

A ROADMAP FOR MENTAL HEALTH RESEARCH IN EUROPE: FROM THE THEORY TO THE PRACTICE OF RESEARCH

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In the session, we will describe the role of coordinators and project managers in European Projects, as well as the current status of funding programs in the EC, the steps to apply to their calls, and the daily issues you should deal with when managing European projects profiting our ROAMER experience.

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