

Objectives

Provide SMEs from the partner regions with key information on the European market.

The project will provide a transnational Biomaterial activity map, as well as on-line toolkits to facilitate access to markets, regulatory and financial information.

Stimulate and facilitate transnational collaborations between all Biomaterial industry players.

The project will aim at broadening the competence networks of biomaterials SMEs linking them with technologies, facilities and know-how providers from North-West-Europe through the establishment of a Technology Marketplace, the organisation of several B-to-B events and focus groups.

Establish a long-lasting support framework in order to assist SMEs in the implementation of their transnational R&D project ideas.

"Call for vouchers" will be organized providing project managers with the assistance they need to assess the feasibility of their transnational R&D project idea at an early stage.

Project overview

Biomedical materials are materials intended to interface with biological systems. Directly linked to the extension of life expectancy and the need for a better quality of life, biomaterials are being used more and more in innovative medical applications including contact lenses, dental restoration, heart valves and prosthetic hips. Based on advanced techniques of polymer chemistry, biotechnology, cell and tissue engineering, the development and application of innovative biomaterials will require new strategies for multidisciplinary research, involving academics and industrial partners.

Biomat-IN gathers 5 European clusters willing to pool their resources in order to foster innovation in the field of biomaterials through transnational cooperation: Eurasanté and Atlanpole Biotherapies in France, Bioregio Stern in Germany, Medilink EM in the UK and LIOF in The Netherlands.

Project details

Project start	1 st March 2011
Duration	36 months
Total cost	1,240,000 €
ERDF funding	620,000 €



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Eurasanté - France

Eurasanté is an economic development agency focusing on healthcare, biotech and nutrition activities in Northern France (Lille / Nord-Pas de Calais).

Eurasanté provides specific healthcare support for companies and project initiators in financial engineering, marketing, economic and strategic intelligence, regulatory affairs, technology transfer, training and networking events, international conference and exhibition support.

Eurasanté is the project leader of the Biomat-IN project.

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Atlanpole - France

Atlanpole is the regional Technopole of the "Pays de la Loire" region (Western France).

Its core activities encompass business support and skills networking, project engineering for innovative individual or collaborative initiatives, as well as territorial and inward investment marketing.

The biocluster ATLANPOLE BIOTHERAPIES is focused on 4 main thematic areas including Cell and Gene therapy, Immunotherapy, Radiopharmaceuticals, Biomaterials and brings together SMEs, research laboratories and training centres located in the "Pays de la Loire" and neighbouring regions.

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BioRegio STERN - Germany

BioRegio STERN Management GmbH is an economic development organisation for the biotechnology sector in the STERN region.

STERN stands for Stuttgart, Tübingen, Esslingen, Reutlingen and Neckar-Alb – five dynamic biotech sites comprising two regions in south-west Germany.

BioRegio STERN Management GmbH promotes biotech and medtech businesses by providing services to the SMEs, planning of events, and acquisition of funding and supporting business developments.

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Medilink EM - United Kingdom

Medilink East Midlands is the cluster organisation for the healthcare and bioscience sector in the "East Midlands" region (Central England), encompassing medical technologies, pharmaceuticals and biotechnology.

Medilink EM provides specific support in marketing, regulatory affairs, innovation, clinical evaluation, procurement, training and networking events, as well as international conference and exhibition support.

Medilink EM is also part of MedilinkUK - a coalition of independent organisations that cover the entire UK, and has a common mission to raise the profile of the medical and healthcare sectors in the UK.

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Liof - The Netherlands

NV Industriebank LIOF is the Limburg development and investment company.

LIOF targets industry and the dynamic service sector, with special focus on Life Sciences, Chemistry & Materials, Agro/Food, and High Tech Systems.

Its four core activities are Acquisition, Participation, Development/Innovation and Business Parks, as these relate to the location/relocation of (foreign) companies, venture capital participation in Limburg companies with prospects, the development/implementation of programs and projects to sharpen the competitive edge of Limburg business and the coordination of the development of new business parks.

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