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SUSAAN Project: A Message from the Coordinator



As the SUSAAN project approaches its conclusion, the coordination team at **Centro Tecnológico Lurederra** looks back on a journey marked by ambition, collaboration, and innovation. Over 42 months, leading a large and multidisciplinary consortium has been both a demanding and deeply rewarding experience, driven by a shared scientific and technical vision.

The project achieved significant advances in the development of inorganic, biobased, and hybrid nanocoatings, supported by advanced characterization and performance assessment. Particular emphasis was placed on bridging the gap between research and application through coordinated laboratory work, pilot scale validation, and industrial testing, ensuring material performance, robustness, and realistic potential for scale up. SUSAAN's success is the result of strong coordination, effective collaboration, and the dedication of all partners.



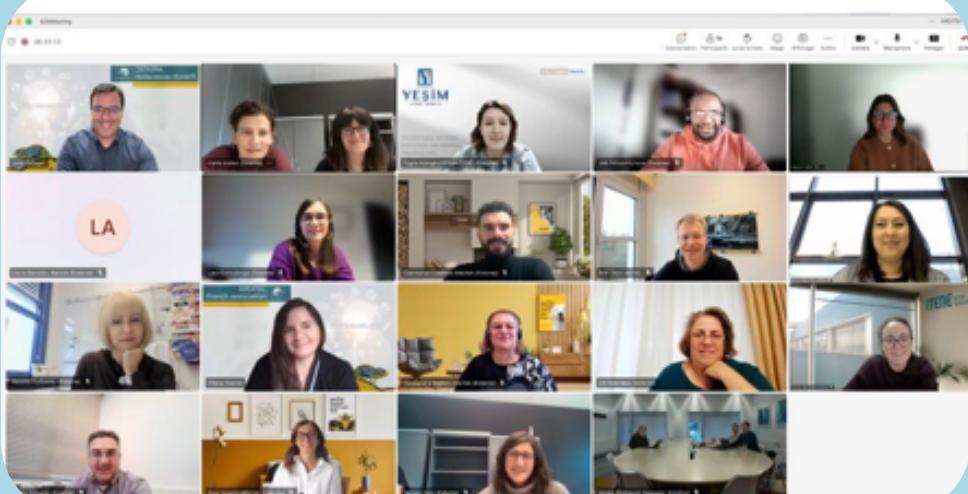
We extend our sincere thanks to our networks, colleagues, EU sister projects, and stakeholders for their continued support. We hope the outcomes of SUSAAN will contribute to more efficient, sustainable solutions across the metallic, plastic, and textile sectors, and beyond.



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Marking the completion of SUSAAN Project

Welcome to the seventh and final issue of the SUSAAN Newsletter. In this edition, we reflect on the project's key achievements, recent events, and scientific milestones that have shaped this phase dedicated to developing safe and sustainable antimicrobial nanocoatings.



The consortium announced the successful completion of all project objectives, with every milestone and deliverable achieved on schedule by month 42. The coordinator highlighted not only the high level of scientific and technical achievement, but also the strong commitment, trust, and seamless collaboration that characterised the consortium throughout the project's duration.

All SUSAAN partners convened online for a dynamic exchange focused on the project's latest achievements and strategic preparations for its final phase. This meeting also served to align partners ahead of the final review meeting with the Project Officer, scheduled for January 2026, where the integrated results and overall impact of the SUSAAN will be presented.



Showcasing SUSAAN results at European events in 2025



The SUSAAN project participated in the **1st SENTIATECH Congress**, the Spanish Technology Platform for Advanced Technologies for Pollutant Detection, Safety Prevention and Health Monitoring, held in Valencia on 21–22 October 2025. The event promoted by our partner ITENE Research Centre.



- Our partner Gianmarco Calafiore from Intertek delivered an oral presentation on how regulatory challenges under the Biocidal Products Regulation (BPR) are driving innovation in antimicrobial nanomaterials within the SUSAAN-EU project, with a focus on safety and compliance as drivers for safer antimicrobial and antiviral nanocoatings.
- Our partner Nataliia Hudzenko from the IVW Institute showcased the work on bio-based nanocapsules designed for antimicrobial surfaces. These nanocapsule systems aim to deliver effective antimicrobial protection while minimising environmental impact, aligning with the project's Safe and Sustainable by Design principles.

