Alzheimer disease and related disorders are a major public health problem. These brain diseases have a multifactorial evolution. They affect cognitive functions such as a memory, reasoning, language and entail modification of behaviour and functioning.

Giving our current knowledge, the diagnosis is still made very late, biological treatments are imperfect and psychosocial accompaniment insufficient and often inadequate. The ongoing researches are quite numerous and aim to improve as quickly as possible these different aspects.

Alzheimer disease is already a key public health issue and will grow in the years to come. Public Health Authorities have developed a national plan for managing this pathology which has been subsequently implemented in Alpes-Maritimes through a specific initiative from the Conseil General.

In this framework, the Claude Pompidou Foundation as well as Nice University hospital, have decided to combine their efforts to create a pilot institute welcoming Alzheimer patients in one single place or within organized channels, at any stage of the disease, from early diagnosis to long term care in an institution.

Nice CHU has assigned for this project a site situated in the center of Nice. The Claude Pompidou Foundation has agreed to do an important donation allowing the project to exist. For Alzheimer disease, the Claude Pompidou Institute will provide:
▪ Memory Resource and Research Center
▪ Nursing Home of 68 beds for inpatients and 4 beds for outpatients, subsidised by social care, handled by Mutualité Française PACA.
▪ A Day care center for 19 patients, handled by the Côte d’Azur Alzheimer Association (ACA).
▪ Life areas, cultural and artistic animations for the patients of the Claude Pompidou institute.

Further more, since its creation, it is planned that the Institute would consider the development of future complementary activities, depending on the relevant authorizations, such as a MAIA (Maisons pour l’autonomie et l’intégration des patients Alzheimer) and a structure to accompany patients and provide home support.

The other very important partner is the Mutualité Française PACA who will manage the Nursing Home sector.

The Claude Pompidou Institute main goal is to be a model in care, research and teaching for any stage of Alzheimer disease.

Therefore, it is fundamental to create links:
- internally (residents) and externally (consultants, family, students and researchers).
- with other structures and establishments dedicated to care management of aging at the city, the department and the region level.

More precisely, the objectives are:
- public information and professionals’ training
- diagnosis of Alzheimer disease and related illness,
- integration to professional networks and co-operation with existing structures
- the development of clinical and fundamental research and the development of new technologies.
- implementation of teaching techniques
- care, long term care management, in particular for the most difficult situations for the patients and his close acquaintance

It is this red line that brought the reflection on how to spatially organize the Claude Pompidou institute.

The strong points of this life project are:
- An architecture adapted to the environment, open towards outside and adapted to the patients’ problems
- Organisation of animations, cultural and artistic projects in order to improve the patient and its family’s quality of life.
- Implementation of research activities to be expanded through each structure of the Institute.