



June 17th, 2026
09:00 to 18:00

Théâtre du Château de Valrose, Nice

CELLULE EUROPE MUTUALISEE ENTRE LES MEMBRES DE L'INITIATIVE D'EXCELLENCE

PROGRAMME

09:00 | Welcome coffee

09:30 | Introduction

Jeanick Brisswalter, President
Sylvain Antoniotti, Vice-President of the Initiative of Excellence

09:40–11:00 | ERC: myths and realities - when and how should you get started?

Hélène Veillard, National Contact Point Coordinator and Representative on the ERC Program Committee

- > Ice-breaker (20 min)
- > Presentation of the main myths and realities about the ERC (40 min)

Testimonial from a laureate: deciding to take the plunge: where to start? (20 min)

Denis Mourard, recipient of an ERC Advanced Grant

11:00 –11:20 | Coffee break

11:20 –12:30 | Round table « Do's & don'ts »

Hélène Veillard, National Contact Point Coordinator and Representative on the ERC Program Committee

Julia Staykova, ERC Expert, Scriptorium Ltd
George Drettakis, Inria, ERC Advanced Grant Laureate

12:30 – 12:45 | Presentation of the European Joint Office (CEM) and a Look Back at 10 Years of European Projects on the French Riviera

Sara-Anne Comel, Operations Director for the International and Europe Program of the Initiative of Excellence

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12:45 | Signature of the CEM Agreement

12:45 – 14:00 | Lunch

<p>14:00 – 15:20 “The ERC: A PI-Centric Approach” – Testimonials from ERC laureates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Robin Kaiser, CNRS, INPHYNI Laboratory > Karin Sigloch, CNRS, GEOAZUR Laboratory > Nathalie Vigier, CNRS, Villefranche Oceanography Laboratory <p><u>Moderator:</u> Sara-Anne Comel, Initiative of Excellence (IdEx)</p> <p>15:20 – 15:40 Coffee Break</p> <p>15:40 – 17:00 “Coordinating a Horizon Europe Project” – Testimonials from Horizon Europe projects' coordinators</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Marie-Pierre Ballarin, IRD, URMIS Laboratory > Wilfried Blanc, CNRS, Nice Institute of Physics > Nathanel Guigo, Mines Paris – PSL, CEMEF Laboratory (formerly Université Côte d'Azur, Nice Institute of Chemistry) > Cassy Rabearisoa, Université Côte d'Azur, Polytech Nice Sophia <p><u>Moderator:</u> Muriel Dal Pont Legrand, Vice-President for European Affairs</p>	<p>14:00 – 17:00 One-on-one interviews with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Hélène Veillard, National Contact Point Coordinator and Representative on the ERC Program Committee > Julia Staykova, ERC Expert, Scriptorium Ltd > Membres de la Cellule Europe Mutualisée
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17:00 – 18:00 | 10 years anniversary Cocktail Reception

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