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Pioneering Perspectives: Twente as a Hub for Transitioning to Animal-**Free Innovation** Saskia Aan, Young TPI & José Manuel Rivera Arbeláez, University of Twente



Young TPI: accelerate the transition

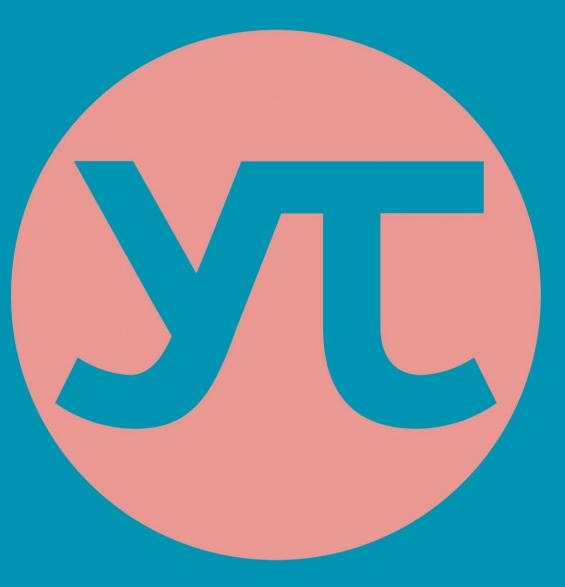
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What is Young TPI ?

- Established in 2022
- Spin-Off from TPI programme
- Network for and by young professionals in the life sciences

Young TPI empowers the new scientific generation to go animal-testing-free



MISSION YOUNG TPI

Contribute to the acceleration of the transition to innovations without laboratory animals by providing **open-minded input** and **raising awareness** of animal-free options among young professionals and students.

Core Values: Respect, Justice, Courage

WHAT WE DO

Workshops and educational activities

- Workshops
- Webinars
- Guest lectures

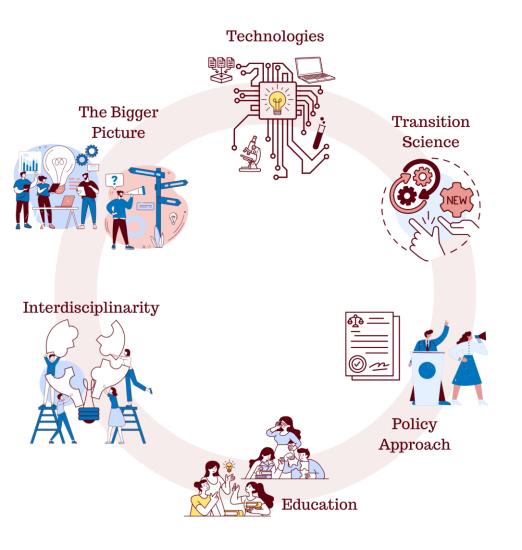
Building a strong community

- Community
- empowerment
- Learn & share
- Make a contribution

Promote interdisciplinarity

- Cooperation across fields
- Within academia
- Industry & Policy

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MANIFESTO YOUNG TPI

- **Technologies**: Promoting and validating methods that replace animal testing.
- **Transition Science**: Guiding the transition by addressing both technical and social challenges.
- **Policy**: Push for animal-free research regulations.
- Education: Offering resources to help educational institutions and our members.
- Interdisciplinarity: Encouraging collaborations across fields to foster innovation.
- **The Bigger Picture**: Raising awareness about the ethical, societal, and environmental implications of animal testing.





Young TPI (Transitie Proefdiervrije Innovatie) iii Listed group





Introduction to (systematic) reviews



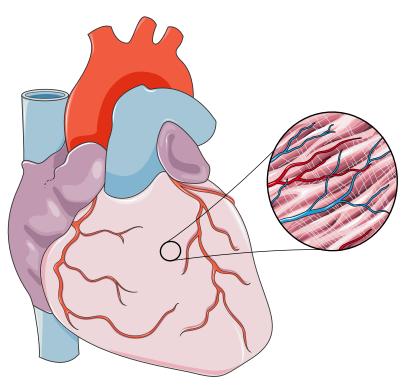
Young TPI Webinar, February 24th 2023 Fatima Zohra Abarkan & Julia Menon





