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We're delighted to announce the launch of the BEST (Bioactive Effective Surfaces for Transport) Network and are recruiting for participants.

The network, funded by EPSRC, will be a multidisciplinary community of UK scientists, engineers, technologists, industrialists, investors and regulators. We'll collaborate and contribute to the manufacture, design, testing and deployment of antimicrobial materials for mass transport, strengthening hygiene strategy with effective, evidence-based antimicrobial surface treatments and materials.

The network will be led by Dr James Redfern of Manchester Metropolitan University and Prof Dimitrios A. Lamprou of Queen's University Belfast, funded for 3 years by the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council.



NETWORK FORMAT

The network will be facilitated through a mixture of online and in person meetings (3 or 4 main meetings over the duration of the 3 year project, with the first kick-off meeting early in 2025). There will be more regular steering group meetings and also industry sub-forums, with updates from these being shared with the network.

MEASURES OF SUCCESS

The measures of success are expected to include research collaborations, grant applications, standardised testing practices, industry publications, policy changes and working practice changes, but we will be led by the needs of the network.



HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Register for the network via this Microsoft form <https://forms.office.com/e/ks2vQy4881>, to enable us to include you in future communications and to establish what you'd like to gain from participation.

Please share this information with your contacts, from any sector, who might be interested. We are keen to include a diverse range of participants in the network and so encourage involvement from under-represented groups.

