The Network of European Neuroscience Schools (NENS) was founded in 2003 by the Federation of European Neuroscience Societies (FENS), to exchange best practices, and share experience among the neuroscience graduate schools in Europe. 207 graduate schools are already part of NENS, offering MSc, PhD and MD-PhD degrees in neuroscience across 28 European countries. NENS members have access to FENS and IBRO-PERC funding to organise courses, they are exposed to a wide international audience, and their students benefit from a number of advantages. Check here a summary of the benefits available for NENS school members and their students.

The FENS Committee for Higher Education and Training (FENS-CHET) and the IBRO Pan-Europe Regional Committee (PERC) has launched the Call for Education and Training Clusters 2022, with the aim to start or enhance a cooperation among NENS school programmes.

Eligibility criteria:
The proposed clusters should consist of at least 3 NENS graduate school programmes and cover minimum 3 different European countries.

Topics:
The clusters should address new needs in the neuroscience community and respond to current challenges encountered in specific neuroscience domains. The goal is to foster scientific or administrative cooperation among the NENS graduate schools.

For more guidance, please contact the NENS office via nens@fens.org

Deliverables:
Possible deliverables for NENS clusters could include sharing know-how, development of joint curricula, modules, programmes – online and/or in-person, production of online materials (webinars, workshops); initiating, enriching or expanding a teaching programme etc.

These outcomes must be presented to the FENS Committee for Higher Education and Training and be available and disseminated to the NENS community.

Available funding: up to EUR 30,000 per awarded cluster application.

Funding allocation: 2 to 4 instalments, based on awarded amount, proposed deliverables and timeline.

Completion of deliverables: up to 18 months from the announcement of the awarded application. Cluster activity and development can be continued by further applying to future calls.

Your application should define the aims, target audience, deliverables and expected impact.

Application deadline: 31 March 2022

Start your application

1 The FENS Committee for Higher Education and Training (FENS-CHET) is responsible for the governance and implementation of FENS training and education activities.
The IBRO Pan-Europe Regional Committee (PERC) is the IBRO Regional Committee composed of elected voluntary leadership that focuses on supporting and promoting neuroscience in the Pan-European region based on its specific needs and conditions.

The list of the neuroscience graduate school programmes that are NENS members is available in the NENS Programme Directory.

Should you be interested in contacting NENS Schools in specific neuroscience domains to form a cluster, please email nens@fens.org with your request and we will provide you with the necessary information.