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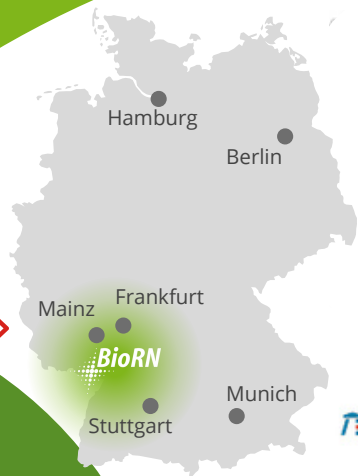
Life Science Cluster
Rhine-Neckar



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Making Life Science matter... ...and Innovation happen!



who we are

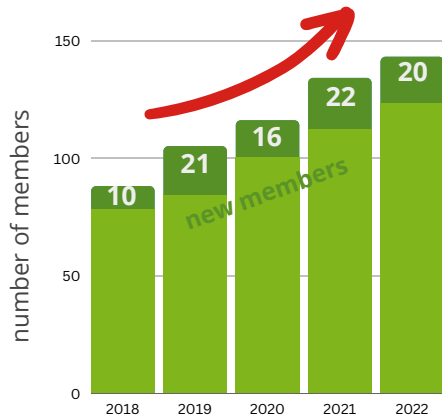
BioRN is the science and industry cluster of the Rhine-Main-Neckar region around Heidelberg, one of Germany's strongest biotech hubs. It is a non-profit network fostering health innovations and serving its members by creating a rich translational ecosystem as well as promoting, representing and connecting the regional innovation stakeholders.

BioRN counts more than *140 members*. It includes top universities, research institutions and technology parks. Ten global pharmaceutical companies have R&D sites or are active in the BioRN network. The ecosystem is completed by a large range of small and medium-sized enterprises as well as local government organizations and interest groups.

Being part of the network means investing into the development of a world-leading life science cluster, driving a rich translational ecosystem and creating innovation made in Germany.



15% annual growth



new members 2022

- ACADEMICLABS
- aws
- Arcondis
- Ardigen
- ariadne.ai
- BIOCOTYGEN
- biolabs
- deepis
- demior
- LITIGATION FUNDING
- DiVERSA
- faCellitate
- FLUIDIGM
- forever healthy foundation
- Heidelberg immunotherapeutiX
- Lonza
- PL BioScience
- RHEACELL
- Trialflow
- aluedata
- MT
- we make cancer therapeutics.

core activities

NETWORKING & STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

We bridge members regionally and towards other innovative ecosystems worldwide. Nurturing and extending connections among regional innovation stakeholders is at the core of BioRN's activities

CROSS-ORGANISATIONAL FUNCTION

By having a unique position at the interface between academia and industry, we support inter-institutional initiatives to facilitate applied biosciences in the region

PROMOTION & VISIBILITY

We stand for the promotion and visibility of the Life Science Region at international and national level

TRANSLATIONAL SUPPORT

We provide translation support, especially by leveraging the unique combination of global pharma and leading academic institutions in the region

BioRN Scout
BioRN Investment
BiointerRNational
EIT Health Catapult
EIT Health BRIDGEHEAD



BioLabs Heidelberg

BioLabs Heidelberg is a fully-equipped laboratory and office space for life-sciences companies with unparalleled access to capital and industry partners. Opened at the end of 2021, it will be expanding with 2.200 sqm of added laboratory and office space in 2023.

BioRN is founding partner. >>>

'ECEI GOLD Label' 2022-23

Awarding of both the GOLD Label of the European Cluster Excellence Initiative (ECEI) and the "Cluster-Exzellenz Baden-Württemberg" Quality Label to BioRN for its high level of professionalism and advanced cluster management.

These Labels also show the Cluster's commitment towards continuous improvement of structures and routines for the benefit of all cluster members. >>>



beLAB2122

First projects have been selected and funded within the Germany's first BRIDGE by Evotec, Bristol Myers Squibb and five leading research institutions.

Up to 30 projects are to be channelled through beLAB2122 within the next few years. Here, the region offers the ideal ground for accelerating excellent projects from Academia. >>>

highlights



Annual Conference 2022:

"Molecular Mechanisms of Ageing & Longevity" in numbers:

2 keynotes & 3 talks, 7 Young Scientists' Pitches, 10 Exhibitors, 200+ participants.

Since 2009, the conference has been a valuable source of top information, lively discussions and networking opportunities with international experts from life science. >>

Data-Exchange Think Tank

was established in 2022 based on members' input. The aim is to support research towards better patients' treatments by facilitating the exchange of patient data and samples between academia and industry on a local level.

The group is working on a position paper including guidelines to improve data exchange.



