

*PRIN 2022 PNRR – Project:
Liquid-Liquid Phase Separation dynamics in biomimetic compartments (LLIPS)*

Workshop on advanced methods for the study of Liquid-Liquid Phase Separation dynamics

(PRIN 2022 PNRR - LLIPS)

When: 2-3 December 2025

Where: Sala Conference (ground floor)

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Program

December 2nd 2025

- 11.00 Welcome - Institutional Greetings
- 11.15 Valeria Vetri – University of Palermo (**invited**, Coordinator of the PRIN project): **Overview of the LLIPS project**
- 11.30 Brigitte Magdalena Merino Naranjo – University of Calabria (**invited**):
Conformational and dynamic properties of protein driving liquid-liquid phase separation
- 12.15 Giuseppe Sancataldo - University of Palermo (**invited**): **Biomolecular condensates: a fluorescence perspective on water ordering**
- 13.00 Lunch
- 15.00 Santi Macaluso – University of Palermo: **Liquid-Liquid Phase Separation in a Model Binary Protein System: Structural and Environmental Determinants** (short talk)
- 15.20 Scientific discussion – Visit of the laboratory

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December 3rd 2025

- 9.15 **Keynote speaker:** Giuseppe Vicidomini – Istituto Italiano di Tecnologia, Genova: **Photon-Resolved Microscopy: Redefining Laser-Scanning Microscopy with SPAD array detectors**
- 10.15 Sara Anselmo – University of Palermo (invited): **Insights into the mechanism of b-lactoglobulin phase separation**
- 11.00 Coffee break
- 11.30 Federica Scollo – University of Catania: **Exploring the biophysical properties of protein condensation in biomimetic systems with advanced fluorescence methods**
- 12.15 Elisa Longo – University of Catania: **Segmented FCS on a commercial microscope: a tool for studying dynamics and interactions in live cells** (short talk)
- 13.00 Lunch