



## Press release

### **Networking – the future of European high-level research In so doing we create the “European Research Area (ERA)”**

In a changing world characterised by accelerated globalisation of research and technology, as well as by the emergence of new scientific and technological powers – namely China and India – the **creation of the “European Research Area (ERA)”** is now more than ever a cornerstone for the body of European knowledge.

Under the direction of Bruno Brisson “Biospace lab” is already living the idea of “ERA”:  
These scientists are prepared to exchange and combine their knowledge with more than 50 partners from reputable universities, research institutes, and private companies throughout Europe.

Together they make up a sizable European research network, “**DiMI – Diagnostic Molecular Imaging**” a network of excellence promoting the improvement of diagnostic and therapeutic applications through imaging methods. Funding of € 10.5 million is provided by the European Commission within the 6<sup>th</sup> Framework Program.

“**DiMI**” strives to maintain **high research objectives**, i.e. enable faster and more goal-orientated research in the field of European Molecular Imaging.

The development of new imaging technology, e.g. the optimization of MRT or PET scanner, combined with best possible experimental and clinical research assures excellent results.

This arrangement allows free flow of ideas and innovation between experimental lab research and clinical applications. The overall aim is to employ innovative imaging applications and improve the diagnosis and therapy of two important ailments of our time: cardio-vascular disease and neuro-degenerative disease, e.g. dementia.

Another major task of “DiMI” is the **scientific education** of young European Researchers in all relevant fields of Molecular Imaging. High-quality trainings and the exchange of young scientists within the partner organisations ensures the circulation of the most recent industry developments and techniques.

The “**ERA**” program is the framework for the free circulation and exchange of technology, knowledge and researchers to allow Europe to maintain its competitive position in scientific/medical research.

“**DiMI**” shows that the political purpose of creating a global competitive “European Research Area” is viable.

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