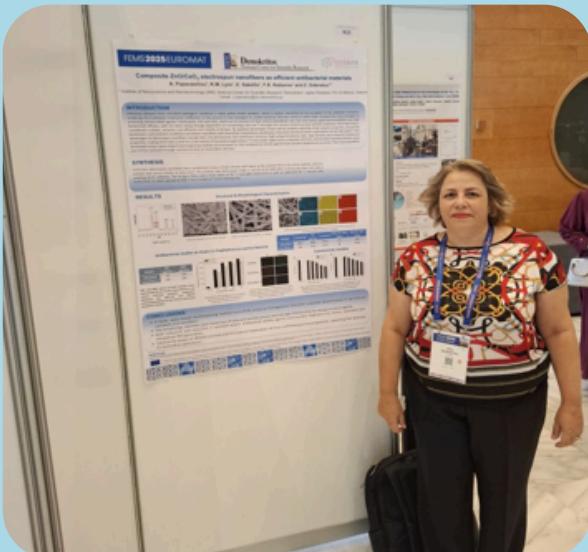


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Zili Sideratou from Institute of Nanoscience & Nanotechnology, NCSR - Demokritos, presented the latest advances in the synthesis of novel antimicrobial materials developed within the SUSAAN-EU project at the Inaugural **International Colloquium on Chios Island**. The talk covered the rational design of antimicrobial nanomaterials, combining innovative synthesis approaches with early-stage risk assessment.



- Our colleague Zili Sideratou presented SUSAAN's latest results on ZnO-CeO₂ electrospun nanofibers at **FEMSEUROMAT 2025**, organised by FEMS in Granada, Spain. The study showed that these nanofibers are safe and effective antimicrobial agents, offering a promising balance between performance and safety.
- The contribution highlighted the potential of SSbD-designed nanomaterials for durable antimicrobial surface applications and further increased SUSAAN's visibility within the advanced materials and nanotechnology communities.

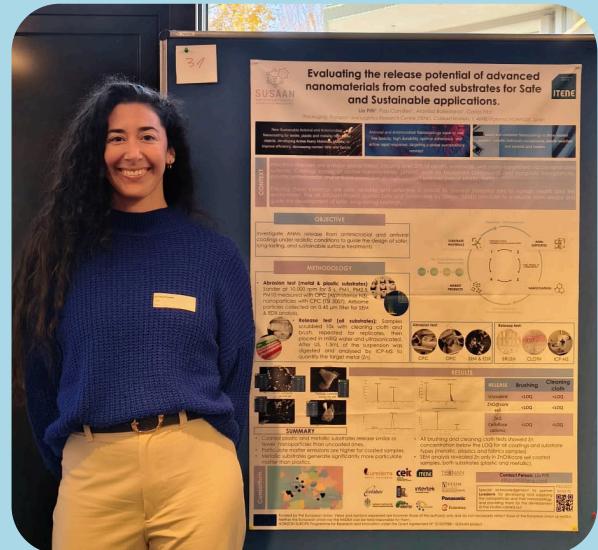
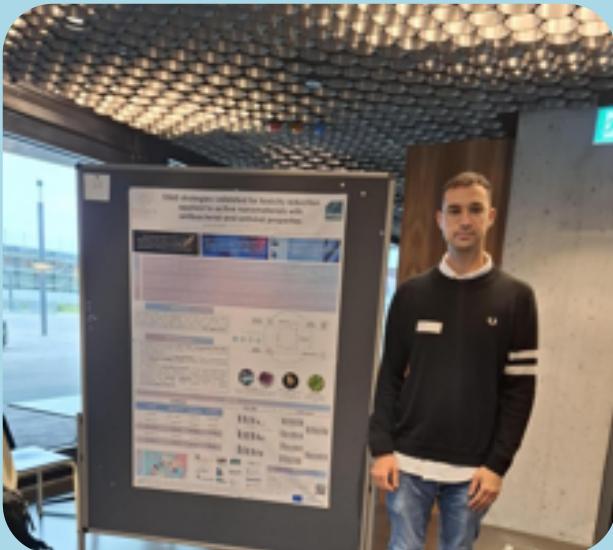


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Last year, the **SSbD25 Conference** took place in Zurich, hosted by EMPA. The event brought together an international community of researchers, industry representatives, and policymakers to advance the implementation of Safe-and-Sustainable-by-Design (SSbD) principles. The conference provided a valuable platform for cross-sector collaboration, highlighting the challenges and opportunities in translating the SSbD concept into industrial and policy practice.



- ITENE team, represented by Msc. Javier Alcodori Ramos, Msc. Lía Pitti Pimienta took part in the SSbD25, presented results from the SUSAAN-EU project on ecotoxicity and on the application of Safe and Sustainable by Design (SSbD) methodologies, contributing to discussions with researchers, companies and policymakers.
- This participation helped position SUSAAN Project as a concrete case study on how to integrate sustainability and safety criteria from the early design stages of antimicrobial nanomaterials.



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Training session organised by SUSAAN partners



Our SUSAAN partners from ALMAXTEX/Yeşim Group organised a training session to share industry experience and raise awareness regarding the development, production, application, and testing of antimicrobial/antiviral textile treatments.



