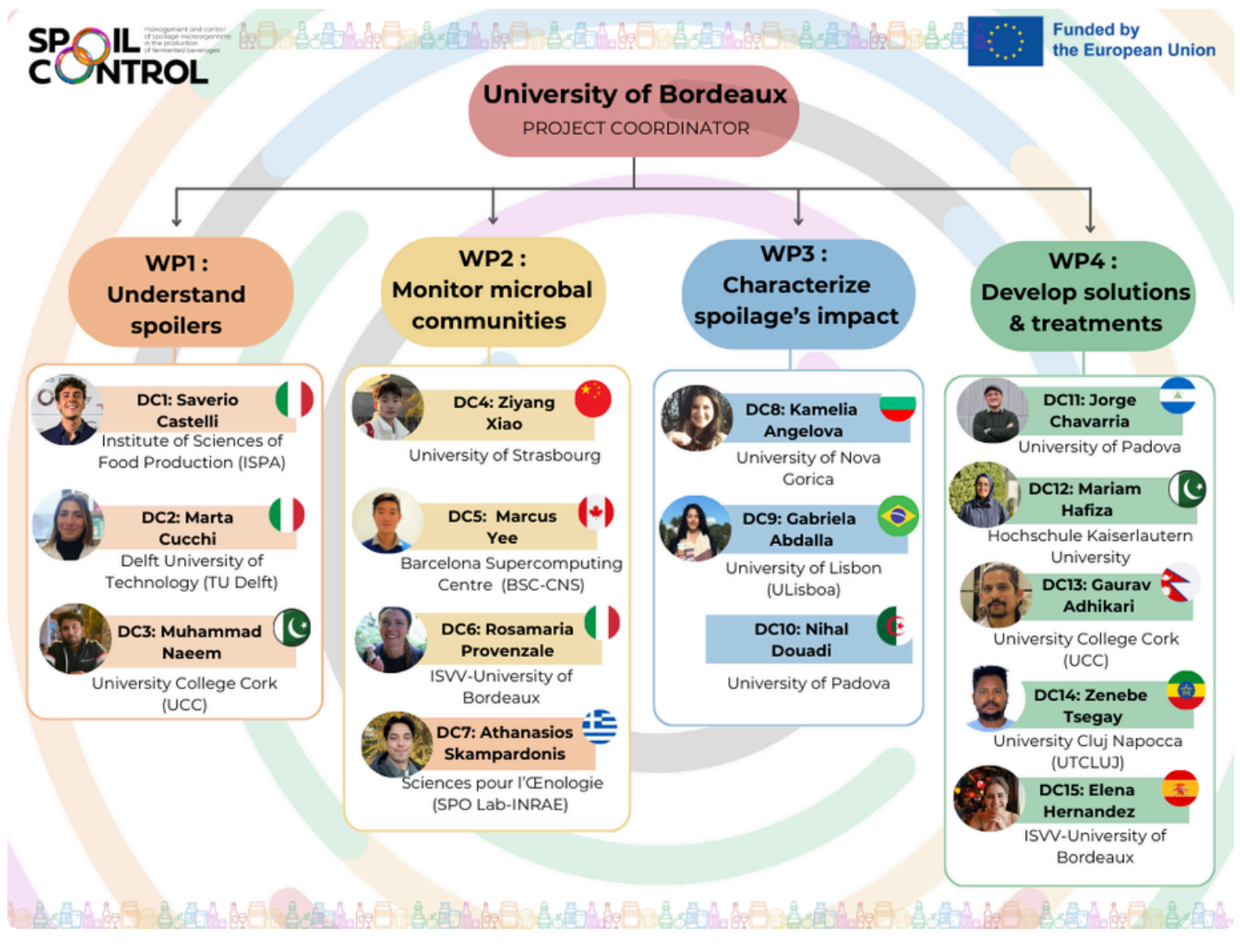


# SPOILCONTROL NEWSLETTER

We are happy to present the first SpoilControl newsletter. The Newsletter will provide news about the DCs, their projects, different meetings, webinars and upcoming events.

## About the DCs

All the Doctoral Candidates (DCs) have now officially launched their projects and are working under the guidance of their supervisors to advance their research. You can now get to know all the DCs in the organisational chart below.



## MSCA Anniversary

In 2026, the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) celebrate their **30th anniversary**, marking three decades of commitment to supporting researchers and promoting scientific excellence across Europe and beyond.

Named in tribute to **Marie Skłodowska-Curie**, pioneering scientist and double Nobel laureate, the programme has become one of the EU's most influential funding schemes for doctoral training, researcher mobility and career development.

Since its inception, the MSCA have supported over **150,000 researchers**, helping them develop advanced skills, collaborate across sectors and contribute to innovative international research.

To open this anniversary year, the European Commission has shared an inspiring video message from the granddaughter of Marie Skłodowska-Curie.

The video is available to watch online [here](#).



## Webinars

On 10 December 2025, we held our first webinar on shōchū. During the session, **Dr. Yumiko Yoshizaki** spoke about the traditions behind this Japanese distilled spirit and explained how shōchū is made. If you missed the webinar, you can watch the recording on [Youtube](#). You can also explore the quick visual about [shōchū here](#).



