

# SECRETed H2020 hosted its third and final Social Awareness Workshop in Seville, Spain with Biomedicine Students

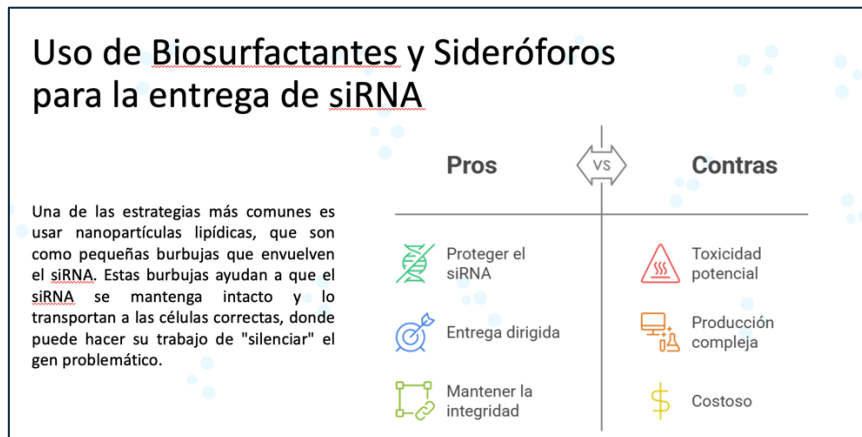


The poster is divided into two main sections. The left section features the SECRETed logo at the top, followed by the text 'Third Social Awareness Workshop' and the main title 'SECRETed: Unlocking the potential of marine biotechnology' in large, bold blue letters. At the bottom left of this section is the European Union flag and a small text box stating: 'The SECRETed project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under the Grant Agreement No. 101000794.' The right section is titled 'Programme' in a yellow box and lists three parts: 'First part: An overview of the SECRETed project Presented by Sebastián Ospina, Blue Synergy.', 'Second part: The Microbiology and Genetics behind SECRETed Presented by Tania Antón and Montserrat Argandoña, Universidad de Sevilla.', and 'Third part: Case study - Encapsulation of siRNA with rhamnolipids Presented by Sebastián Ospina, Blue Synergy.' Below the programme is a yellow box titled 'Details' which specifies 'Where? Facultad de Medicina, Universidad de Sevilla. Seville, Spain.' and 'When? February 24th, 2025.' The website 'www.secreted.eu' is listed at the bottom right.

On February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025, SECRETed H2020 conducted the third and final Social Awareness Workshop in Seville, Spain; titled “Unlocking the potential of Marine Biotechnology”, the event allowed the students of biomedicine of the University of Sevilla to get to know the project, understand some of the science behind it and get a glimpse at a real-life application case.



With the objective of raising awareness about the benefits of Research and Innovation, and Sustainability, the workshop welcomed students that may potentially consider a career in these areas as a professional future. The students had the opportunity to listen to short conferences on the main topics and issues of the project and how the partners are addressing them.



The first part of the conference was led by Blue Synergy's sustainability engineer, Sebastián Ospina Corral, with an overview and main details of the project. Afterward the conferences focused on two main topics: first, the microbiology and genetics behind SECRETed, led by Dr. Montserrat Argandoña and PhD candidate Tania Antón from Universidad de Sevilla; and second, a case study on siRNA encapsulation with biosurfactants led by Sebastián Ospina.



After the conferences finished, the students used the remaining time to ask questions, a valuable exchange that will contribute to their academic development and to the goals of the social awareness workshop initiative of SECRETed.

The outcome of this workshop is very positive because, with the participation of almost 50 students and their active participation, the project fulfills its goal of raising awareness among the public and completes the task with the satisfaction of making a positive impact in the future generation of Biotech researchers.