

BioTriCK newsletter

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Welcome to our first newsletter to all Biomedical laboratory scientists (BLS) that are partners in BioTriCK.

What is BioTriCK?

BioTriCK is an Erasmus+ funded three-year project based on the triangular partnership between BLS study programs and university hospitals in Bergen (Norway), Turku (Finland) and Coimbra (Portugal). The overall aim of BioTriCK is to improve the quality of the education of Biomedical Laboratory Scientists. In addition, the European Association for Professions in Biomedical Science (EPBS) and the education technology company EDvantage are partners in BioTriCK.

In BioTriCK, the triangle of BLS students, clinical supervisors and university teachers collaborate on innovation and co-production of digital learning tools.

Together we innovate digital learning tools to be freely available on the open-access web portal of the [BLS Academy](#).



What is the BLS Academy and digital learning tools?

BioTriCK has established the virtual learning arena of the BLS Academy, an open access web page to support communication, collaboration and sharing of knowledge among biomedical laboratory scientists in Europe and the world, across all educational levels, institutions, and national borders. The BLS Academy will also function as an international community for professionals where students are introduced to from their first year of studies.

Applications of digital learning tools in higher education are increasing. Digital learning tools can be in the format of videos, podcasts, digital quizzes and games, as well as web-based information and infographics. BioTriCK intends to collaborate on developing and sharing digital learning tools to improve quality in the BLS education.

What has been done halfway in the project?

- Established LinkedIn as the social medium of choice for promoting BioTriCK – Please follow us on LinkedIn.
- Through BLS Academy, we are regularly organizing BLS webinars. The next Webinar on Student Mobility will be on the 28th of March.
- A digital feedback form for students in clinical practice is being developed.
- Several digital teachers' courses are already available through BLS Academy, and more are in progress.
- BioTriCK has organized several design thinking workshops for innovation of BLS education.

How can you contribute to the tasks of BioTriCK in 2022

BioTriCK stakeholders are now encouraged to create additional content for the BLS Academy.

Laboratory videos: In 2022 (by the end of October), both university and hospital partners will be producing videos introducing their laboratories. All laboratory departments will contribute. English language videos will be published and shared on BLS Academy.

An example of a video made in Turku can be seen here: <https://youtu.be/B3UI0ye7JkQ>. English subtitles will be added.

Instructions on “how to make a BioTriCK video” are shared on our digital teachers' course at the BLS Academy.

Are you the one producing the video from your laboratory? All the partners of BioTriCK have received funding for this through the project. Make agreements with your leader and send in your timesheets afterwards!