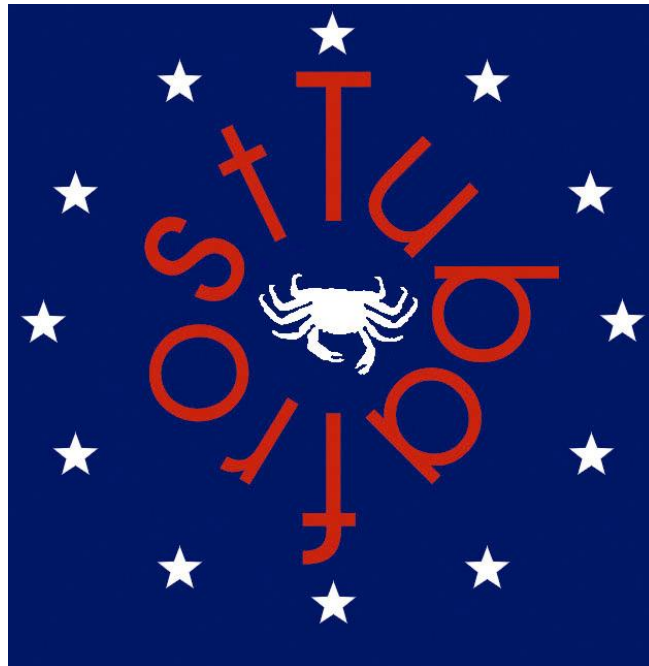


European Human Frozen Tumour Tissue Bank

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This report concerns the TUBAFROST Success Criteria, which is important for the final evaluation of the total project, which will be executed in Work Package 9. It is part of Work Package 1: "Program Management". In addition, the at the Kick-off meeting developed mission statement is included.

TUBAFROST Success Criteria:

Tissue samples are collected and stored for Tubafrost according to the standard protocols set by the Tubafrost consortium.

The data of the tissue samples can be centrally stored with digital images of the histology.

A European code of good conduct is developed for working with rest tissue.

It is known whether the Virtual Microscope can be used for Virtual Tissue Banking (VTB).

A web site complete with VTB search engine and instructions for use including rules and regulations and ways to apply for samples for medical research use.

It must be possible via the Internet to search with certain tissue and tumor characteristics a set of tissue samples from the European human frozen tumor tissue bank, select a subset by judging the histologic images and remarks, and apply for this subset of tissues according to the European code of good conduct.

TUBAFROST Mission statement:

Create an innovating virtual European human frozen tumour tissue bank for the whole scientific community composed of high quality frozen tumour tissue sample collections with a corresponding accurate diagnosis stored in major European cancer centres and universities, searchable through an uncomplicated query system on the Internet, which is provided with rules for access and use of the tissues complete with a European code of conduct to comply with the various legal and ethical regulations in European countries.