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- MUW Biobank Cohort involved in Sars-CoV-2 testing – 19 May 2020 (ORF2)
- Biobank Graz - Vorstellung in der Kleinen Zeitung - May 2020




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- BBMRI GDPR Position Paper – May 02, 2020
- New BBMRI-ERIC CS-ELSI Services Officer: **Mónica Cano Abadía**  
[monica.cano.abadia@bbmri-eric.eu](mailto:monica.cano.abadia@bbmri-eric.eu) takes up the role (key task ELSI Helpdesk).
- Lithuania joins the European Biobanking Research Infrastructure as observer – 7 May, 2020 (PRNewswire)

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**Global Biobanking News**




SARS-CoV-2 detected In French biobank sample collected In late 2019  
The results were published in the International Journal of Antimicrobial Agents.

- How is COVID-19 affecting UK biobanking? - Apr 29, 2020 (Biobanking UK.org)  
A questionnaire among 220 biobanks of Biobanking UK revealed that only 15 biobanks responded to be open and functional...
- "Overcoming challenges facing biobanks in the UK": webinar series by Scientist.com & UKCRC (Tissue Directory and Coordination Centre) – 18 May 2020 (Yahoo Finance)  
Scientist.com, the pharma industry's leading marketplace for outsourced research, ...
- The NIH COVID digital pathology repository (COVID-DPR) - May, 2020 (NIH)  
NIH makes whole slide images of COVID-19 related pathology available to the biomedical community ...
- Research Luxembourg launches Predi-COVID study - May, 2020 (News Medical Net)  
Goal is to define which patient profiles can be associated with a more severe prognosis and to identify the biomarkers, which can help predict how the disease ...
- Launch of big data biobank for coronavirus research - May 4, 2020 (HealthTanalyst)  
HealthCare, Biogen Inc., and Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard are partnering to set up the data biobank which will feature a large collection of de-identified biological and medical data coronavirus research ...
- Pfizer to generate the world's largest imaging datasets. May, 2020 (PRNewswire)  
Pfizer collaborates with AMRA and UK biobank to extend their previous studies the data of which are now publicly available at UK biobank. ....
- First Human Biobank accredited to ISO 20387 – Apr 3, 2020 (A2LA)  
A2LA accredited Forever Labs biobank in Michigan as the first US biobank ...
- AI tool spots 59 possible COVID-19 drugs in UK Biobank data - May, 2020 (pharmaphorum)  
Scientists at UK biotech PrecisionLife say they have used the UK Biobank to identify human genes that can increase the risk of getting seriously ill with ...
- Tissue Solutions and CBSB join forces to increase COVID-19 sample availability - May 2020 (News-Medical Net)  
The UK's leading supplier of human tissue samples is joining forces with a Cambridge Biobank to provide COVID-19 samples for scientists.

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**Upcoming Events**



- EBW 2020, | Oct 12-16, 2020 | ONLINE Conference
- Precision Diagnostics Europe 2020 conference | postponed to spring 2021  
Prague/Biocev Vestec, CZ

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