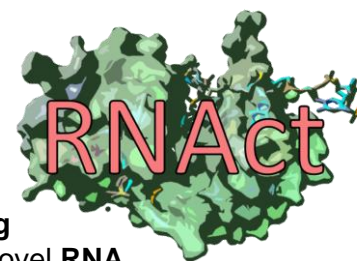


10 international PhD positions in protein design for synthetic biology.



These positions are provided by RNAct, a **European Innovative Training Network** project. The interdisciplinary research aim of RNAct is the design of novel **RNA recognition motif (RRM) proteins** for exploitation in **synthetic biology and bio-analytics**. This includes computational approaches at the sequence and structure levels of proteins and RNA, large-scale phage display experiments with RNA screening, integrative structural biology approaches, implementation of RRMs in synthetic biology, and bio-analytics to detect RNA in-cell and design RNA biochips.

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ESR1: Predicting biophysical characteristics of proteins from their amino acid sequence (Computational, VUB, Brussels, Belgium)

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ESR4: Improve methods to dock RNA with proteins (Computational, CNRS, Nancy, France)

ESR5: Calculate RRM structures, design new RRMs collaboratively (Computational/Experimental, HMGU, Munich, Germany)

ESR6: Analyse RRM conformation with structural biology (NMR, X-ray crystallography) and biophysical techniques (Experimental, HMGU, Munich, Germany)

ESR7: Analyse RRM dynamics via structural biology (NMR) and biophysical techniques (Experimental, Giotto Biotech, Florence, Italy)

ESR8: Integrate RRMs in prokaryotes to create new pathways in synthetic biology (Experimental, CSIC, Valencia, Spain)

ESR9: Create biochips to study RRM/RNA interactions. (Experimental, Dynamic Biosensors, Munich, Germany)

ESR10: Deploy RRMs for in-cell analytics (Experimental, Ridgeview Instruments, Uppsala, Sweden)