

# Access Policy Plan for the “PureCell Project: Towards Precision Medicine” Project

## 1. Introduction

The Access Policy Plan (APP) outlines the framework for providing open access to advanced research equipment at INAB|CERTH, established under the "PureCell" project. The aim is to ensure fair, transparent, and efficient use of resources by the broader research community, fostering collaboration, innovation, and excellence in biomedical research. The equipment will also be openly accessible for services and educational applications.

## 2. Objectives

1. To enable **equitable access** to state-of-the-art research equipment for academic, public, and private sector researchers.
2. To maximize **utilization and impact** of the advanced cellular analytics infrastructure, including the Cell Sorter, Flow Cytometer, and Metabolic Assay Analyzer.
3. To promote **collaborative research** and knowledge sharing in the scientific community.
4. To maintain **high standards of equipment functionality and data quality** while ensuring compliance with regulatory and ethical guidelines.

## 3. Scope

This policy applies to all research equipment and facilities under the PureCell initiative, specifically:

- BD FACS Aria III Cell Sorter
- Cytex Northern Lights Flow Cytometer
- Agilent Seahorse XFe96 Live-cell Metabolic Assay Analyzer.

The policy covers access by:

- INAB|CERTH researchers.
- External academic institutions (national and international).
- Public research organizations.
- Private sector entities involved in non-commercial or pre-competitive research.

## 4. Access Principles

### Open Access

- Open access is granted to the entire research community based on a fair, transparent, and non-discriminatory process.
- Priority will be given to research aligned with INAB|CERTH's mission of advancing biomedical research and precision medicine.

### Non-Commercial Research

Access is primarily intended for non-commercial research purposes. Commercial access will be considered under separate agreements to ensure alignment with institutional goals and policies.

### Ethical Compliance

All research projects must comply with applicable ethical guidelines, including data protection (GDPR) and research integrity standards.

## 5. Access Process

### Application Procedure

1. **Submission:** Interested parties submit an application detailing the proposed project, objectives, and equipment needs via a contact form in <https://pure-cell.gr/>.
2. **Approval:** Approved projects are assigned equipment access slots and training sessions if required.

## Scheduling and Allocation

- Equipment usage is scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis, with consideration for project urgency and priority research themes.
- Time slots are allocated based on project requirements, ensuring equitable distribution across users.

## 6. Fees

1. **Internal Users:** INAB|CERTH researchers will only incur the expense of reagents, if necessary.
2. **PureCell partners** will only incur the expense of reagents, if necessary.
3. **Academic Users/Public Research Organizations/Private Sector:** External academic institutions are only charged nominal fees to cover operational costs, including running and maintenance.

## 7. Conclusion

This access policy plan ensures that INAB|CERTH's advanced research infrastructure is accessible to the broader research community, fostering innovation and collaboration while maintaining the highest standards of quality, efficiency, and equity.