

NEWSFLASH 01

FASILIS: Stimulating new business development in Human Health

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FASILIS invites innovative SMEs to participate in voucher project

On 10 March a call for vouchers in the European FASILIS project will be launched. We invite Small and Medium sized enterprises (SMEs) in Human Health (biotechnology, pharmacy and medical biology) to apply between March 10 and May 21 for vouchers that will give them access to top quality international research and development facilities. Together they can execute short innovation projects.

FASILIS (Facility Sharing in Life Sciences) is an international pilot project aiming to stimulate connections between SMEs and a European network of public and private (research) facilities in six participating regions in The Netherlands, Belgium, England, Germany and Denmark. Read more about these regions further on in this news flash.

Each participating region has 15 vouchers to distribute, except for Denmark with 7 vouchers.

SMEs have the opportunity to meet the participating regions at one of the regional matchmaking events. At these matchmaking events we will explain the possibilities and opportunities a FASILIS voucher can offer. Our British partner, SEHTA, successfully kicked off the matchmaking activities February 2nd. Curious

to learn about the possibilities for your company? Check the calendar in this news flash and meet us at one of the events.



FASILIS is part of the European INTERREG IVB-programma for North West Europe. It is funded by the European Commission, by regional governments and regional development agencies.

All information needed to apply for a voucher and information about participating facilities can be found at the FASILIS website: www.fasilis.eu.

News

SEHTA kicks off the FASILIS matchmaking events with an impressive line up

SEHTA and ICE-T recently organized a seminar on Tuesday 2nd February. FASILIS was enthusiastically represented by all participating regions and approximately 150 participants saw their presentations. Many attendances used the opportunity to speak with Ben Broers from Philips Apptech and Leo Poll Philips MiPlaza. **Given the tangible results, already a few companies have expressed strong interest in working with Philips, we think the day was very fruitful.** In case you were not able to attend the seminar, Sehta has placed the presentations online: [Accessing SEHTA's ICE-T and EU Million.](#)

Upcoming matchmaking activities

Access to state-of-the-art expertise

Learn all about the state-of-the-art expertise and knowledge available in participating regions at the FASILIS matchmaking events in February and March.

The Øresund region is the first one in line: The purpose of the event is to provide a collected message, a one-stop-shop, to Danish SMEs about many of their opportunities for funding regional and international innovation projects - projects both small and large. At the event the FASILIS project will be introduced to Danish and Swedish SMEs, as well as MVTU/FI's Knowledge Coupons, the industrial PhD programme, the pre-project funding available through EuroCenter for FP7 grants, EuroSTARS and more.

Danish and Swedish SMEs in the Øresund region will be able to meet delegates from all participating regions and will have the chance to discuss projects and innovation questions with [BioConnection](#) from the Netherlands and GIGA from Belgium. BioConnection offers innovative biopharmaceutical companies access to both small-scale clinical and large-scale commercial manufacturing including a broad range

Matchmaking calendar

www.fasilis.eu/matchmaking-events

Denmark

◆ Where are all those Danish and EU millions hiding?

Monday 22nd February, 2010, Time: 15:30 - 18:30

Belgium

◆ BioLiege matchmaking event

Tuesday 2nd March, 2010, Time: 15:00 - 19:00

The Netherlands

◆ LifetecZONE meets

South-East England & Medicon Valley

Wednesday 3rd March, 2010, Time: 15:00 - 18:00

◆ Health Valley event

Wednesday 17th March, 2010, Time: 9:00 - 17:00

Belgium, Germany and the Netherlands

◆ FASILIS will be at the BioMedica, visit us at our stand!

