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FINI - Future challenges in management of recurrent/resistant Infection: development of antimicrobial Nanoparticulate systems and physical-chemical investigation of their Interactions with biofilm-associated infection (PNRR - Missione 4, Componente 2, Investimento 1.1 - Bando Prin 2022 – Decreto Direttoriale n. 104 del 02-02-2022) CUP: J53D23008880006 Codice Identificativo: 2022325YFW

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AIMS

Main goal: design the correct therapeutic systems based on innovative antimicrobial nanoparticles (NPs) able to eradicate the biofilm-associated infections, so permitting a specific antimicrobial therapy without cytotoxicity and side effects.

Result 1: develop nanotechnological platforms, with specific surface properties and sizes, addressed to reduce the formation of BPB in various models of human eukaryotic cells and explanted organs, to inhibit biofilm production and development and/or breaking/dissolving the mature biofilm.

Result 2: clarify the mechanism of biofilm eradication, by an exhaustive physicochemical and morphological characterization of the biofilm produced by selected pathogen microorganisms before and after the treatment with these nanosystems, in order to evaluate their specific interaction with biofilm components.

PROJECT DETAILS

Duration: 24 months

Principal Investigator: **Prof. Valentina VENUTI** (University of Messina)

MUR Contribution: € **77.290,00** - Total: € **101.997,00**

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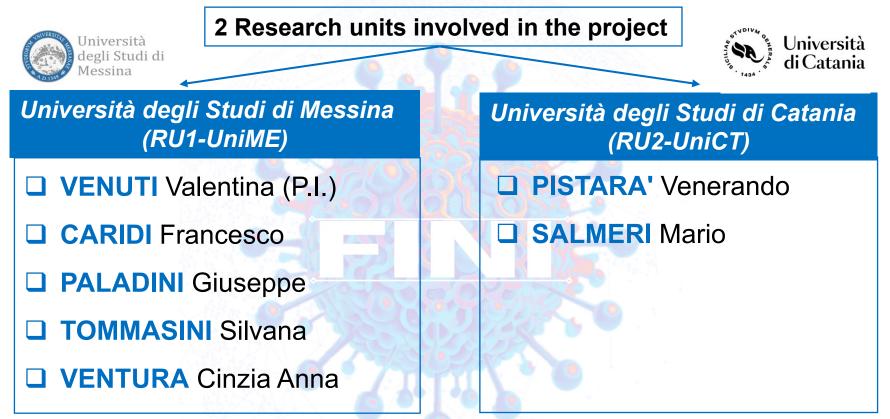












The two research units (RUs), involved in the FINI project, constitute a "scientific" network with complementary experiences, including the entire production process of the proposed NPs, ranging from the design, to the organic synthesis, from the characterization, up to the in vitro test and the exvivo models.





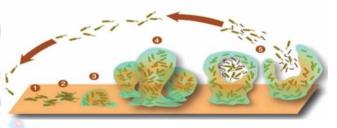




STATE OF THE ART

Bacterial biofilm

- Sessile microbial communities embedded in a self-produced matrix of extracellular polymeric substances (EPSs) adherent on biotic or abiotic surfaces
- Protection from antimicrobial agents and host defenses
- □ According to the National Institutes of Health, 70% of all human microbial infections stem from biofilms → Colonisation of numerous medical devices; cause of numerous human diseases, such as dental diseases, musculoskeletal infections, otitis, urinary and prostate infections



Eradicating these infections with antimicrobial treatments is a hard challenge

Not usable in vivo due to toxicity and consequent side-effects

high concentrations of antimicrobials may be needed to eradicate biofilm-producing bacteria (BPB)

Calls for the development of new antibiotics with new mechanisms of action!

Nanotechnologic approach can improve safety/efficacy ratio of "old" drugs, representing an ideal way to eradicate infections



