster dialogue and collaboration among researchers, clinicians, policymakers, patient associations and other stakeholders, encouraging cross-disciplinary exchange and strengthening the broader EATRIS community.

Through scientific events co-organised by multiple A_IATRIS institutions, the programme addresses key topics such as equitable access to biomedical technologies, diversity in clinical and preclinical research, inclusion of vulnerable populations, as well as emerging challenges related to ethics, regulation, artificial intelligence and precision medicine.

Overall, the Italian Spotlight aims to strengthen collaboration at both national and European levels, enhance the integration of expertise across institutions, and contribute to the development of more inclusive and impactful research and healthcare practices.

We hope that this initiative will foster meaningful exchange and long-term collaboration within the EATRIS community and beyond.

Yours sincerely,

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