

**Bioinspired Chemistry** 

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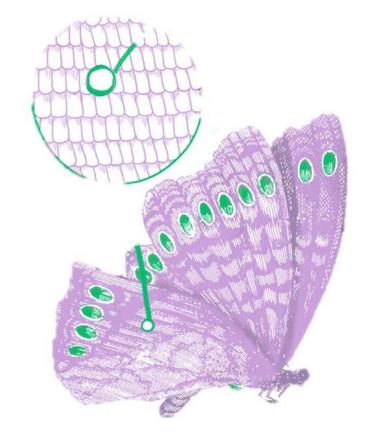
### The living world as source of inspiration

#### **Bio-inspiration** is

a creative approach based of the observation of biological systems

Bio-inspiration is about making the most of the wealth that the living world can bring to humanity across the entire spectrum of well-being (material, intellectual, emotional), while respecting sustainable development objectives and contributing, as far as possible, to the protection of the biosphere.

Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris







## Goal



This programme aims at offering an educational background **connecting the laboratory environment and the living world** to mimic complex strategies elaborated by Nature, which represents infinite scientific and technological challenges.

▲ Bioinspired Chemistry explores and takes inspiration from structures and assemblies found in the living world to design new approaches for facing challenges in

health, energy, environment, information technologies, and (bio)materials.

#### Multidisciplinary approach:

Chemistry & Biochemistry
Materials Science, Biomaterials
Supramolecular & macromolecular systems
Nanoscience, Nanomedicine
Self-organization, Biophysics



# Partners (core group)

#### **Poznan University of Technology**

- Marta WOŹNIAK-KARCZEWSKA,
- Magdalena REGET-ROSOCKA

#### **University of Catania**

- Cristina SATRIANO
- Salvatore SCIRE

#### **University of Cantabria**

- Nazely DIBAN IBRAHIM-GOMEZ
- Eugenio BRINGAS
- Angel IRABIEN

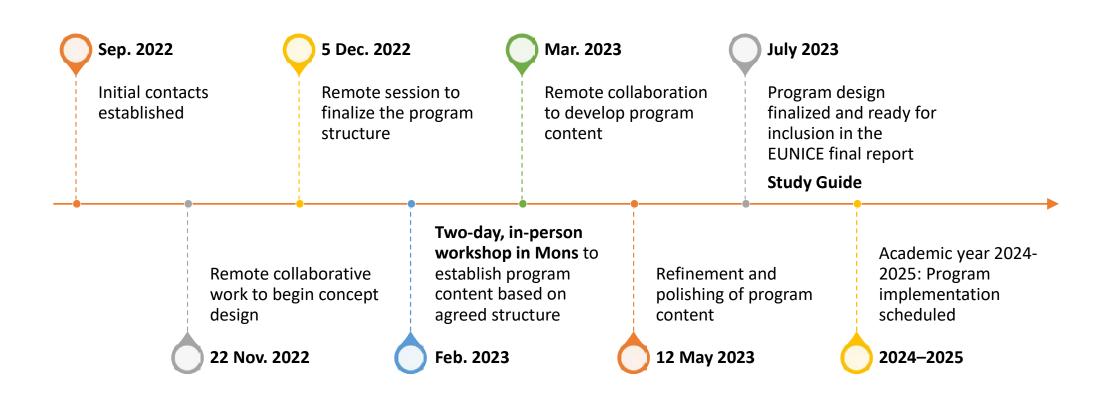
#### **University of Mons**

- Rony SNYDERS,
- Mathieu SURIN,
- Sylvain GABRIELE





## History of the Development





# Methodology

The programme content is **based on existing programmes** in each of the partner university:

**Master's Degree in Chemical Sciences (UMONS)** 

Orientation: Bioinspired Chemistry and Chemistry of Living Systems

- Master's Degree in Chemical Technology Composites and nanomaterials (PUT)
  Sustainable development, green chemistry, circular economy and recycling aspects as well as advanced materials for generation and storage of energy.
- Master's Degree in Chemical Engineering for Industrial Sustainability (UNICT)

  Chemical Engineer to design and manage complex chemical systems and plants, to select materials and technologies for production.



# Methodology



## **Co-creation methodology**

- → Cohesive learning experience
- → Each partner brings its unique research and teaching expertise
- → Mix of co-created and existing content
- → Flexible online learning options adapted from existing courses at partner universities)



#### **Content**

- → Mandatory teaching activity co-designed by the 3 partners → summer school
- → Elective courses to be chosen from a pre-defined list: participating university contributes to this list by adapting their existing courses into an online format
- → Research mobility :
  - 30-credit master thesis with 4-month physical mobility at a partner university
  - Master thesis topics aligned with the interests of at least two universities
  - Opportunities for future co-promoted PhD