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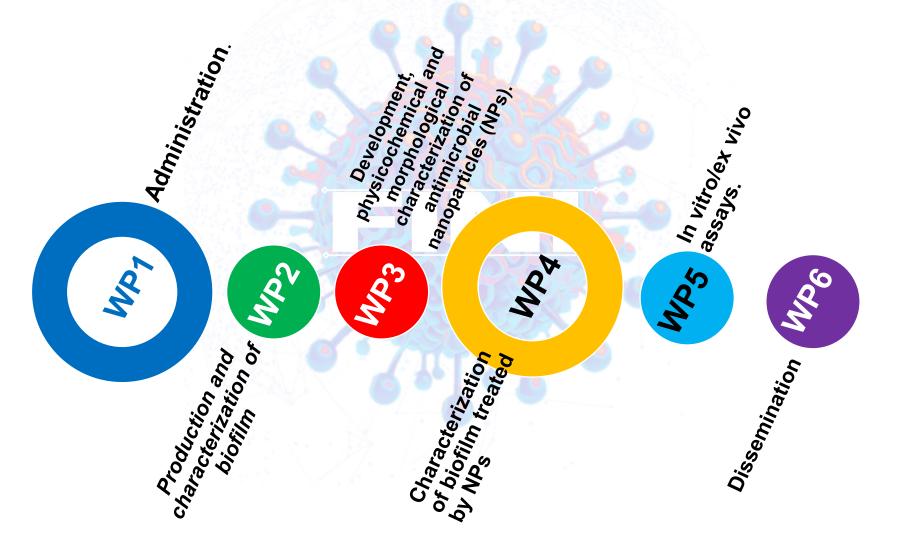


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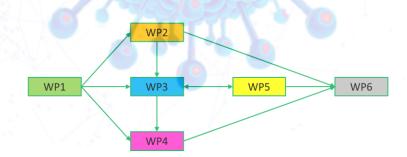






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WP2 - Leader: RU2-UniCT	Production and characterization of biofilm	RU 2-U niCT	i) Production of biofilm																		
			ii) Characterization by TEM, SEM, SEM-EDX																		
		RU1-UniME	i) Characterization by IR and Raman																		
			ii) 3D imaging through NT		~		5														\square
WP3 - Leader: RU1-UniME	Development, physicochemical and morphological characterization of antimicrobial nanoparticles (NPs)	RU1-UniME	i) Realization of CS-NPs and PLGA-NPs			1															
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		RU2-UniCT	i) Characterization by SEM																		
	In vitro / ex vivo assays	RU2-UniCT	i) Evaluation of anti-bacterial and anti-biofilm activity of the antimicrobial loaded-NPs against drug-resistant bacterial strains, by in vitro assay	-																	
WP5 - Leader, BU2- UniCT			ii) Similar ex vivo studies	-																\top	
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			iv) Evaluation of anti-inflammatory potential of the NPs on infected cell lines and on infected corneal tissues	P																	
	Dissemination	RU1-UniME/RU2-UniCT	i) Brochure/flyer, educational material, posters																		
			ii)Web-site																		
WP6 - Leader: RU1-UniME			iii) Scientific publications																		
VVPO-Leader: KOI-ONIME			iv) Strategic planning of communication, meetings among the partners, final plenary meeting	7	9		3														
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Months: 1-24

WP1-

Administration

Aim of this WP is to maintain the project on schedule and ensure that budget is used as planned during the application phase.

- 1. ensuring effective coordination of the project
- **3**. guaranteeing of local ownership of the project results
- **5**. organization of the required documentation and timely communication
- Achievements....
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- **2**. facilitating of communication between the partners involved
- **4**. monitoring of potential risks and guarantee of the necessary execution of the plan emergency
- **6**. supervision of legal compliance for all project activities

