

EUSTAR Mini-Course 2026 Programme

Athens, 4th March 2026 – Crowne Plaza Hotel



Session 1 – Early SSc: What Matters & What to do		
<i>Goals: Define early SSc, understand who progresses, and outline a simple prevention mindset.</i>		
Time	Session	Speakers
13:00	Welcome & Why Now	Prof. Marco Matucci-Cerinic
13:10	What is “Early SSc”?: Clear, practical definitions	Dr. Silvia Bellando Randone
13:30	Who Progresses?: Key clinical/biological signals	Prof. Francesco Del Galdo
13:55	Case Discussion: Real cases, guided Q&A	Dr. Giulia Bandini Dr. Beatrice Moccaldi Dr. Elisabetta Zanatta
14:25	Digital Tools, Kept Practical: What’s usable today	Dr. Cristiana Sieiro Santos
14:45	Break	
15:00	Brainstorming a Small Prevention Study: What endpoints would you consider & common pitfalls	Prof. Marie-Elise Truchetet Prof. Masataka Kuwana Prof. Francesco Del Galdo Prof. Marco Matucci-Cerinic Dr. Monique Hinchcliff Dr. Ivan Castellvi Dr. Carina Mihai Dr. Elisabetta Zanatta Dr. Jelena Colic

Session 2 (180 min) – Immunology to Clinic: Usable Insights		
<i>Goals: Connect key pathways to actionable EUSTAR-feasible studies.</i>		
Time	Session	Speakers
16:00	Vessels & Platelets in SSc: Early actionable angles	Prof. Marie-Elise Truchetet
16:25	Omics, Made Simple: What to trust, minimal panel	Dr. Monique Hinchcliff
16:50	Break	
17:05	EUSTAR Database: Tips and Tricks for good data collection	<i>EUSTAR YIG Members</i>
17:30	Hands-on: Turn an idea into a EUSTAR study: 5 steps on one worksheet, quick share-back	Dr. Ivan Castellvi Dr. Carina Mihai
18:15	Short Debate: Prevent precapillary PH by targeting the vascular phenotype?	Prof. Oliver Distler Prof. Chris Denton
18:40	Take-Home & Next Steps: Messages, image bank (high-level)	Prof. Masataka Kuwana
19:00	Close	