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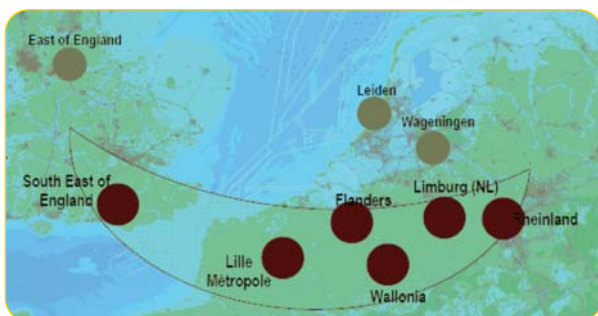


## What is BioSmile?

The overall objective of the BioSmile project is to strengthen and promote the competitiveness of North West Europe in the field of biotechnology, through transnational cooperation within and between polycentric urban areas, medium-sized cities and their regions in the BioSmile region.

- to stimulate start-ups & facilitate the growth of existing companies
- to stimulate innovation and entrepreneurship in biotechnology
- to create a transnational platform of biotech companies, branch-organisations and institutions in the BioSmile region based on existing structures
- To provide a transnational inventory of venture capital and business angel networks available to the sector

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Strengthening  
biotechnology across  
**North West Europe**



## Partnership across North West Europe

The BioSmile partnership reflects the interdependence between the regions within the "BioSmile" region and their ambition for creating a coherent and polycentric pattern of complementary regions. Belgium, the Netherlands, the UK, Germany and France are amongst the leading countries in Biotechnology in the world

### Limburg- The Netherlands

The Dutch province of Limburg is home to 60 life sciences and medical technology companies that employ approximately 2,350 people. Limburg represents one section of the triangular research region consisting of Maastricht, Aachen in Germany, and Liege in Belgium. This region, a hotbed of life sciences activities, is home to numerous public and private R&D centers, five major universities, and three academic hospitals.

### Flandres - Belgium

Flanders ranks among the top 3 for indicators such as number of biopharma publications, number of biotech patent applications, level of venture capital investment, number of biotech companies, number of protocols for clinical trials.

The region harbors over 50 dedicated biotech companies, more than 70 diversified biotech companies and more than 70 service providers. There is currently a clear emphasis on red and green biotech companies, but the white biotech is also taking off. The largest European green biotech R&D cluster is located in Flanders. Biopharma companies are however representing the largest group of companies, comprising public companies, European bridgeheads of international companies and an array of fast growing research intensive biopharma companies. Flanders is also home to subsidiaries of many pharma companies.

### Rheinland – Germany

The Rheinland has the densest and most varied university and life sciences research landscape in Europe. It offers a broad spectrum of companies as well: about three quarters of the more than 300 life science companies of Germany's most populous federal state are concentrated around the cities of Aachen, Bonn, Cologne, Düsseldorf, Jülich and Leverkusen. There is no other BioRegion in Germany that offers more jobs, turnover or win in the biotech sector than the Rheinland. Pharmaceutical Biotechnology, Therapeutics, Regenerative Medicine, Industrial Biotechnology, Diagnostics and BioInstruments are the main application areas in this region.

### Nord-Pas de Calais- France

The Nord-Pas de Calais region hosts the largest University – Hospital Campus in Europe with, 7 hospitals, 50 academic laboratories and 750 biotech and medical device companies. The Lille Northern France Bio-cluster is internationally renowned in the fields of Biotechnologies, Health and Food Safety. Lille and its region are ranked 3th in France in terms of healthcare market activity: labile blood products, nutrition and health and drug discovery & development. The area host many top companies in the drug discovery and biotech sector.

### South East England

The South East region one of the richest regions in the UK . The population is about 8 million and it has a Gross Domestic Product in excess of 250 billion Euros. The region accommodates one of the largest clusters of health technology companies in the world. The cluster of health technology companies in the South East region includes about 200 biotechnology companies centered primarily around Oxford. However there are also smaller clusters in Berkshire, Hampshire, Surrey, Sussex and Kent. Genomics, proteomics and stem cell companies are well represented in the SEEDA region.

### Wallonia - Belgium

The presence of around twenty multinationals, as well as SME specialising in sectors with a high technological value, has very much contributed to its success story. The hi-tech sectors have been able to take over where heavy industry left off and all the key branches of biotechnology are present on Walloon territory both in terms of research and industry. The large international groups in the biotechnology sector are setting up their subsidiaries here. The Walloon SME active in the fields of biotechnology are increasingly contributing to the growth of the sector. In particular, advanced research in the biogenetic and bimolecular fields, which represent 77% of the biotechnological activity in Wallonia. As for the bio-food industry, which represents 10% of the sectoral turnover, it is currently witnessing strong growth. This allows Wallonia to contribute to 70% of the turnover and 66% of the human potential of the biotechnological sector in Belgium.

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The ambition of BioSmile is to provide the cornerstones of a coherent strategic approach to innovation policy and promoting the Biotech sector, focussing on the current barriers for research and businesses. The BioSmile partners will develop an effective territorial innovation policy that will also be underpinned by experience

The BioSmile project will contribute significantly to the creation of stronger links between the Lisbon agenda and EU regional policy.

