

PRESS RELEASE

Association Bernard Gregory, the French-German University the French-Italian University have been awarded a Horizon 2020 funding

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Association Bernard Gregory (ABG) – www.intelligence.fr

Founded in 1980, ABG is dedicated to the career development of PhDs. It has developed many career workshops on career planning and the marketing of skills. It has a jobboard where recruiters from academia and industry advertise their open positions for PhDs. Together with CPU (French Conference of University Presidents) and MEDEF (National Association of Companies in France), it has designed and implemented an online skills portfolio for researchers, DocPro (www.mydocpro.org).

French-German University (FGU) – www.dfh-ufa.org

Created in 1997 during the French-German Summit in Weimar, FGU is a binational organisation. It aims at promoting, evaluating and funding French-German degrees in all scientific fields: engineering sciences, STEM, Humanities, economy and management, law and teacher education. Those programmes are implemented in more than 100 cities in France and Germany. It represents a network of more than 185 Higher Education institutions (universities and other institutions), gathering more than 6.500 students and around 500 PhD candidates. There is no other similar organization in the world.

French-Italian University (FIU) - www.universite-franco-italienne.org

FIU is a structure promoting university and scientific collaboration between France and Italy, based on an intergovernmental agreement signed in Firenze on October 6, 1998. Throughout its calls for applications, FIU contributes to strengthen the cooperation and to promote the convergence of academic systems between the two countries, at all education levels, including research.

It aims at enhancing the development of double and joint degrees through joint training programmes and joint scientific programmes.

Within the SWAFS¹ programme of H2020, a **call for projects** was dedicated to the organization of an **event on researchers' mobility and career development in Europe** (SWAFS 20-2016).

Because their joint expertise relies on both aspects, **Association Bernard Gregory** (ABG), the **French-German University** (FGU) and the **French-Italian University** (FIU) built a consortium and applied together in August 2016.

Among the 10 project proposals submitted to the European Commission, **8 have been positively evaluated** according to the criteria of excellence, impact and quality of implementation, which represents a total budget of around 660.000 €. Out of this amount, **87.760 €** have been allocated to the **project submitted by ABG, FGU and FIU, called "Researchers without borders" (#EU4PHD)**. That's the **only project coordinated by France²** and the **only consortium made out of crossborder partners**.

The project, which is a 2-day event organized in **Paris on the 11th and 12th of December 2017**, aims at guiding early-stage researchers (Master's students, PhD candidates and doctorate holders) in the **implementation of their mobility project** and at **promoting opportunities in the European Research Area** (ERA). A nice opportunity to gather researchers, companies and research institutes, mobility funding bodies and career advisors from different European countries!

Participants can deepen their knowledge on European research landscapes and mobility schemes thanks to **plenary sessions, practical workshops, individual counselling sessions and fair exhibitors**. A specific focus will be made on the recruitment processes occurring in both academic and industrial sectors, for a selection of European countries.

Mobile researchers are facing many other challenges like **pensions, dual careers and return mobility**. Those topics will be addressed through testimonials and European initiatives meeting the challenges. **A new opportunity to discover the practice of our European neighbours and to demonstrate once more that the European area is a real space for exchange and mixed cultures, that can inspire countries**.

More information on the funded projects:

http://cordis.europa.eu/search/result_en?q=contenttype=%27project%27%20AND%27%20project%27%20relations%27%20associations%27%20relatedCall%27%20call%27%20identifier=%27H2020-SwafS-2016-1%27

¹ Science with and for society

² For this statistic, the country from which the coordinator is originated is taken into account.