

Free of charge access to EMMA mouse mutant resources Transnational Access (TA) activity of the EMMA service project



Dear EMMA customer,

The recently launched [EMMA service project](#) (January 2009 - December 2012) supports eligible customers with **free of charge 'Transnational Access' (TA) to a total of 330 access units** from the available [EMMA mouse mutant resource](#). TA applications can be submitted for strains which are stocked by the EMMA nodes at CNR-IBC, CNRS-CDTA, MRC-MGU, KI, HMGU-IEG, GIE-CERBM and CNB-CSIC. Depending on the customer's requirements, the access units will consist of either 50 frozen embryos that can be used by the customer to re-derive mice or a breeding nucleus of up to 3 breeding pairs of SPF mice.

Costs: The access to the EMMA resources allocated to this EMMA service work package is free of charge. The access also includes the shipment cost in the case of access to frozen embryos. However, in the case of access to live mice, the shipment cost will have to be met by the user.

Eligibility: Applications for the EMMA service TA can be submitted from customers that are based in eligible countries, namely:

EU Member States: Austria (AT), Belgium (BE), Bulgaria (BG), Cyprus (CY), Czech Republic (CZ), Denmark (DK), Estonia (EE), Finland (FI), France (FR), Germany (DE), Greece (GR), Hungary (HU), Ireland (IE), Italy (IT), Latvia (LV), Lithuania (LT), Luxembourg (LU), Malta (MT), Netherlands (NL), Poland (PO), Portugal (PT), Romania (RO), Slovakia (SK), Slovenia (SI), Spain (ES), Sweden (SE), United Kingdom (GB)
Associated Countries: Albania (AL), Croatia (HR), Iceland (IS), Israel (IL), Liechtenstein (LI), Macedonia (MK), Montenegro (ME), Norway (NO), Serbia (RS), Switzerland (CH), Turkey (TR)

Application: Service requests for the EMMA mouse resources can be made via the standard procedures using the [online request form](#) found on the EMMA website. Applications for the TA activity may be **A**) turned into a standard request with associated service charges if the TA application is rejected or **B**) submitted for free of charge TA access only and will be terminated upon their rejection. If option **A**) is followed, the [standard EMMA delivery times](#) will apply. However, the invoices will be issued after all the TA applications submitted for a specific call have been evaluated. If option **B**) is followed, the resources will only be provided to successful applicants once all the TA applications submitted for a specific call have been evaluated. As a consequence EMMA's delivery times are likely to be extended. **Applications via the Transnational Access activity must be accompanied by a short description of the project involving the resources being requested.** The project description can be provided along with the TA application via the online request form. TA applications may be submitted in response to [four annual calls](#) which will be advertised on the EMMA website. These calls will indicate the number of TA units available for distribution.

Selection procedure: Service requests from eligible customers for free of charge access to the EMMA resources will be subject to a **review procedure** which will be initiated after calls for TA applications are closed. The **review will be based on short descriptions of the projects involving the EMMA resources being requested. The project description must focus on the use and relevance of the requested resource for the proposed project.** At least two members of the EMMA Evaluation Committee will assess service requests supported by the TA activity. In addition to scientific merit, the selection panel will try to ensure free access is granted to those users who have not previously benefited from this scheme. A maximum of two access units will be granted to a Principal Investigator per call. Applicants will be informed on the outcome of the evaluation within two weeks after the end of the call for which the TA application was submitted.