COST Training School 2026/WG3

Biliary Tract Cancers: Practical Approaches in Challenging Environments

Venue: Todua Clinic, Tbilisi, Georgia

Dates: March 21-22, 2026

Trainees: 25

Faculty: max of 9 (including non-resident course organizers)

Support: Todua Clinic • Georgian School of Oncology • COST

Course Organizers:

Dr. Elene Mariamidze (Georgia)

Dr. Angela Lamarca (Spain)

Dr. Anna Saborowski (Germany)

Faculty

Julien Edeline (France)

Gonzalo Sapisochin (Spain)

Lorenza, (Italy)

John Bridgewater, Prakash Manoharan (UK)

Jens Ricke (Germany) Radiology

Nicola Normano (Italy), Mol Pathology

Maria Hawkins (UK), Radiotherapy

Day 1 - Saturday, March 21, 2026

Registration & Welcome Coffee

Opening Remarks

Diagnosis and Management of BTC

Epidemiology and Diagnosis

Pathology & Molecular Pathology

Locoregional Therapies including Radiotherapy

Neoadjuvant approaches – emerging evidence and definitions

Surgery & Transplantation

Adjuvant therapy

Systemic therapy in the advanced setting

Multidisciplinary and molecular Tumor board

Day 2 - Sunday, March 22, 2026

Interactive Podium/ Panel discussions #1

- Understanding BTC in the emerging economy context
- Global Clinical Trials: How Can International Centers Participate?

Workshops (5 working groups, 5 trainees per workshop + 1 faculty)

- Diagnosis
- Molecular pathology
- Loco-regional/Surgery
- Clinical care systemic therapy
- Clinical Trials

Interactive Podium/ Panel discussions #2

Mentorship Session: Building a Career in GI Oncology in LMICs (mentoring options in COST action)