

## The "European Researchers' Night" returns to Nice in 2022 and 2023!



The French project FREETOACT has just been selected for funding by the European Commission so it's official, a new edition of the European Researchers' Night (ERN) will be organized in Nice for the next 2 years, in September 2022 and September 2023. Like the 2021 edition, organized in Nice at Parc Valrose, these future events will be managed by the [Scientific Culture Office of Université Côte d'Azur](#).

The FREETOACT project involves 16 experienced French partners (universities, research centers, scientific culture centers, associations) and is the legacy of 16 years of collective participation in the ERN as a Consortium. They will organize events in 16 different French cities, sharing the same objectives and the same approach to scientific engagement, and most activities, and involving local researchers.

FREETOACT will have two themes:

- In 2022, the public will debate the functioning of research through an attractive theme, "The unexpected", which will surprise visitors, while focusing on the predictability of research;
- In 2023, researchers and the general public will debate together around the theme "Our futures". These themes promote the quality of exchanges with researchers (a key factor in enriching the public vision of science in society).

During the events, there will be warm and aesthetic encounters and fun activities shared by researchers and the public. The 2,800 researchers involved in the project will be supported and trained by mediators. All the local organizers have a long experience in facilitating meetings between researchers and the public. Thus, "Researchers at school" activities will be organized thanks to our existing networks. The French Ministry of Culture is financially supporting the event for the 5th year by promoting the participation of researchers in the humanities and social sciences. The MESRI will also maintain its support. The ERN will aim to improve understanding of how research actually works and will lead young people, the public and researchers to question the role of research in shaping our (un)expected futures..

>> [A look back at the European Researchers' Night 2021 in Parc Valrose in Nice](#)

## International Day of Women and Girls in Science: interview with BoostUrCareer doctoral student Giulia Rocco

"Believe in yourself, you can do something to make this world a little bit better!" Italian [Giulia Rocco](#) is a Marie S.-Curie Actions (MSCA) doctoral student as part of the [BoostUrCareer](#) project in e-health at Université Côte d'Azur. As a biomedical engineer, her research focuses on brain signal processing for new biomedical monitoring and diagnostic systems. On the occasion of the International Day of Women and Girls in Science, February 11, she and other MSCA researchers gave interviews published on the MSCA website.

Giulia landed in the world of neuroscience because she has always been eager to unravel the workings of the human brain. She is working on novel techniques to study the cerebellum, a relatively poorly-understood part of the brain dubbed "the little brain". She was the [2021 co-winner of the MSCA Falling Walls Lab](#), having the chance to pitch her research among the 75 Emerging Talents worldwide at the Falling Walls Lab Grand Finale..

Dans son interview elle parle de ses débuts dans la recherche, des défis auxquels elle a dû faire face dans sa carrière, explique comment le MSCA l'a aidé à faire avancer sa carrière et exprime son opinion sur le potentiel des femmes visionnaires et innovatrices.

The full interview with Giulia Rocco in [French](#) and [English](#)

## Study visit in Perugia (Italy), February 21–25 – QUADIC project



### Study Visit in Perugia – QUADIC – 21 – 25 February, 2022

After two years of distance work, QUADIC consortium was enthusiastic to have a Study Visit at University for Foreigners of Perugia (UNISTRAPG) in Italy the 21-25 February 2022.

One-week meeting was full of discussions, lectures on the topic of Swedish and Italian internationalisation models and active learning lab with simulation to create the most competitive strategic plan. Our Kosovar and Albanian partners had an opportunity to participate in the conceptualisation of the university Strategy including internationalization aspects, one of the priorities of QUADIC to strengthen the partners universities.

In the Study Visit Université Côte d'Azur has been presented by Maria Hernandez and Madonna Lamazian, the projects managers of *Maison de l'Europe et des Territoires*. They presented the French concept of enhancing the internationalisation ecosystem of Universities, so-called "Bienvenue en France" label. Moreover, UCA presented the concrete tangibles indicators to monitor the progress performance of each International Cooperation Office and its managers at Albanian and Kosovar partners of the QUADIC consortium.