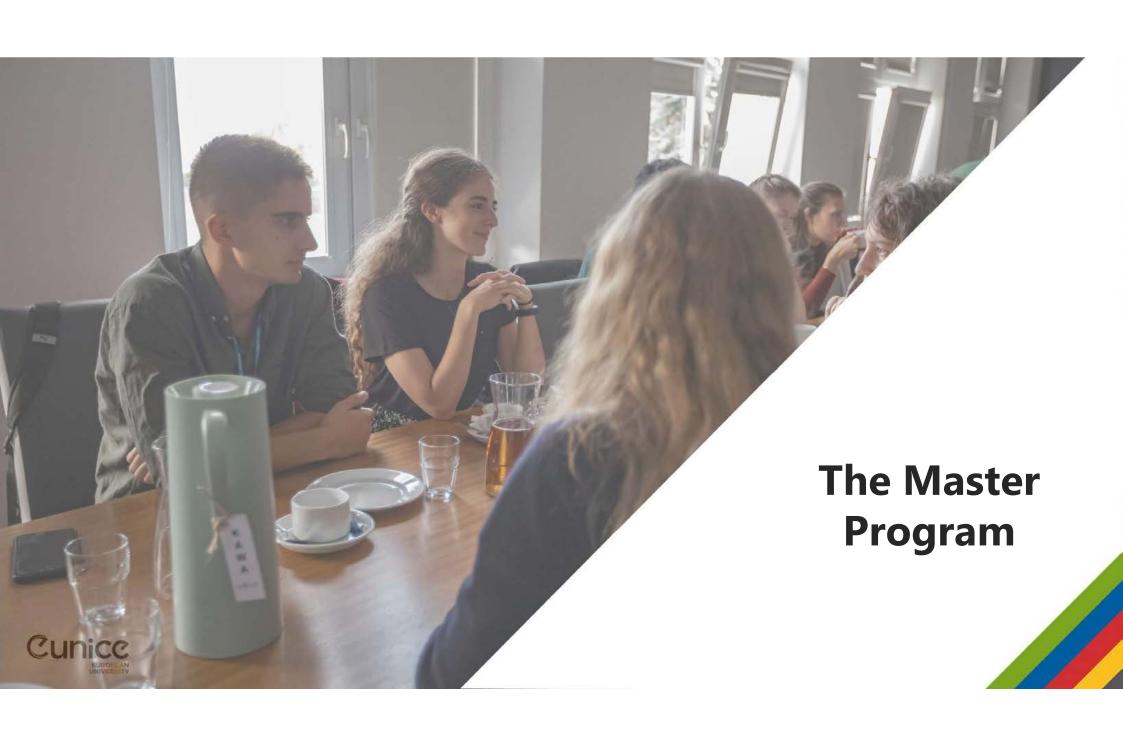
## **Difficulties & Solutions**

- × Local regulations and lengthy approval/accreditation systems for new programs
- Differences in academic calendars
  - → UCantabria had to withdraw

× Varying examination and teaching regulations

- ✓ Program considered a "major" within an existing program Each university delivers diplomas to their own students
- ✓ Flexible (online) learning options adapted from existing courses at partner universities
- ✓ Student evaluation is "course dependent" (refer to study guide)





# **Programme Overview**

- 3 partner universities
- ▲ 60-credit master programme
- Course programme including virtual and physical mobility





## **Programme Content**

▲ 60 ECTS master programme



**12 credits** of **online elective courses** to choose among the courses proposed by the 2 other partner universities



**12 credits** of **online elective courses** at the student home institution



**6 credits for a summer school**Blended Intensive Programme (BIP)

this week



**30 credits** for a **research internship & master thesis** in one of the programme partner university



**Master's Degree** delivered by the <u>home university</u>



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## **Summer School Agenda**

	Sunday 15/09	Monday 16/09	Tuesday 17/09	Wednesday 18/09	Thursday 19/09	Friday 20/09
08:30-09:00		Registration				
09:00-10:00		Opening by Rony Snyders	Marta WOŹNIAK- KARCZEWSKA		Sylvain GABRIELE	Student presentations Group 1
10:00-11:00		Carmelo LA ROSA	Roberto FIORENZA	Mathieu SURIN	Vincenzo NICOLETTI	Student presentations Group 2
11:00-11:30		Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break
11:30-12:30		Beata STRZEMIZCKA	Katarzyna DOPIERAŁA	student working time	Rosica MINCHEVA	Student presentations Group 3
12:30-14:00		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
14:00-15:00		Prof Pascal JONKHEIJM	Research Brainstorming with students	Prof Amaia CIPITRIA	Campus and Lab visits	Closing remarks
15:00-16:00	ARRIVAL	Round table with Pascal JONKHEIJM	student working time	Round table with Amaia CIPITRIA	Materia Nova	DEPARTURE
16:00-17:00	Transfer from train stations	student working time	student working time	MUMONS	student working time	
17:00-18:00	and airports to hotels	Free time	Free time	visit	Free time	Transfer to
18:00-19:30		Free time	Free time		Free time	train stations and airports
19:30-22:30		Dinner	Dinner	Gala Dinner	Dinner	

- Establish the Master program's community
- Network students & proferssors
- Dive deeply into the field of bioinspired chemistry
- Get a flavor of your future master thesis research topics
- Enjoy Belgium and Mons



# Academic staff at the Summer School

#### **Professors from the University of Mons**

- Rosica MINCHEVA
- Mathieu SURIN
- Sylvain GABRIELE

#### **Professors from Poznan University of Technology**

- Marta WOŹNIAK-KARCZEWSKA
- Katarzyna DOPIERAŁA
- Beata STRZEMIZCKA

#### **Professors from University of Catania**

- Roberto FIORENZA
- Carmelo LA ROSA
- Vincenzo Giuseppe NICOLETTI

#### Two international experts:

Prof Amaia Cipitria Ikerbasque University (Basque Country, Spain)



Prof Pascal Jonkheijm University of Twente (The Netherlands)











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## **Goal & Partners**

- → 3 partner universities
- **▲** 60-credit master programme
- Course programme including virtual and physical mobility
- Summer School, Labs, Seminars, Research internship at Q2



