

Day-1 Friday 26 September 2025		
Time	Topic	Speaker
12.00 – 13.00	<i>Welcome and introduction</i> Informal get together to introduce participants and faculty, including lunch.	Program Chair: Hanneke van Laarhoven
13.00-13.20	<i>All you ever wanted to know about EORTC:</i> Presentation of the structure of the GITCG group with its different task forces and the possibility of small project grants.	GITCG Chair: Elizabeth Smyth
13.20 - 13.40	<i>Young Early Career Investigator Program</i> , by the (co-)chairs of the taskforce: Overview of the program and its activities.	Antonella Cammarota and Alexander Siebenhüner
13.40-14.20	<i>“What do early career researchers care about?”</i> Presentation of the YI/ECl survey results + Q&A	Antonella Cammarota and Alexander Siebenhüner
14.20 - 14.40	<i>Pipeline presentation 1 / AstraZeneca</i>	<i>Company speaker 1</i>
14.40 - 15.00	<i>5’ Taskforces presentations (CRC, HBP, UpperGI)</i> Overview of a selection of most exciting projects and availability of samples/data for research projects. +5’ Q&A	Demetris Papamichael Ingrid Garajova Anna Dorothea Wagner
15:00 -15:20	<i>Think Pink: addressing gender differences across GI cancers.</i>	Anna Dorothea Wagner
15.20-15.40	<i>Coffee break</i>	
15.40-16.00	<i>Pipeline presentation 2/ Daiichi</i>	<i>Company speaker 2</i>
16.00-16.20	<i>Early onset GI tumors: biology, trends, and special considerations.</i>	Irit Ben-Aharon
16.20-16.40	<i>Pipeline presentation 3/GSK / (flexible)</i>	<i>Company speaker 3</i>
16.40-17.00	<i>Pipeline presentation 4</i>	<i>Company speaker 4</i>
17.00-18.20 Small group activity (participants divided in mini-groups led by EORTC TF member and discuss ideas to answer pressing unanswered questions in CRC/HBP/UGI cancer research – best idea by group to be presented in 5’ by selected YI)	<i>Solve the case: finding the last piece of the puzzle in colorectal /HBP/UGI cancer research.</i> <i>Topics:</i> - <i>Novel molecules (ADC and cellular therapies)</i> - <i>ctDNA and MRD</i> - <i>QoL/PROs across GI cancer trials</i>	CRC/HBP/UGI TF leads

	- <i>De-escalation trials in GI tumours</i>	
18:20-18:40	<i>Pipeline presentation 5</i>	<i>Company speaker 5</i>
End of Day-1 Drinks and Dinner		

Day-2 Saturday 27 September 2025		
Time	Topic	Speaker
08.30 - 08.50	<i>Good morning with coffee</i>	
08.50 - 09.10	Lecture + Q&A, <i>Novel targets and treatments for advanced gastroesophageal cancers</i>	Markus Moehler
09.10-09.30	<i>Pipeline presentation 6</i>	<i>Company speaker 6</i>
09.30-09.50	<i>Pipeline presentation 7 / MSD</i>	
09:50-10.30	<i>Poster session</i>	
10.30 - 11.00	Coffee break	
11.00 – 11.20	Lecture + Q&A, <i>Novel paradigms for localized rectal cancer: the who, when, and how of total neoadjuvant approaches</i>	Francesco Sclafani
11.20 - 11.40	Lecture + Q&A, <i>Moving systemic treatments into the neoadjuvant/perioperative space in HCC: ready for prime time?</i>	David James Pinato
11.40-12.40 Small group activities	<p>Hands-on session. <i>"All You Ever Wanted to Discuss with a PI"</i></p> <p>Small roundtable discussions with taskforce (co-)leaders on key "how-to" topics, including finding your research area, maintaining a "healthy" work-life balance while progressing in a research career, securing funding, finding good mentorship, developing communication skills, and building your network.</p>	
12.40 - 13.30	Closing address and lunch	Hanneke van Laarhoven
End of Day-2		