



**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

Morning session

Moderators: J. Riera & V. Antonini

- 09:00 Ice-breaking activity. Objectives of the day *M. Belliato, L. Carson-Price*
- 09:15 What is ECMO/ECLS? Origins and Evolution *D. De Backer*
- 09:45 Profile of the resource: The ECMO circuit
Circuit components (50'): *L. Carson-Price*
Circuit monitoring (20'): *L. Vercaemst*
- 11:20 BREAK
- 11:30 Return to the basics: Oxygen delivery and uptake *J. Riera*
- 11:50 The first step in ECMO: Fundamentals of cannulation
15': How to choose your canula? *L. Vercaemst*
20': Which cannulation strategy for my patient? *J. Riera, V. Antonini & L. Carson-Price*
- 12:25 Q&A *L. Carson-Price & J. Riera*
- 12:45 LUNCH

Afternoon session

Moderator: M. Belliato

- 13:45 Welcome back *M. Belliato, L. Carson-Price & J. Riera*
- 13:50 Keeping the Flow: The art of anticoagulation in ECMO *C. Vandenbriele*
- 14:30 The 3W's Break (Walk, Window, Water)
- 14:35 First Encounters with ECMO Patients: A clinical case workshop
Moderators: D. De Backer & L. Vercaemst
Experts: L. Carson-Price & C. Vandenbriele
- 15:35 BREAK
- 15:45 Alleviate the lung: ECMO for Adult Respiratory Failure
Moderator: N. Barrett *L. Camporota*
- 17:00 The 3W's Break (Walk, Window, Water)



17:05 Recap of the day

J. Riera & M. Belliato

17:25 Virtual reality experience at home: Two ECMO cases

M. Belliato, L. Carson-Price & J. Riera

17:40 END DAY 1

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DAY 2 March 5, 2026

Morning session

Moderators: L. Carson-Price & D. Dauwe

- 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: A. Nica & J. Riera
- 09:30 Respiratory collapse: A clinical case workshop
Led by: A. Nica & M. Martinez
Experts: JA. Fowles
- 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

Afternoon session

Moderators: J. Riera & M. Belliato

- 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