

# Shaping the social brain through early interactions

## Fact Sheet

### Project Information

#### SAPIENS

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EXCELLENT SCIENCE - Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

[Project website](#)

#### Total cost

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#### EU contribution

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BIRKBECK COLLEGE -  
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 United Kingdom

#### Start date

1 January 2019

#### End date

31 July 2023

## Project description

### Studying infant-parent interactions for healthier brains

Despite significant advances in understanding brain activity, learning processes, and the role of early childhood experiences for further well-being, scientists still lack technologies to explain the precise mechanisms of everyday baby-parent interactions, which shape critical brain functions. The EU-funded SAPIENS project will fill that gap through a revolutionary study on the microscale dynamics of early social exchanges to explain how infant-parent interactions shape brain and cognitive development. They will use ecological, mobile real time brain-behaviour measurement, artificial intelligence and data modelling methods, which will allow

early interventions in autism or deficit/hyperactivity disorders. Also, a team of excellent researchers will be trained to help introduce highly innovative ways of clinical diagnostic and treatment.

## Fields of science (EuroSciVoc)

[social sciences](#) > [political sciences](#) > [political policies](#) > [public policies](#)

[natural sciences](#) > [computer and information sciences](#) > [artificial intelligence](#)



## Keywords

[infant-parent interactions](#)

[social development](#)

[social brain](#)

[developmental trajectories](#)

[autism](#)

[ADHD](#)

[early detection](#)

[early diagnosis](#)

[treatment](#)

## Programme(s)

[H2020-EU.1.3. - EXCELLENT SCIENCE - Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions](#)

MAIN PROGRAMME

[H2020-EU.1.3.1. - Fostering new skills by means of excellent initial training of researchers](#)

## Topic(s)

[MSCA-ITN-2018 - Innovative Training Networks](#)

## Call for proposal

[H2020-MSCA-ITN-2018](#) 

[See other projects for this call](#)

## Funding Scheme

[MSCA-ITN - Marie Skłodowska-Curie Innovative Training Networks \(ITN\).](#)

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