On 2 March 2026, from 15:00 to 16:00, we hosted another webinar on tequila and mezcal, presented by **Dr. Manuel Reinhart Kirchmayr** and **Dr. Anne Christine Gschaedler Mathis**, who work at CIATEJ. During the session, they discussed both the traditional and industrial production of agave spirits in Mexico.

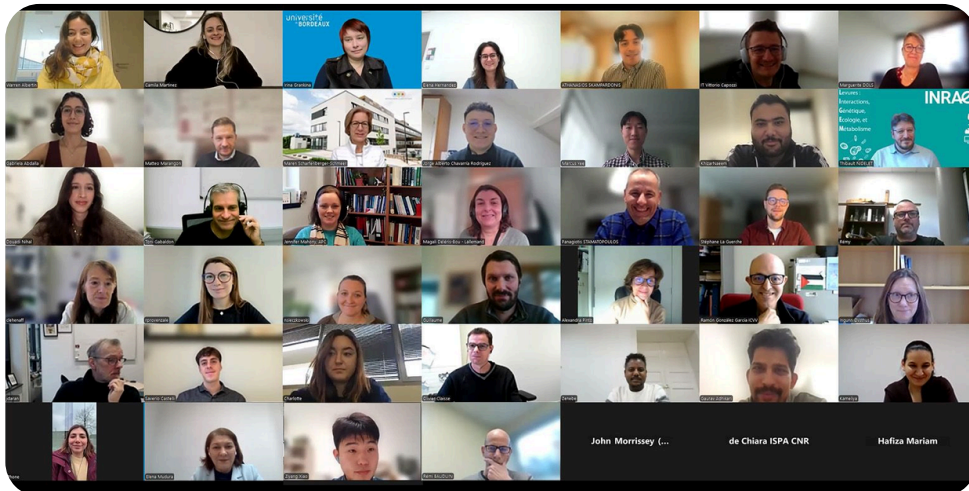
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Don't miss our next webinar: "When Ecology Becomes Whisky - A Patagonian Experience", next 15 April from 4:00 to 5:00 PM (Paris CET), by **Dr. Francisco A. Cubillos**.

## Meetings with members of SpoilControl

On **3 February 2026**, we held a consortium-wide meeting with all partners. During the session, we presented the project to all DC students and introduced our new intern in mediation and science communication.

**Irina Grankina** led a detailed explanation of Workshop 1, focusing on the structure of the **Data Management Plan (DMP)**. She highlighted how the DMP will help our students manage, organize and enhance the impact of their research data.



Regarding the **Data Management Plan (DMP)** training, doctoral candidates (DCs) participated in a first session on Monday March 30 2026. This online debrief and Q&A session on Open Science and Research Data Management allowed them to clarify key points ahead of the **DMP workshop**.

A second session, held on April 2, 2026, took the form of a writing workshop focused on drafting each project's DMP. This session supported DCs in preparing their own data management plans using the **DMP OPIDoR** platform

On **March 27 2026**, our doctoral candidates gathered for the first Journal Club session of the project, marking the launch of this new scientific discussion series. The session was led by **Elena Hernández Fernández**, who presented the article "*p-coumaric acid induces *Brettanomyces bruxellensis* death under winemaking conditions*," published in Food Microbiology.



Following Elena's presentation, The DCs engaged in a lively and constructive discussion. They shared perspectives on the study, exchanged comments on the approaches used by the authors, and reflected on how the work connects to their own research interests.

This open and interactive dialogue created a positive atmosphere and encouraged knowledge sharing among peers. This first meeting set a positive tone for the upcoming **Journal Club activities**.

## Curious? What about other conferences and congress

### Save the Dates:

#### FoodMicro 2026

Location: Slovenia

Abstract submission deadline: April 5, 2026

Website:

<https://foodmicro2026.icfmh.org/>

Info: An international conference on food microbiology, ideal for sharing research on food safety, microorganisms, and fermentation.

#### Physiology of Yeasts and Filamentous Fungi (PYFF)

Organizer: European Federation of Biotechnology

Location: Valencia, Spain

Website:

<https://yeastfungi.efbiotechnology.org/>

Info: A specialized conference on yeast and filamentous fungi physiology, perfect for researchers and students in biotechnology and microbiology.

### Yeasts, Models and Tools (LMO) 2026

The next **LMO** meeting will take from July 1–3 2026, at Institut Agro Montpellier, campus La Gaillarde (Montpellier, France).

Since its first edition in 1991 at the Institut Pasteur, LMO has become an essential event for the French-speaking yeast research community, offering a space to share new results, strengthen collaborations, and connect academic and industrial scientists across all areas of yeast biology and biotechnology.

Website: <https://lmo15.colloque.inrae.fr/>

## Some interesting MOOCs

For your information, here are several high-quality MOOCs that might be useful for your PhD or simply to explore new topics. These courses are offered by top universities and are available online, with many free to audit (a small fee may be required if you wish to obtain a certificate).

#### Beer

- [KU Leuven – Beer: The Science of Brewing](#)
- [Harvard – Food Fermentation](#)
- [Wageningen – The Science of Beer](#)

#### Wine

- [Trinity College – History of Modern Wine](#)
- [UC Davis – Wine Tasting](#)
- [Adelaide – World of Wine](#)