



EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF CLINICAL CHEMISTRY  
AND LABORATORY MEDICINE

## Updates on the status and activities of the EFLM Task Force “Green Labs”

On behalf of the EFLM Task Force (TF)-Green Labs, I would like to give you information to update you what has been done since the establishment of the TF-Green Labs.

1. The official establishment of the EFLM Task Force Green Labs was announced to
  - EFLM National societies,
  - EFLM and IFCC newsletters,
  - EFLM mailing list of 10000 contacts and announcement via socials.
2. EFLM National Societies were invited to name an officer acting as NS representative for the Task Force-Green Labs. The new initiative of EFLM “Green Labs” has been appreciated by the EFLM National Societies and they appointed 49 National Society Representatives in addition to the Task Force-Green Labs core members. You can see all the enthusiastic members of the Task Force Green Labs on the website of the EFLM connecting to the link below:  
<https://eflm.eu/site/page/a/1732>
3. The European Commission (EC) entitled “**European Green Deal (EGD)**” has been informed about the establishment of the EFLM Task Force-Green Labs. EC Commissioner EGD Executive Vice President and his cabinet are following our activities closely. They expressed their congratulations for the establishment of the EFLM Task Force-Green Labs. We will be in close contact with the EGD Commission in our further progresses.
4. MedTech Europe has been informed at the same time. They were interested with the EFLM initiative and appointed their Senior Manager on “**Environment & Sustainability**” to the EFLM TF-Green Labs as a Task Force member.
5. A session has been dedicated at the EFLM Strategic Conference.  
<http://www.eflm-strategic-conference.eu/>
6. TF-Green Labs core members are preparing Guidelines, checklists on key areas. The aim is to transform clinical laboratories into a safe and sustainable spaces by decreasing their deleterious environmental impact and implementing efficient everyday actions in laboratories, and taking steps to minimize energy, water, and hazardous chemical use, as well as waste generation without compromising the quality of healthcare.

7. TF-Green Labs Core Members will cooperate with the identified National Society Representatives who will act, after appropriate training, as EFLM Green Lab Delegates/Ambassadors in switching the medical laboratories to Green Labs within their countries/societies.
8. TF-Green Labs will start a close collaboration with the EFLM National Societies to implement sustainable practices in medical laboratories within their countries. Workshops/Conferences, Panels, and the Networking meetings will be organized with the EFLM National societies and their members to give them detailed information and application procedures to switch the laboratories to Green Labs and to receive EFLM Green Lab certificates.
9. All the educational informative meetings and Workshops will be accredited as CPECS® as the trademark of EFLM “Continuous Professional Education Crediting System”.

EFLM and its Member Societies will lead the laboratory medicine community for the shift to carbon neutrality in line with the European Green Deal (EGD) Investment Plan, also known as the Sustainable Europe Investment Plan, which is aimed at making Europe the world’s first climate-neutral continent.

We are looking forward to a fruitful collaboration with the EFLM National Societies to achieve environment-friendly laboratories.

Best regards

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