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Executive Summary

This document reports on the third thematic cluster workshop, held in Chania, Greece, on June 19, 2024.



1 Introduction

The third thematic workshop of the European Research Cluster on Electromagnetic Fields (EMF) and Health (CLUE-H) employed a Delphi-like approach to the topic “*Linking biological mechanisms to threshold levels for health risk assessment*”—a subject of shared interest across all cluster projects.

The workshop took place during the cluster’s 3rd Annual Meeting. The agenda is shown in Figure 1. It was organized by Martin Rösli (ETAIN), Mats-Olof Mattsson (NextGEM), and Gemma Castaño-Vinyals (GOLIAT).



European Cluster of EMF and Health

3rd Annual Meeting, 19 June 2024

Chania, Crete, Greece

Agenda

- **Location:** Platanias, Chania, Crete, Greece, **Building:** Minoa Palace Conference center
- **Travel information:** <https://bioem.org/bioem2024/minoa-palace/>
- **Remote Access:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83948144416?pwd=R8rhMLjblPHYj4lvSwwLBfMQQWXvV.1>

Wednesday 19 June 2024	
14:00 – 14:05	Welcome & Agenda Review (Anke Huss, ETAIN)
14:05 – 14:15	EC Representatives
14:15 – 14:25	CLUE-H Cluster Highlights (Nikolaos Petroulakis, NextGEM)
14:25 – 15:25	CLUE-H Project Highlights: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NextGEM (Nikolaos Petroulakis, 15’), - GOLIAT (Mònica Guxens/Gemma Castaño-Vinyals, 15’), - ETAIN (Anke Huss, 15’), - SEAWave (Theodoros Samaras, 15’)
15:25 – 15:40	Coffee break
15:40 – 16:30	Working Groups Sessions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - WG1 - Science translation for policy and practice (SEAWave, 5’-10’), - WG2 - Data management and exchange (NextGEM, 5’-10’), - WG3 - Communication and Dissemination (ETAIN, 5’-10’), - WG4 - Experimental studies (GOLIAT/NextGEM, 5’-10’), - WG5 - Exposure assessment (GOLIAT/SEAWave, 5’-10’)
16:30 – 17:40	Joint direction: Linking biological mechanisms to threshold levels for health risk assessment: a mini Delphi approach (lead: Martin Rösli, Mats-Olof Mattsson, Gemma Castaño-Vinyals)
17:40 – 18:00	Open Discussion and Closing Remarks
18:00 – 19:00	CLUE-H Coordinators’ Meeting

Figure 1: Agenda of the cluster’s 3rd Annual Meeting showing the interactive workshop in the afternoon, which used a Delphi-like approach.

2 Thematic Workshop

2.1 Participants

The workshop was conducted in a hybrid format. It was well attended, with 35 participants joining in person (Figure 2), as it was held in conjunction with the BioEM2024 conference (Chania, June 16–21, 2024), where many CLUE-H members presented their research.

Additionally, around 25 participants attended online (with fluctuating numbers throughout the session), along with 22 conference attendees who were not affiliated with any of the cluster projects. The interdisciplinary mix of participants added depth and interest to the event.

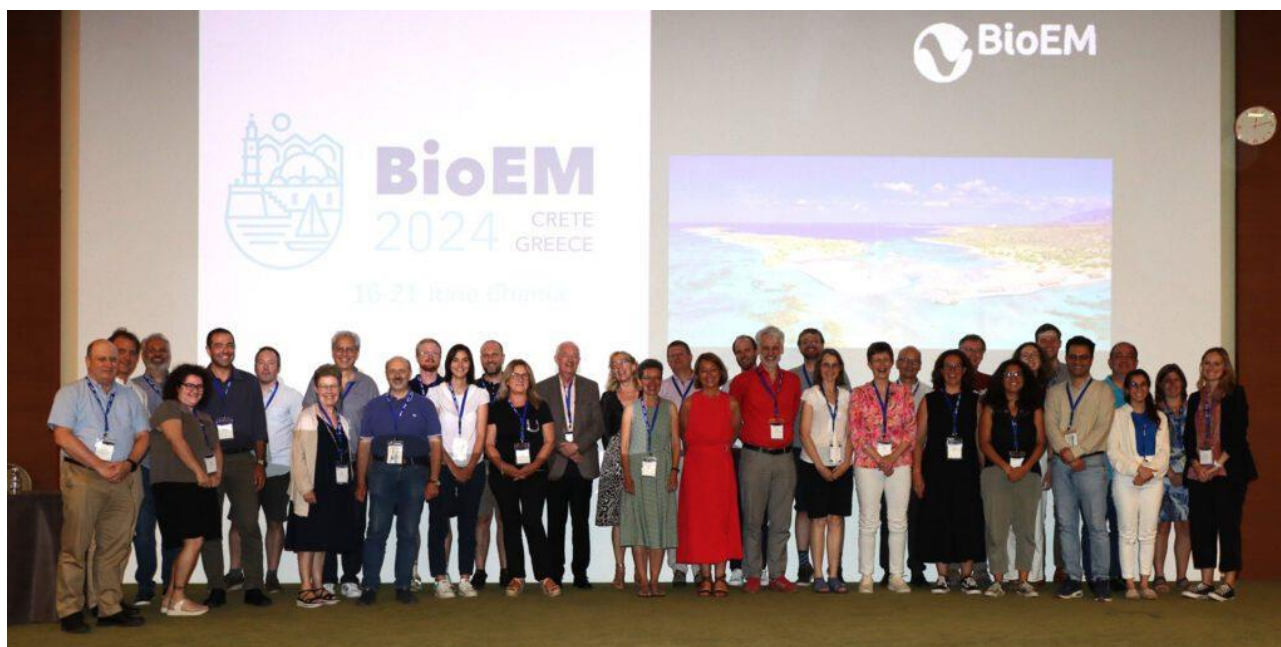


Figure 2: CLUE-H in-person participants of the third thematic workshop.

2.2 Workshop Content

The workshop was interactive and encouraged audience participation. Attendees were not only able to comment on and discuss the organizers' presentations but also vote on specific questions and then engage in discussion based on the results.

The main outcome of the workshop was a set of suggested topics for the second policy brief of the cluster.



3 Conclusion

The third thematic workshop employed a Delphi-like method to address a key question: how to link biological effects to the thresholds used in health risk assessments. The real-time interaction with a multidisciplinary audience was especially appreciated by participants, who described it as a refreshing and engaging experience.