

**Contract:** internship / European project NEURO-RESCUE (recruitment opportunity)

**Structure:** EUROBIOMED

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**Earlier start:** January 2011

**Subject of internship:**

Strategy and mechanisms for SME's financing within regional clusters in the field of mental health / neurodegenerative disease at European level

**Fields:** innovation marketing; strategy; innovation network

**Context:**

Care for people with dementia is a major concern in many European countries. In the context of an ageing population, an increasing number of European citizens are likely to be affected by mental disorders, dementia or neurodegenerative diseases (such as Alzheimer's). Addressing these challenges is of particular concern to policy makers at regional, national, EU and international levels. Public-private partnerships are addressing this issue which also confirms the overall endorsement of the research, business and policy-making community in this field. Leading European research organisations have a proven scientific record of excellence in the fields of neurology, genetics, neurophysiology which make it an ideal theme for this programme.

There is a growing need to address mental health issues in a comprehensive way and a need to coordinate policy, research and enterprise into a more efficient partnership. By working with leading regional clusters in an open dialogue with key stakeholders, the NEURO-RESCUE project will set up new models for mental health research that guarantee a systematic multidisciplinary approach. More than a public-private partnership and more than a network of clusters, NEURO-RESCUE will be an innovative and integrative regional research model. This model will aim to address: research, economic and societal issues in a cross sectoral fashion.

The NEURO-RESCUE project will address these challenges by aiming to bridge the gap between research into mental disorders and the implementation of innovative solutions. This will be carried out by:

- (i) **SWOT Analysis:** with a **mapping analysis exercise** and an **opportunities and finance/demand exercise**..
- (ii) **Joint Action Plan definition:** building on the SWOT analysis to create a shared research & innovation action plan to achieve the vision of an integrated neurosciences research system in each
- (iii) **Joint Action Plan implementation:** to prepare for the implementation of this action plan in the period following project completion. It will improve **mentoring activities** for emerging clusters, **dissemination activities**, in the participating regions and with indirect stakeholders. It will also put in place a number of pilot projects to strengthen international cooperation.

**Description:**

This internship will take place at Eurobiomed, a competitiveness cluster in the health field located in the south of France, gathering regions Provence Alpes Côte d'Azur and Languedoc-Roussillon.

You will be working under the supervision of project leaders, in collaboration with the different European partners. Your mission will consist in:

- design the evaluation tools for the access of SMEs to financing in the different European regions considered;
- coordinating and following the various evaluations;
- analyzing the data and building a map of the results.

**Capabilities:**

- The intern will have to demonstrate organisational, communication and adaptability skills.
- Good communication skills in English
- Knowledge of mainstream software and of Internet is necessary.
- Diploma in the domain of health or biology is encouraged.
- Knowledge of another European language is an asset: Spanish, German, Hungarian.

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**Degree expected:** master

**Location:** Marseille