

## **Biocodex Microbiota Institute joins Le French Gut project to accelerate microbiota research**

**The Biocodex Microbiota Institute is involved in the "Le French Gut" campaign launched on September 15, 2022. This ambitious research project, unique in France, aims to map, describe and better understand the gut microbiota by collecting 100,000 French gut metagenomes by 2027.**

*The French Gut* is part of a vast international project, the "Million Microbiome of Humans Project" (MMHP), which brings together several research institutes around the world. The MMHP's ambition is to create the world's largest database on human microbiota, by collecting one million microbial samples from the intestines, mouth, skin and reproductive tract of volunteer subjects. The French Gut, led by INRAE in partnership with public and private players involved in the microbiota field, will make a significant contribution to the development of this international database by collecting 100,000 French intestinal metagenomes.

*The French Gut* can count on the strong support of the Biocodex Microbiota Institute. The objectives of this project are to recruit 100,000 participants, and to raise awareness among the general public, including healthcare professionals, of the fascinating powers of the intestinal microbiota, particularly its role in the onset of a number of pathologies.

### **A shared objective: to highlight the importance of the effects of the intestinal microbiota on our health**

The Biocodex Microbiota Institute shares the same ambition as Le French Gut: to raise awareness among the general public and train healthcare professionals in the major importance of the microbiota, particularly the impact of dysbiosis on our health. Since 2017, the Biocodex Microbiota Institute:

- Provides healthcare professionals with the latest scientific data and news dedicated to human microbiota. The Institute also provides them with a quarterly magazine on microbiota (Microbiota Magazine), thematic dossiers, expert interviews...
- Helps healthcare professionals to take better care of their patients, with tailored, up-to-date tools on diseases associated with microbiota imbalances (infographics to share with their patients, accredited training on microbiota, etc.).
- Raise public awareness of the importance of the microbiota through popularized, adapted content and a regularly updated Facebook page.

*" The Biocodex Microbiota Institute's participation in the development of the meta-database generated by the Le French Gut project is more than just a matter of course," says Marie-Emmanuelle Le Guern, VP R&D at Biocodex. Since its creation, the Biocodex Microbiota Institute has promoted the dissemination of scientific knowledge on human microbiota among healthcare professionals and the general public. The partnership with Le French Gut is part of this effort to disseminate scientific knowledge. It also represents a unique opportunity to accelerate research and better model and predict variations in gut microbiota associated with the development of certain diseases."*

<https://lefrenchgut.fr/>

### **About the Biocodex Microbiota Institute**

The Biocodex Microbiota Institute is an international knowledge hub dedicated to promoting health through the dissemination of knowledge about the human microbiota. To this end, the Institute addresses both healthcare professionals and the general public, raising awareness of the vital role played by this largely unknown organ of the human body.

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#### **Le French Gut**

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