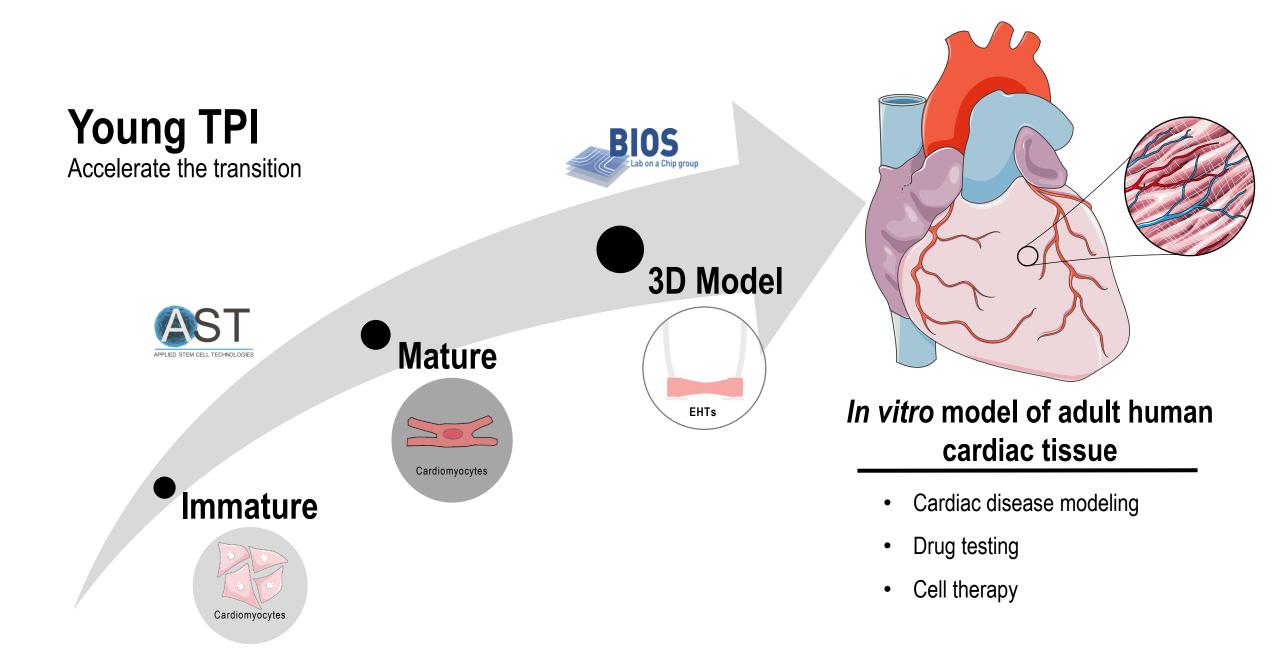
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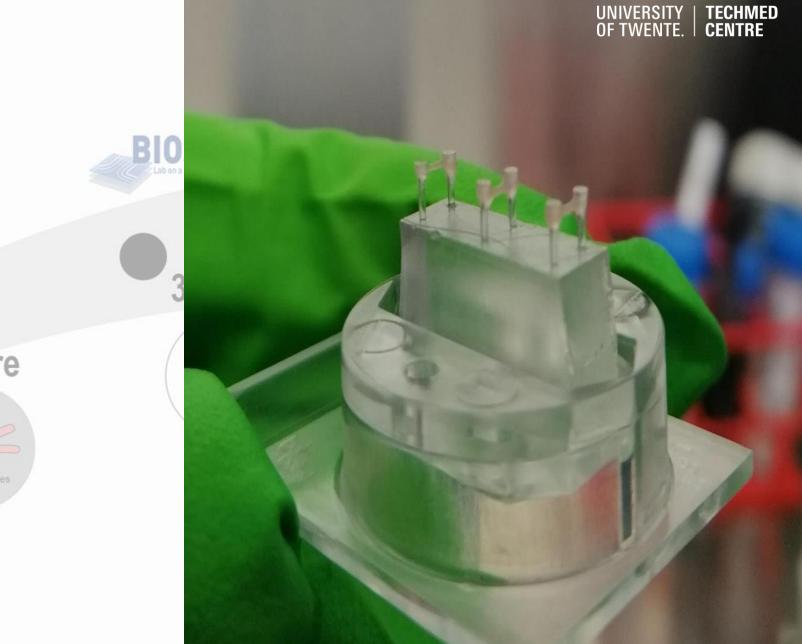




In vitro model of adult human cardiac tissue

- Cardiac disease modeling
- Drug testing
- Cell therapy





Young TPI Accelerate the transition







Immature



TPI TWENTE

Transition Programme to Animal-free Innovations

- Ethical responsibility
- Scientific need to resemble as possible human physiology

Why TPI Twente?

- We have the technology in-house to make the differences.
- Research groups and UT's spin-offs are working on addressing these challenges.
- There is a strong ecosystem between the UT and companies in Twente.



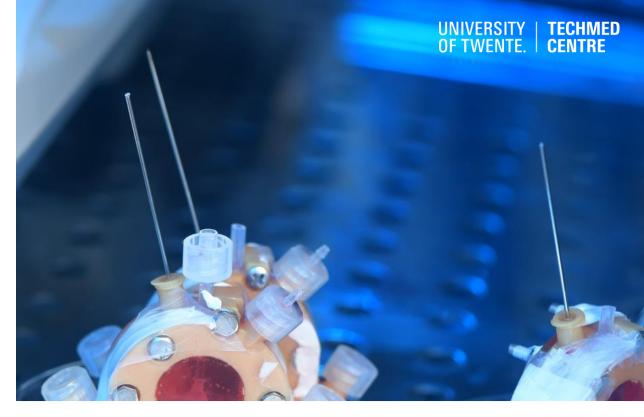
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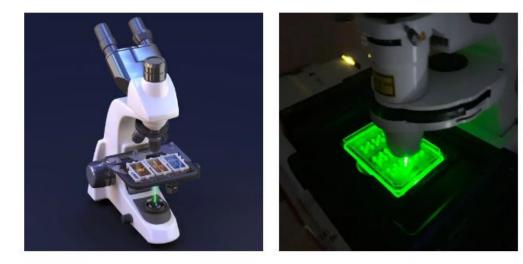
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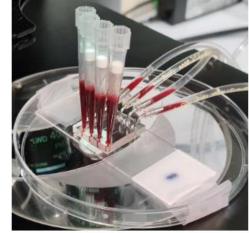
What is missing?

Create awareness of the animal-free innovations in Twente

Engage with a broader public and society













TPI TWENTE

Transition Programme to Animal-free Innovations

Do you want to play a pivotal role in this transition to animal-free innovations?

We are looking for you, come and join us!

- Student
- Researcher
- Professor
- Company

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