



Genetic Analysis AS partner in EU project

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Food fibres are considered as beneficial for our immune system. However, the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) requires sound scientific evidence based on effects on healthy human people before health claim compounds are approved. This is why this month the EU FibeBiotics project starts in which, during a period of one year, a consortium will study the effect of food fibres on the human immune system. The consortium is co-lead by Wageningen UR Food & Biobased Research, The Netherlands, and financially supported by the EU with Genetic Analysis AS has been chosen to carry out microbiota analysis of the subjects in a clinical trial as part of the project.

The aim of the project is to establish a toolbox that European food industry partners can use to substantiate health claims to functional food products. The GA-map™ platform that will be used during the project will constitute a core part of this toolbox. This opens up a new area of application for the GA-map technology, where the effect of various foodstuff on the gut microbiota can be analysed by the proprietary GA-map™ platform.

“Participation in this EU project shows the power and ease with which the GA-map method in profiling of gut microbiota can document any changes caused by various foodstuff,” says Dr. Morten Isaksen, CEO of Genetic Analysis AS. “Although other methods for analysis of the gut microbiota exist, they are either time-consuming and expensive, or give limited information,” notes Dr. Isaksen, and continues: “We are excited about working with this consortium, which consists of very skilled people across different disciplines in Europe.”

Genetic Analysis AS offers a unique, proprietary technology for profiling the gut microbiota, and correlating bacterial profiles to different health conditions. The company was established in 2008, and started operating in 2009. The company is located in Oslo, Norway.

For more information about the FibeBiotics project, please go to the [FibeBiotics website \(http://www.fibebiotics.com\)](http://www.fibebiotics.com)

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