



A global **results-oriented** approach to biotech SMEs

The overarching goal of ABCEurope is **to promote and enhance partnerships** between European biotech clusters and their companies thereby contributing to the creation of more **world-class biotech clusters** in the EU.

Its specific objectives are to:

- ▶ Strengthen the partnership between EU biotech communities;
- ▶ Intensify the support for result-oriented, transnational cooperation;
- ▶ Create more effective innovation support services for biotech companies by reinforcing the linkages with research, entrepreneurship and finance;
- ▶ Extend the international dimension of biotech cluster cooperation both within Europe and across the globe.

ABCEurope will develop and test new cluster support **service packages for innovative SMEs**. These are intended to create better framework conditions and also a favourable environment for transnational cooperation, innovation, entrepreneurship and especially growth, within the biotechnology sector.

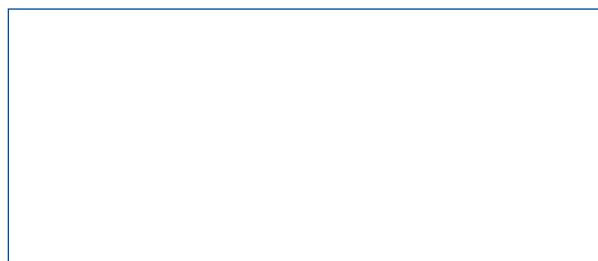
New and efficient services promoting more **world-class biotech clusters** in the EU

ABCEurope is a pan-European partnership of cluster organisations focusing on the biotechnology sector.

The partnership brings together 13 of Europe's strongest biotechnology clusters from Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Spain, Sweden and the UK.

This partnership aims to **raise both the quality and quantity of support services for biotech SMEs across Europe**.

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*PCB = El Parc Científic de Barcelona
 *MVA = Medicon Valley Alliance
 *SSCi = Stockholm Science City

Its **five main lines** of action:

- ▶ **A common framework to promote the internationalisation of biotech SMEs including:** A model for the internationalisation of the innovation voucher scheme and the setting-up of “partnerports” with supported office spaces.
- ▶ **A Pan-European portfolio of biotech SME support services with:** Accessible entrepreneurial start-up training in SME bootcamps, tech showcases to facilitate industry-academia interaction and a non-executive director database.
- ▶ **Sustainable transnational partnering and the development of a mutual cluster ambassador scheme involving:** Regular meetings and staff exchanges between cluster managers, matchmaking events for SMEs and intensifying long-term linkages via a mutual Cluster Ambassador Scheme. This scheme will follow on from the diagnosis of external barriers, the formulation of selection criteria for its Ambassadors and the identification of future partners through a call for expressions of interest.
- ▶ **Global Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) support providing:** Centralised access to patent directories, recommendations for IPR model agreements, and training on IPR and protection in international markets.
- ▶ **Europe-wide access to research infrastructures offering:** A plan for the exploitation of joint research capabilities, the facilitation of joint research projects and access to research facilities of clusters across Europe.

