The Eurobiomed competitive cluster brings together all those involved in Life Sciences in the French regions Provence-Alpes-Côte-d’Azur and Languedoc-Roussillon. This network comprises pharmaceuticals and biotechnology companies, academic research laboratories as well as engineering schools and universities. Its objectives are to accelerate the development of cutting edge new drugs, technologies and health services.

**KEY FIGURES FOR THE SECTOR**

- **Companies**: 400 in number - France’s 3rd largest competitive cluster
- **Direct industrial jobs**: 10,000
- **Researchers**: 6,000 in the public sector, 3,000 in the private sector
- **Students**: 39,000 including 1,500 post-graduate science students, making it the 2nd largest in France, with 8 universities and 4 teaching hospitals

**THE REGION’S 7 ASSETS**

- **A centre of excellence for research**: 2nd largest health cluster in France for both basic and applied research, with 6,000 researchers in Life Sciences.
- **Many start up and large pharmaceutical companies**: ABX-Horiba, Baush&Lomb, Beckman Coulter, Bio-Rad, Cezanne, CisBio, Galderma, Genévrier, Idenix, Innate Pharma, Intrasede, Ipsen, Ipsogen, Neureva, Nicox, Pharmaxon, Proteus, Protomed, Sanofi-aventis, Skuldtech, Supersonic Imagine, TxCell, Virbac ... 
- **A dense high quality health sector**: 2nd largest region for clinical trials in France. Provence-Alpes-Côte d’Azur is the French region with largest number of medical professionals: 30,000 doctors, dentists and pharmacists and 39,000 hospital beds.
- **Recognised high quality degrees** conferred by renowned universities and engineering schools.
- **A region accredited by the French Government with quality certificates**: Cancer research clusters, high level technological platforms, Infectiopole Sud, and the Eurobiomed cluster.
- **Science and technology parks** with dedicated government agencies and facilities to support innovative companies, among which Luminy Biotech (Marseille) and Sophia Antipolis.
- **An organisation dedicated to everyone involved in the Life Sciences - the Eurobiomed health cluster**
Thanks to its long tradition in medicine and pharmacy, the Eurobiomed region has been investing for many years in Health sector companies as well as auxiliary services such as business incubators and nurseries, science parks, technological platforms, business and scientific networking events, financial schemes, technology transfer agencies...

**CURRENTLY, 5 PRIORITY THEMES HAVE EMERGED FROM THIS POLICY:**

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**SINCE 2006: MORE THAN 200 PROJECTS ASSESSED BY EUROBIOMED, 150 ACCREDITED, 50 FINANCED.**

**R&D BUDGET: € 115 MILLION INCLUDING € 50 MILLION FROM PUBLIC FUNDING**

**SOME SCIENTIFIC AWARDS IN PROVENCE-ALPES-CÔTE D’AZUR**

- DIDIER RAOULT: 2 international prizes for his research in microbiology
- YEHEZKEL BEN-ARI: grand prix from the American Epilepsy Society
- MICHEL LADZUNSKI: gold medal from the National Centre for Scientific Research in 2000, specialist in ion channels
- BERNARD MALISSEN: medical research grand prix for his work in immunology
A REGION SUITED TO YOUR NEEDS

- Several science parks: Luminy Biotech and Château-Gombert in Marseille, Euromédecine in Montpellier, Georges Besse in Nîmes, Sophia Antipolis. Business service centres and nurseries, university.
- Incubators supporting many emerging projects.

LARGE HOSPITAL NETWORK

Eurobiomed is France’s 2nd largest centre for clinical trials. The greatest density of medical professionals in France can be found here, grouped in centres of excellence:

- 3 cancer centres
- 4 teaching hospitals
- 4 centres of clinical research
- 1 interregional authority for clinical research (DIRC)

A WORLDWIDE RECOGNITION FOR THE RESEARCH IN INFECTIOUS AND TROPICAL DISEASES

- The TROPICAL MEDICINE INSTITUTE of the Military Health Service (IMTSSA), based in Marseille since 1905, with subsidiaries on every continent.
- Teams from the INSTITUTE OF RESEARCH FOR DEVELOPMENT (IRD) based in Montpellier and Marseille, associated with the IRD organisations in the Southern hemisphere.
- Teams from the French NATIONAL CENTRE FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH (CNRS), the NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH (INSERM) and the universities of Marseille, Montpellier, Nice and Nîmes.
- INFECTIOPOLE SUD, a collaborative platform created in 2007: reference centre for zoonoses and vector-borne diseases; bank of pathogenic microorganisms; monitoring the emergence of infectious diseases.
SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE EUROBIOMED HEALTH CLUSTER

- Assistance with setting up projects and follow-up
- A privileged access to sources of financing for the projects:
  - Fonds Unique Interministériel (FUI), (French government funding for industrial R&D projects)
  - Agence Nationale de la Recherche (ANR) (French National Research Agency)
  - OSEO (French Agency for Innovation)
  - Regional authorities
- Assistance with internationalising projects
- Assistance with attendance at large international events such as BIO USA, BIO Japan, Bio Bangalore...
- Facilitated access to a network of companies and academics in Life Sciences in Eurobiomed’s “territory”
- Financial advantages for member companies and especially tax breaks* (exemption from the tax on profits, business tax, land tax etc.) *under certain conditions.

EVENTS

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