

Simos NADALIS



Simos (born Symeon) Nadalis was born in Athens in 1997. He grew up on Sifnos (Cyclades islands, Greece) and moved to the University in Alexandroupolis (2015-2019). He initially considered pursuing medical studies but was eventually drawn to research and the sciences. After completing one year of compulsory military service in Greece (2020), he joined the interdisciplinary Master 2 program in Molecular and Cellular Biology in Ioannina (2021). While there, he met Dimitris Liakopoulos and decided to join his lab in Montpellier as an Erasmus rotation student. He completed his Master 2 in Ioannina in 2022, returned to France with a one-year "ingenieur d'étude" contract, and was ultimately awarded a three-years Ph.D. contract from the CBS2 doctoral school to conduct his thesis in Dimitris Liakopoulos' team at CRBM (2023-2026).

Simos is passionate about learning sciences and languages. He was curious about microorganisms that live in extreme conditions and fascinated by the immune system. He was amazed when he realized that our cells contain molecular motors that function like little cars, with fuel (ATP) and roads (microtubule tracks). During his master rotation, he studied the molecular motor Kip2 both *in vitro* and *in vivo* in *S. cerevisiae*. His thesis project that starts in October 2023 focuses on the quality control of microtubule-associated proteins. Currently, his primary life goal is to become a researcher, whether in Greece or elsewhere. As a next step, he envisions bridging two of his passions by studying how immune cells use their cytoskeleton to move and combat intruders. Simos is highly enthusiastic about sharing his passion for science.