BioRN Investment Think Tank

was established in 2021 and is taking up impulses from the network and the BioRN Boards to revisit the topic of insufficient risk investment capital for life science start-ups after the seed phase.

This year the group had the occasion to discuss new investment ideas on "Plattform Life Sciences" by GoingPublic. >>



International delegations

BioRN's long-lasting alliance to Leuven has been reinforced with a delegation visit to KU Leuven with its Institute for Single Cell Omics and Cancer Institute.

A Canadian personalized medicine R&D partnering mission stopped in Heidelberg to meet local companies and visit the German Cancer Research Center (DKFZ). Delegation visits are an excellent balance of science and networking opportunities.

Inclusive and Aligned Innovation Agendas Across Europe - INNAXE

aims i) to foster the dialogue amongst innovation ecosystems, ii) to increase their efficiency and innovation capacities, and iii) to produce a long-term program to improve their impact. One key activity will be the development of assessment tools for Life Science clusters.

This is a european funded project. >>



Inclusive and Aligned Innovation Agendas Across Europe



Internationalisation

BioRN offers platforms for softlanding in new markets. This year two first pilots (to France and USA) have been run to evaluate the establishment of a new service for SME members (BiointeRNational). At the same time as a catalyser of EIT Health BRIDGEHEAD, BioRN supported 3 European scaleups to get connections in the region and understand the German healthcare system

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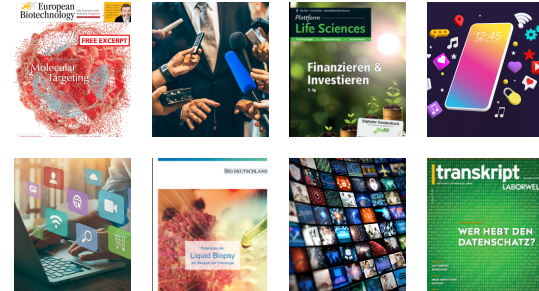


Networking in numbers

- 1 BioRN Annual Conference
- 2 Investors' days
- 8 BioRN Lounges
- 3 BioRN Espresso
- 3 BioRN Saloon (aka 'Stammtisch')
- 2 Workshops for and by members
- 2 Foreign Delegations
- 1 Dragon Boat Cup with two teams
- 1 Citizens Festival

Governmental Affairs

As representative of the regional ecosystem, BioRN ensures a constant dialogue with policy-makers at state and federation level to discuss opportunities and challenges in the industry. Among others, this year BioRN spoke at the parliamentary evening of the Metropolitan Region Rhine-Neckar and provided inputs to several members of the German Parliament, for example regarding the 'Startup Strategy'.



In the media

BioRN promoted and distributed news, activities and success stories from the region and its stakeholders in more than 10 field-specific or general magazines and through digital platforms >>. Daily insights into BioRN activities, latest research publications, addition of new members and participation to events are disseminated through social media platforms ([LinkedIn](#) & [Twitter](#)).

...they say

"BioRN has been central in establishing our first European site in Heidelberg, and I'm excited to consolidate this bond as we continue to build on the strong academic environment in Heidelberg to develop a center for innovation and entrepreneurship"



Johannes Fruehauf, M.D. Ph.D., Founder and CEO, BioLabs
about BioRN becoming BioLabs Heidelberg Founding Partner



"... I am convinced that BioRN will continue the future efforts on this promising basis for the benefit of its members and partners in a proven manner."

Dr. Nicole Hofmeister-Kraut, Minister of Economics, Labor and Tourism, Baden-Württemberg
on the occasion of the 'ECEI GOLD Label' handover

"Working with young scientists means working at the edge of innovation, being them digital natives and embedded in a diverse and open environment."



Carsten Hopf, Mannheim University of Applied Sciences & BioRN Scientific Board at BioRN Annual Conference 2022

"Collaborations are key to solving complex issues in healthcare and the exchange organized by BioRN was perfect to strengthen our network, learn about new techniques and to meet excellent scientists as well as other SMEs."



Ronny Schmidt, Sciomics GmbH
about the visit to Leuven Health Ecosystem in October 2022

we are member of



CEBR is a membership-driven network of life science clusters and regional ecosystems across Europe, representing over 40 subscription members and a large number of cluster partners across the world. >>



As the sector association of the biotechnology industry, BIO Deutschland has set itself the objective of supporting and promoting the development of an innovative economic sector based on modern biosciences. >>



The Council of BioRegions in Germany (AK-BioRegio) is the alliance of the German Biotechclusters named Bioregions. Founded in 2004, today 30 BioRegions have formed alliances through this council, to optimise and coordinate their regional activities in the interest of German biotechnology. >>



The initiative provides support for innovative services and raises the international visibility of innovation clusters in Germany. Members of the „go-cluster“ programme can obtain funding for novel solutions. >>

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