

Report of Clinical Visit to the Institute Franco-Européen Multidisciplinaire d'Endométriose (20.1. - 31.1.2025)

We would like to express our sincere thanks to NFOG for funding our visit to the esteemed Endometriosis Center of Excellence in Bordeaux.

The Bordeaux center is recognized as one of the leading endometriosis centers in Europe and was named the best endometriosis clinic in France by *Le Point* in 2024. The center is directed by Professor Roman Horace, who is renowned for his extensive surgical and scientific contributions to the field of complex endometriosis. He is joined by two exceptional gynecological surgeons, Dr. Benjamin Merlot and Dr. Thomas Dennis.

The center handles over 8,000 consultations and performs approximately 1,000 endometriosis surgeries annually. In 2023, these surgeries included nearly 300 rectosigmoid procedures, over 20 diaphragmatic surgeries, more than 20 sacral root/ischiatic surgeries, and over 30 urological procedures related to endometriosis. Additionally, the clinic offers a fellowship program ranging from two weeks to one year, providing advanced training in endometriosis management.

During our clinical visit, we had the opportunity to observe and assist in 35 complex endometriosis surgeries. This invaluable experience has inspired us with numerous ideas to enhance our surgical practices back at our clinic.

Päivi Rahkola-Soisalo and Liisu Saavalainen

Endometriosis Team, Women's Hospital
Helsinki University Hospital, Finland