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### **Beactica announces its participation in a Marie Curie Initial Training Network**

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Beactica, the Swedish fragment-based drug discovery company, today announced its participation in a Marie Curie Initial Training Network (ITN). The ITN, called BrainTrain, is funded through the 7<sup>th</sup> EU Framework Programme and aims to deliver 15 skilled early stage researchers in the field of neuroscience. The network is composed of eight leading EU institutes (Amsterdam, London, Paris, Heidelberg, Stockholm, Magdeburg, Leuven and Trieste) together with Japanese RIKEN and five commercial partners. Beactica's contribution will include the training of several young investigators in the science of surface plasmon resonance (SPR)-based molecular interaction analysis. The candidates will be applying Beactica's state-of-the-art Sprint™ platform for the study of synaptic protein–protein interactions.

“Participating in the ITN BrainTrain enables Beactica to contribute towards research in one of the most pressing and costly problems of society. It also enables the company to further develop its basic research in the CNS area.” said Prof. Helena Danielson, CSO, Beactica.

With the start of BrainTrain, Beactica initiates its second EU-funded project that focuses on fundamental brain research. The ongoing NeuroCypres project targets a family of proteins known as the Cys-loop receptors with crucial functions in the peripheral and central nervous system. BrainTrain will use genomic information and exploit innovative approaches to unravel the function and dysfunction of synaptic molecular recognition events. The official webpage of BrainTrain is [www.brain-train.nl](http://www.brain-train.nl).

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#### **About Beactica**

Beactica AB is a specialist drug discovery company, utilising its proprietary methodologies to evaluate the biophysical interaction of molecules in order to generate novel therapeutics. Beactica's Sprint™ drug discovery platform efficiently integrates surface plasmon resonance (SPR) to accelerate the identification of optimal starting points and development routes for lead discovery. The company was spun out of Uppsala University in August 2006. As well as building collaborations with external companies, Beactica is progressing its own drug discovery programmes of small molecule therapeutics. For more information about Beactica, please visit [www.beactica.com](http://www.beactica.com).