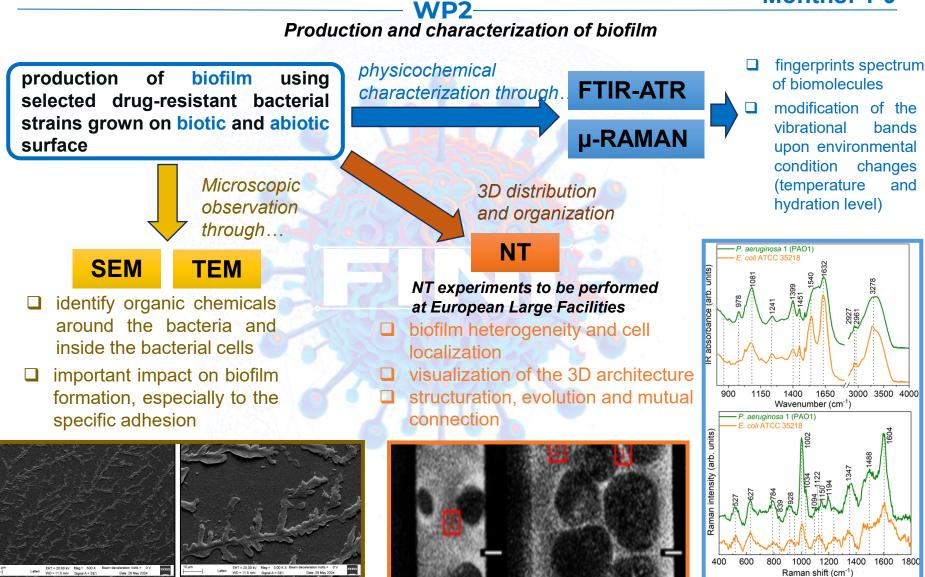








Months: 1-9







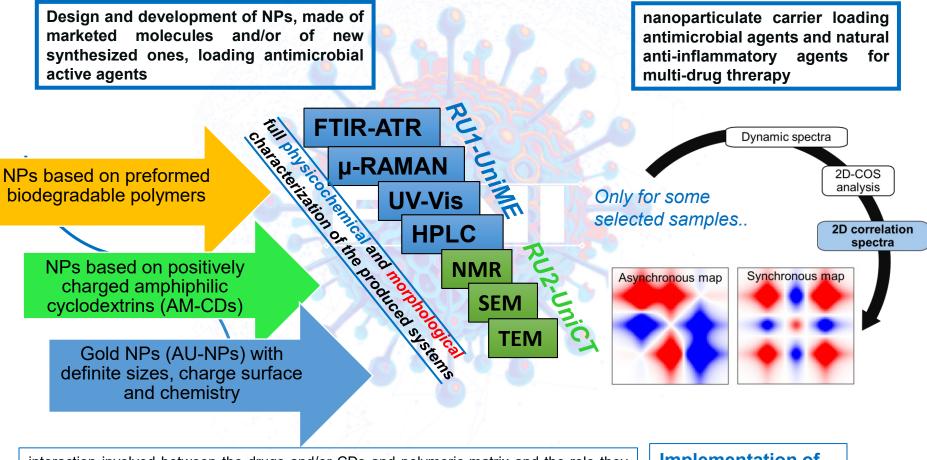




Months: 5-18

WP3

Development, physicochemical and morphological characterization of antimicrobial nanoparticles (NPs).



interaction involved between the drugs and/or CDs and polymeric matrix and the role they play on the cargo capability and therapeutic efficacy of the nanoparticulate delivery systems

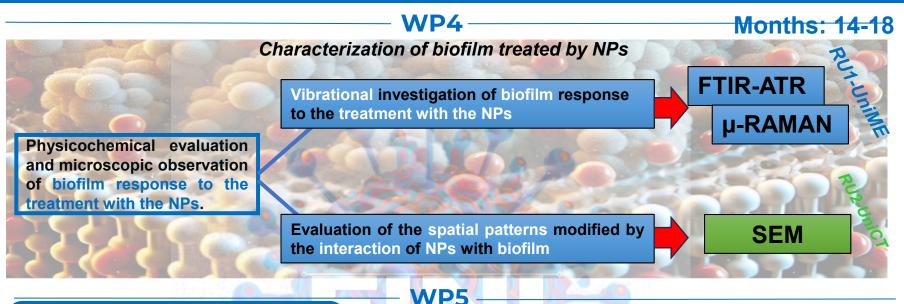
Implementation of ENS and INS data











In vitro studies on biofilm formation on corneal tissue, by selected multidrugresistant bacterial strains → ex vivo studies (10-18 months), using a rabbit keratitis model

Evaluation of the antiinflammatory potential of NPs/infected corneal tissues

the anti-inflammatory properties of the NPs will be investigated, quantifying cytokine production by ELISA.

In vitro / ex vivo assays.

Assessment of the cytotoxicity

exerted by the NPs and of the occurrence of apoptosis and/or of oxidative stress

Cytotoxicity Assays:

- •Trypan Blue exclusion test
- •MTT assay for cell viability and proliferation
- •LDH assay for cytotoxicity

Months: 7-18

Ability of the different NPs to inhibit and eradicate the biofilm.

Evaluation Methods:

•Biofilm biomass assays

•Colony-forming unit (CFU) counts

Live/Dead assays

- •Cell viability assays
- Confocal Laser Scanning Microscopy





Il progetto FINI si propone di realizzare

Morphological and physicochemical characterization of single-species

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WP6





Months: 6-24

Brochure

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ABSTRACTS

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Descrizione dettagliata

del Progetto

infettati da batteri produttori di biofil agli antibiotici (BPB) per indagare a delle NPs prodot

IL GRUPPO DI R Le due unità di ricerca (RU), coinvol FINI, costituiscono una rete esperienze complementari che comprendono 'intero processo produttivo delle nanoparticello proposte, dalla progettazione alla sintesi organica, fino alla caratterizzazione, test in vitro e ai modelli

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