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### **AUTONOMIA, the first research and innovation center in Île-de-France dedicated to people losing their autonomy, is a winner of SESAME Filières – France 2030**

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**AUTONOMIA has been awarded funding from the SESAME Filières—France 2030 call, co-financed by the prefecture and the Ile de France Region. This first research and innovation center in Île-de-France is dedicated to people losing their autonomy, located within Sorbonne University and the AP-HP (Charles-Foix site). Among the innovative projects chosen in the Ile de France Region, AUTONOMIA is considered a fundamental organising project for the health sector and has been awarded funding of 2 million euros.**

AUTONOMIA serves people who are losing their autonomy by offering a research platform in technological innovation of international scope. The project's objective is to promote research and development to combat dependence linked to illness, aging or disability.

AUTONOMIA offers customized spaces, high-tech equipment and support services for the research and development of innovative projects. The objective is to collectively create and evaluate the autonomy solutions of tomorrow with a view to making technological innovations more quickly available to users.

**This is the first (UMS) research structure to be co-supervised by Sorbonne University and AP-HP.** The two partners join forces for this UMS to offer innovators from all backgrounds, including patients within the framework of Research Involving Human Persons (RIPH). The know-how in this field will be a real accelerator of innovation for researchers and companies. The platform is designed to listen to future users who are immersed in reconstructed living spaces offered such as in the home, a hospital room, a connected staircase, the movement analysis platform and the medical office among other spaces. This also includes an original proposal: a connected outdoor street. AUTONOMIA also ensures the transport of user subjects who will be integrated into research projects from their place of care or their home in Île-de-France.

AUTONOMIA is thus placed at the heart of the health ecosystem, at the crossroads of the hospital, the city and the home, in an open public-private space allowing synergies and collaborations in real-life conditions.

AUTONOMIA, located in Ivry-sur-Seine within the Charles-Foix AP-HP hospital, on an area of 1,600 square meters. This space has been renovated by the State-Region Plan Contract, as part of its commitment to bringing research and innovation to people losing their autonomy. AUTONOMIA will house researchers and users for as long as necessary, in reconstituted living environments, in addition to their original laboratories or structures, thus combining clinical research and technological research.

**Upcoming inauguration:** the rehabilitation work on the AUTONOMIA building at the Charles-Foix hospital is being completed: AUTONOMIA has benefited from regional funding of €6.1 million as part of the State-Region Plan Contract in Île-de-France for this renovation.

To find out more: <https://autonomia-recherche.fr/en/>

**About the SESAME Filières France 2030 call for projects:**

The SESAME Filières call for projects is financed equally by the State and the Île-de-France Region in the regionalized component of the Future Investment Program (PIA3 then PIA4/France 2030) and operated by Bpifrance. It was launched in 2018 with the objective of structuring research stakeholders in interface with the needs of companies in one or more sectors around an open technological platform project, and thus bringing about new partnerships between them to more effectively innovation strengthening competitiveness. The supported projects have a maximum duration of 3 years, for a total amount of up to €2.5 million.

For more information see: [SESAME FILIERES France 2030 - vague n°5 | Région Île-de-France \(iledefrance.fr\)](#) (in French)

**About Sorbonne University:**

*Sorbonne University is a multidisciplinary, research-intensive university covering the humanities, health, science and engineering. Anchored in the heart of Paris and with a regional presence, Sorbonne University has 55,000 students, 4,000 teaching and research staff, 3,300 national researchers and 135 laboratories. Alongside its partners in the Sorbonne University Alliance, and via its institutes and multidisciplinary initiatives, it conducts research and educational activities to strengthen its contribution to the challenges of three major transitions: a global approach to health (One Health), resources for a sustainable planet (One Earth), and changing societies, languages and cultures (One Humanity). Sorbonne University is also a member of Alliance 4EU+, an innovative model for European universities that develops strategic international partnerships and promotes the openness of its community to the rest of the world. <https://www.sorbonne-universite.fr/en>*

**About AP-HP**

*The leading hospital and university center in Europe, the AP-HP and its 38 hospitals are organized into six hospital-university groups (AP-HP. Center - Université Paris Cité; AP-HP. Sorbonne University; AP-HP. North - Paris Cité University; Paris-Saclay University; Henri-Mondor University Hospitals and Paris Seine-Saint-Denis University Hospitals. Closely linked to major research organizations, the AP-HP has eight world-class university hospital institutes (ICM, ICAN, IMAGINE, FOrEoSIGHT, PROMETHEUS, InovAND, reConnect, THEMA) and the largest health data warehouse (EDS) French. A major player in applied research and innovation in health, the AP-HP holds a portfolio of 810 active patents, its clinical researchers sign more than 11,000 scientific publications each year and nearly 4,400 research projects are currently underway now under development, all developers combined. In 2020, AP-HP obtained the Carnot Institute label, which rewards the quality of partnership research: Carnot@AP-HP offers industrial players solutions in applied and clinical research in the field of health. The AP-HP also created the AP-HP Foundation in 2015, which acts directly with caregivers in order to support the organization of care, hospital staff and research within the AP-HP. <http://www.aphp.fr>*

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