

The University of Zaragoza, host of the next edition of the Global Forum on TB Vaccines

The world's leading forum on the tuberculosis vaccine will be held in Zaragoza in April 2027.

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(Zaragoza, Thursday, December 11, 2025). **The University of Zaragoza** will host the next edition of the **Global Forum on TB Vaccines**, the most important international meeting dedicated to tuberculosis vaccines, to be held in **April 2027**. The Global Forum on TB Vaccines is the **world's leading forum** dedicated to analyzing the state of science surrounding **tuberculosis vaccines**, sharing the latest advances from the international research community, and identifying developments that bring us closer to the **goal of a vaccine capable of contributing to the eradication of the disease**. Hosting this forum in Spain, and specifically at the University of Zaragoza, is an exceptional opportunity to foster an exchange of scientific ideas among researchers from around the world. The participation of approximately 500 people from more than 35 countries is expected.

Spain is an international leader in tuberculosis vaccine research thanks to the development of the MTBVAC, a promising vaccine, which is now in the final stages of testing, with a Phase 3 clinical trial in newborns and a Phase 2b in adolescents and adults ongoing in Africa, and a commitment to broadly distribute the vaccine if the trial results are positive. This recognized and proven work in the fight against tuberculosis, led by the University of Zaragoza in collaboration with the Galician biotechnology company Biofabri (belonging to the ZENDAL group), was key to the selection of Spain, also led by the University of Zaragoza, as the host country for the 8th Global Forum on Tuberculosis Vaccines in 2027.

Furthermore, the strong support of the Royal Household, the Ministries of Health and of Science, Innovation and Universities, the Government of Aragon, the Zaragoza City Council, and the Aragonese Parliament has been decisive in the organizers' decision to choose Zaragoza as the next venue for the Global Forum on TB Vaccines.

The University of Zaragoza's Paraninfo (Great Hall) will host the forum sessions, bringing together researchers, international organizations, civil society, and the healthcare industry.

Previous venues have been: 7th Rio de Janeiro (2024), 6th Toulouse (2022), 5th New Delhi (2018), 4th Shanghai (2015), 3rd Cape Town (2013), 2nd Tallinn (2010), and the inaugural forum, sponsored by the WHO, in Geneva in 2001.

The Rector of the University of Zaragoza, **Rosa Bolea**, stated that **"Zaragoza combines scientific excellence, institutional commitment, and cultural appeal, and the upcoming Global Forum on TB Vaccines, which the University of Zaragoza will host, will showcase the capacity of our university, our region, and our country to lead vaccine research.** It will also be a unique opportunity to strengthen international alliances in the fight against tuberculosis."

For his part, Professor and researcher **Carlos Martín** noted that "tuberculosis kills 1.2 million people each year, a figure similar to the population of Aragon," and added that **a new tuberculosis vaccine is "a necessity, and we must always defend the universal right to access vaccines."**

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