- The training took place in November, during which our partners from ALMAXTEX/Yeşim Group shared their industry expertise and raised awareness on the development, production, application, and testing of antimicrobial and antiviral textile coatings.
- The session brought together a total of 48 trainees from various high schools and universities, they are currently completing their internships across a wide range of departments such as design, R&D, dyehouse, finishing, printing, quality, apparel, information technology, test laboratory, social compliance, corporate communications, and marketing. The trainees had the opportunity to gain valuable insights into real-world industry practices.



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Presenting SUSAAN Project and its Industrial Applications



In this video from the SINAI programme, our colleagues from LUREDERRA, Tamara Oroz and Leyre Hernández presented the latest advances of the SUSAAN project and showcased how its sustainable antimicrobial and antiviral nanocoatings can be applied to different industrial substrates, including textiles, plastics, and metals.



- Lurederra Technological Center, coordinator of the SUSAAN project and member of the SINAI, the Navarrese R&D&I System, bringing together public and private agents that work in a coordinated way to generate knowledge, transfer it to industry, and benefit society.



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Highlighting SUSAAN Scientific Publications



Five peer-reviewed, open-access publications have already been released. Notably, one of them was distinguished as an Editor's Choice article in the journal *Nanomaterials*, underscoring the scientific quality and relevance of the consortium's research. Two additional manuscripts are currently under editorial review.

Open Access Article  **Nanomaterials**

Engineering Mesoporous Silica Hosts for Ultrasmall ZnO Nanoparticles: A Dendritic Polymer-Assisted Strategy Towards Sustainable, Safe, and Effective Antibacterial Systems

by Aggeliki Papavasiliou ^{1,*} , Kyriaki Marina Lyra ¹ , Elias Sakellis ^{1,2} , , , Albany Milena Lozano Násner ³ , , , Jose Gallego ³ , , , Fotios K. Katsaros ¹ , , , and Zili Sideratou ¹ 

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The role of unidirectional surface roughness on the regularity of LIPSS generated on stainless steel using femtosecond lasers

Diego Gallego, Isabel Ayerdi , Aldara Pan, Santiago M. Olaizola & Ainara Rodriguez

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Chemically Modified Zein- and Poly(methyl vinyl ether-co-maleic anhydride)-Based Core–Shell Sub-Micro/Nanoparticles for Essential Oil Delivery: Antibacterial Activity, Cytotoxicity, and Life Cycle Assessment

by Liudmyla Gryshchuk ^{1,2,*} , Kyriaki Marina Lyra ³ , Zili Sideratou ³ , Fotios K. Katsaros ³ , , , Sergiy Grishchuk ⁴ , Nataliia Hudzenko ² , , , Milena Násner ⁵ , , , José Gallego ⁵ , , , and Léo Staccioli ⁵ 

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Bio-derived Cellulose Nanofibers for the Development under Environmentally Assessed Conditions of Cellulose/ZnO Nano-hybrids with Enhanced Biocompatibility and Antimicrobial Properties

Kyriaki Marina Lyra ¹, Aggeliki Papavasiliou ¹, Caroline Piffet ², Lara Gumusboga ², Jean-Michel Thomassin ², Yana Marie ³, Alexandre Hoareau ³, Vincenzo Di Stefano ⁴, Albany Milena Lozano Násner ¹, Jose Gallego ⁵, Elias Sakellis ^{1,6}, Fotios K. Katsaros, Dimitris Tsiorvas ¹ and Zili Sideratou ^{1,*}

Open Access Editor's Choice Article  **Nanomaterials**

Sustainable Antibacterial Chitin Nanofiber/ZnO Nano-hybrid Materials: Ex Situ and In Situ Synthesis, Characterization and Evaluation

by Caroline Piffet ^{1,*} , Jean-Michel Thomassin ¹ , Emilie Stierlin ¹ , Job Tchoumtchoua ¹ , Claudio Fernández ² , Marta Mateo ² , Leyre Hernández ² , Kyriaki Marina Lyra ³ , Aggeliki Papavasiliou ³ , Elias Sakellis ^{3,4} , , Fotios K. Katsaros ³ , , Zili Sideratou ³ , , Dimitris Tsiorvas ³ 

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SUSAAN Project: Closing and Continued Dissemination



Even though the SUSAAN project is coming to an end, dissemination of its results will continue through our online channels and partner activities. Stakeholders can keep following the progress of SUSAAN technologies and their potential uptake in industry.

Follow updates from consortium partners through their institutional websites and social media channels, where SUSAAN results and follow-up initiatives will continue to be featured.

Stay tuned to the SUSAAN website for public deliverables, publications, and news about post-project activities: <https://susaan-project.com>



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