Date: 17th and 18th March, 2010, Time: 9:00 - 17:00

Germany

◆ STERN matchmaking event

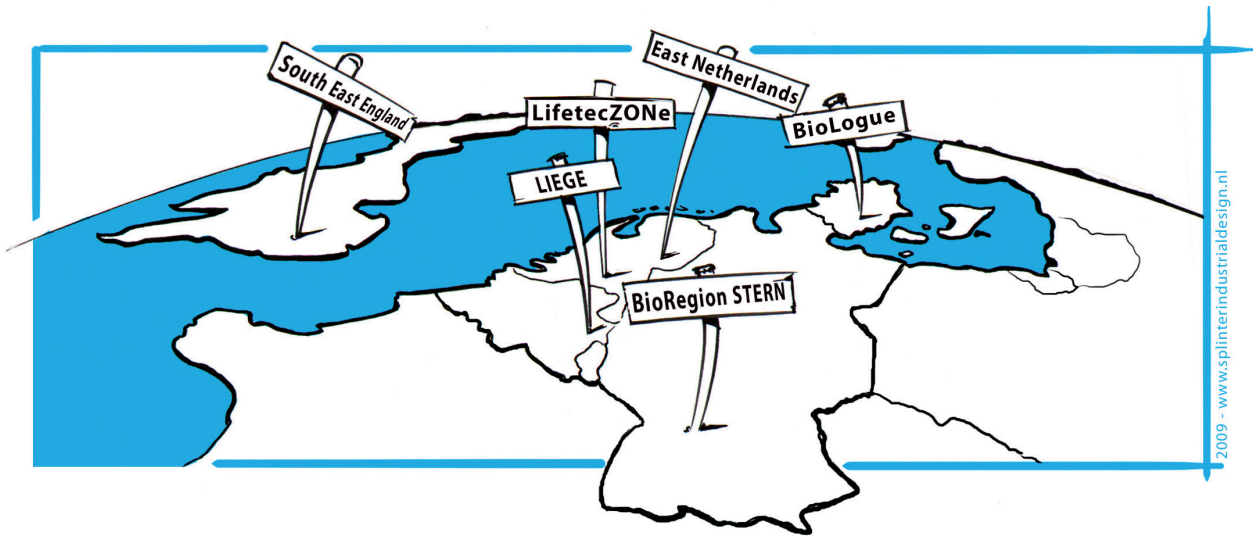
Date: Tuesday 23rd March, 2010, Time: 16:30 - 18:30

Location: TTR Reutlingen

of support services for all stages and aspects of biopharmaceutical development. ([More information about BioConnection's offer](#))

GIGA is located within the University of Liege, focusing on genoproteomics. This cluster includes an academic research center, seven technological platforms, a technology transfer office, an incubator for biotech companies and a training center.

Offering qualified staff, scientific and technological know-how and a strong spirit of innovation, the GIGA project aims to make Liege and its region a magnet for biotechnology research and development. ([More information on GIGA's offer](#))



Regions

FASILIS combines six leading Human Health clusters across North West Europe.

LifetecZONE area in the Southern Netherlands

North-Brabant is a highly innovative region in the south of the Netherlands, combining life sciences, food, logistics and high tech industries in an open innovation environment, developing and combining new knowledge and businesses. North-Brabant is home to advanced pharmaceutical, (bio-) technology, machinery and materials clusters, offering access to a network of state-of-the-art industry and science partners in the area of Human Health and Life Sciences.

Health Valley in the Eastern Netherlands

In Eastern Netherlands the combination of science and business boosts health innovation. Our universities and businesses expand and apply their knowledge continuously in the field of molecular life sciences, medical technology, nano and sensor-technology, organic chemistry, neurology and telemedicine. This is the place where health and innovation meet.

BioLiege in Belgium

Heir of a long tradition of scientific innovation, Wallonia is a leading region in biotechnologies. This world-renowned scientific network of

excellence, build up from a combination of 9 universities, 30 research centers and 6 science parks dedicated to cutting edge technologies, will meet all the needs of innovative companies.

BioRegion STERN around Stuttgart

The STERN BioRegion in South-West Germany is home to a renowned cluster of medtech and biotech companies. Roughly situated between France and Bavaria, its economy surprises with approximately 100 biotech and 120 medtech businesses, many also operative in associated sectors. The outstanding features of this region have always been engineering sciences and related know-how. These qualities together with an abundance of ground-breaking thinkers and highly inventive talents have promoted unique biotech/medtech synergies which now rank within the top ten in Germany. In addition, the Federal Government has recently awarded a prize to the STERN BioRegion as *Health region of the Future* focussing on Regenerative Medicine.

South East England

The South East Healthcare Technology Alliance (SEHTA) represents the interests of healthcare technology businesses and partners in the South East of England region which has the highest concentration of health technologies companies in

the UK (more than 600 businesses). As well as being home to world renowned universities, medical schools and institutes undertaking pioneering health research, 30% of the UK's life sciences research and development activity is also carried out in the South East and 9 in 10 of the world's leading life sciences companies and the top 12 global pharmaceutical companies have operations in the region.

science parks, including specialties such as: bioimaging & biomarker verification, bioinformatics, biobanks, drug discovery & development, clinical research, and animal models.



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Øresund Region in Denmark and South Sweden
 The Øresund Region centered around Copenhagen in Denmark and Lund in Sweden is often regarded as the cradle of biotech thanks to the groundbreaking research that took place at Carlsberg Breweries in Copenhagen in the late 1800's. Since then, the almost century-long presence of a number of research-intensive and fully integrated pharmaceutical companies has contributed significantly to developing the biotech industry in the region by strengthening abilities within applied research, attracting suppliers and producing spin-offs. Finally, the region's universities have a strong heritage in biological and medical research which has resulted in several Nobel Prize winners. Facilitating this research-intensive collection of companies and academic R&D groups is a broad infrastructure base of equipment, experts, and

Regional contact points

Each region has a FASILIS contact point. Please contact the one nearby you.

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