QUADIC (Quality Development of international cooperation and project management) is a tree-year project (2019 – 2022) of capacity building in the field of higher education funded by Erasmus+ programme through the scheme of Key Action2. The project is coordinated by University 'Kadri Zeka' Gjilan. More info: [official website of the QUADIC project](#).

## Participation of Université Côte d'Azur in the first Pan-African Nematology Network (PANEMA) workshop



In the context of the Erasmus+ [project "Nematology Education in Sub-Shara Africa-Nemedussa"](#), Université Côte d'Azur has participated in the first Pan-African Nematology Network (PANEMA) workshop organised by Moi University in Eldoret, Kenya from 23rd to 25th February.

The goal of this network is to enhance cooperation between nematologists in Sub-Sahara Africa and provide and share good practices on relevant topics in nematology education.

This workshop was free and open to university staff, students, and staff in agricultural extension with interest in nematology. Three days of completed theoretical information and practical sessions on the topics of nematology, sharing good practices on how to improve nematology education and curricula; interactive teaching and learning sessions; presentation of the Nemedussa BSc course; and practical sessions and demonstrations in different topics: beneficial nematodes application in the field, identification of 5 PPN, molecular TB, DNA extraction, PCR.. The workshop was organised in specific sessions for students, professors and staff in agricultural extension, and animated by different training facilitators and experts from different countries.

Nemedussa is a project co-financed by Erasmus+ programme, Capacity Building in Higher Education, aims to expand education and research capacities in nematology in sub-Sahara Africa.

## Marie S.-Curie Actions – Support to potential supervisors in identifying international post-doctoral researchers

In the framework of the Joint Europe Research Office, Université Côte d'Azur, CNRS, INRIA, OCA and the CHU of Nice accompany potential supervisors of Université Côte d'Azur in the identification of candidates for a submission in response to the Postdoctoral Fellowships Call for projects - Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions.

We therefore invite the site's research units to propose subjects for research projects (innovative and transdisciplinary), which can be deployed over 12 to 24 months. The details and terms of support will be sent by email to the research units.

## In brief

### Ulyseus updates

♦ Université Côte d'Azur received the delegation of the University of Seville who is the coordinator of the Ulyseus Alliance. They have been welcomed by the Presidency and the site actors involved in Ulyseus and in the Innovation Hub coordinated by our university.



♦ Take part in the annual Ulyseus survey : <https://ulyseus.eu/enquete-annuelle-ulyseus>

♦ The **Digital Week** of Université Côte d'Azur - Juin 27 – July 1, 2022

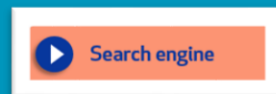


♦ **I AM Europe project** Participate to the [citizen-targeted survey on Europe](#) and give your opinion on the actions of Europe on your territory

♦ Webinar « [Innovation in smart cities: a superposition of ecosystems](#) » animated by Amel Attour, researcher in economics and management – Thursday, March 3, 4.45 – 6.30 pm

## Selection of ongoing calls for projects :

- ♦ ERASMUS+ / Cooperation partnerships : [23/03/2022](#)
- ♦ Mobility fellowships for German PhD students, postdoctoral researchers and young researchers to come to France un: [28/03/2022](#) [Link](#)
- ♦ Call for applications Forcheurs Jean-Marie Lehn Prize : The French Embassy in Germany & the Franco-German University rewards and encourages French German cooperation between young researchers: [11/04/2022](#) [Link](#)
- ♦ Jeunes Docteurs Innovants - CR PACA. 3 submission dates in 2022 : [25/02](#), [22/04](#) et [22/07](#) [Link](#)
- ♦ Horizon Europe Cluster 2 SHS: [20/04/22](#)
- ♦ Canceropôle PACA / Emergence Call for projects: [28/04/2022](#) [Link](#)
- ♦ I-DEMO - Programme d'Investissement d'Avenir (PIA). [03/05/2022](#) [Link](#)



### PROJECT ASSISTANCE REQUEST FORM

For projects to be carried out by UCA, CNRS and OCA



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