



**FOUNDATION COURSE (INTRODUCTORY) IN ECLS/ECMO
JOINT EVENT EuroELSO & ESICM
March 4-5, 2026**

** The event is scheduled according to Central European Time*

DAY 1 March 4, 2026

09:00	Ice-breaking activity. Objectives of the day	<i>M. Belliato, L. Carson-Price & J. Riera</i>
09:15	What is ECMO/ECLS? Origins and Evolution	<i>D. De Backer</i>
09:45	Profile of the resource: The ECMO circuit Circuit components (50'): <i>L. Carson-Price</i> Circuit monitoring (20'): <i>S. Jakobs</i>	<i>L. Carson-Price & S. Jakobs</i>
11:20	BREAK	
11:30	Return to the basics: Oxygen delivery and uptake	<i>J. Riera</i>
11:50	The first step in ECMO: Fundamentals of cannulation How to choose your canula?	<i>L. Vercaemst</i>
12:25	Q&A	<i>L. Carson-Price & M. Martínez</i>
12:45	LUNCH	
13:45	Welcome back	<i>M. Belliato, L. Carson-Price & J. Riera</i>
13:50	Keeping the Flow: The art of anticoagulation in ECMO	<i>C. Vandenbriele</i>
14:30	The 3W's Break (Walk, Window, Water)	
14:35	First Encounters with ECMO Patients: A clinical case workshop <i>Moderators: D. De Backer & L. Vercaemst</i> <i>Experts: L. Carson-Price & C. Vandenbriele</i>	
15:35	BREAK	
15:45	Alleviate the lung: ECMO for Adult Respiratory Failure <i>Moderator: N. Barrett</i>	<i>M. Schmidt</i>
17:00	The 3W's Break (Walk, Window, Water)	
17:05	Recap of the day	<i>M. Martínez & J. Riera</i>
17:25	Virtual reality experience at home: Two ECMO cases	<i>M. Belliato, L. Carson-Price & J. Riera</i>
17:40	END DAY 1	



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DAY 2 March 5, 2026

- 08:50 Welcome. Recap of Day 1. Objectives of the day *M. Belliato, L. Carson-Price & J. Riera*
- 09:05 Meet the expert: Debriefing the V-V virtual reality experience
Breakout room 1: M. Martinez & M. Belliato
Breakout room 2: M. Schmidt & J. Riera
- 09:30 Respiratory collapse: A clinical case workshop
Led by: N. Barrett & M. Schmidt
Experts: V. Antonini & D. McWilliams
- 11:00 BREAK
- 11:15 Compensating the failing pump: ECMO for Adult Cardiac Failure *A. Combes*
Moderators: D. Dauwe & J. Riera
- 12:15 The 3W's Break (Walk, Window, Water)
- 12:20 Meet the expert: Debriefing the V-A virtual reality experience
Breakout Room 1: V. Antonini & M. Belliato
Breakout Room 2: D. Dauwe & L. Carson-Price
- 12:50 Q&A *D. Dauwe & J. Riera*
- 13:00 LUNCH
- 14:00 Welcome back *M. Belliato, L. Carson-Price & J. Riera*
- 14:05 Rescuing a Failing Heart: VA ECMO in Critical Care
Led by: D. Dauwe & D. De Backer
Experts: V. Antonini & J. Riera
- 15:30 BREAK
- 15:45 Final clinical case challenge: A Quiz Competition
Led by J. Riera
- 17:15 Recap and Wrap up
- 17:30 END COURSE