



BIOTECHNOLOGY AND MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIES AT THE HEART OF THE ALPS

THE TRANSALPINE BIOCLUSTER: JOINING SCIENTIFIC RESOURCES AND INDUSTRIAL EXPERTISE

A geographic forum

Three organisations active in the life sciences' sector:

- § The Adebag : the Association for the Development of Biotechnologies in the Grenoble Conurbation
- § The BioIndustry del Canavese
- § BioAlps - Lake Geneva BioCluster

signed in January 2006 an cooperative agreement in order to promote a unique geographical area, which contains three regions - Western Switzerland, Grenoble/Rhône-Alpes for France and Turin/Piedmont for Italy - all unique for the sectors of biotechnology and medical technologies. The three founding members are also open to the idea of other European partnerships, extending the reach of the BioCluster.

With the goals of:

- § Federating the scientific resources and industrial expertise of the members, while boosting synergies and partnerships between them ;
- § Contributing to the mobility of researchers and students between these three regions ;
- § Supporting the European development of companies ;
- § Exchanging best practice as regards the management of projects in innovation, the financing of company beginnings, the support of growth and the evolution of young companies

A European vocation

By bringing together the wealth of their expertise, the three organisations that make up the TransAlpine BioCluster hope to create a cross-border Alpine zone of European if not international scope. This will in turn help all the industry participants – companies as well as researchers – to join a strong European network particularly involved in the development and valorisation of innovation outside of its own territorial zone.

The European BioAlpine Convention: the BioCluster's first major initiative

Since its creation, the TransAlpine BioCluster is launching into a huge project of European scope by organising the first edition of the European BioAlpine Convention, the 6th of October 2006, in Grenoble.

The aim is to create an opportunity, on a European scale, for the Industrial and Academic sectors to meet to discuss a common theme, in order to:

- Encourage the exchange of academic and industry experiences;
- Allow the emergence of innovative new projects;
- Stimulate partnerships between researchers, SMEs and industrial groups

The three partners feel that this will contribute to the progression of medical applications.

Working for companies and project leaders

The BioCluster works with all the local, national and international figures present in the sector of bio and medical technologies: project leaders, small or large companies, financiers, representatives of institutions ...

Its ambition is to:

- § facilitate the contacts and the networking of key participants in the sector
- § play a role of advisor for development projects
- § provide European and International visibility to the whole of the community through communal participation in sectorial events (scientific congresses, trade fairs ...)
- § initiate major events, the first of which will be the organisation of the European BioAlpine Convention the 6th of October 2006 in Grenoble.

Rich with extensive local resources

The complementarities of the scientific and industrial know-how in the three regions which make up the BioCluster is one of its greatest strengths, having already allowed the semi-organic development of collaborative links between the different organisations involved.



û The Adebag (Grenoble – France)

The Association for the Development of Biotechnologies in the Grenoble Conurbation brings together and federates universities and research centres, institutions and financiers in order to facilitate the development and promotion of biotechnologies, bio-Industry and health technologies in Grenoble.

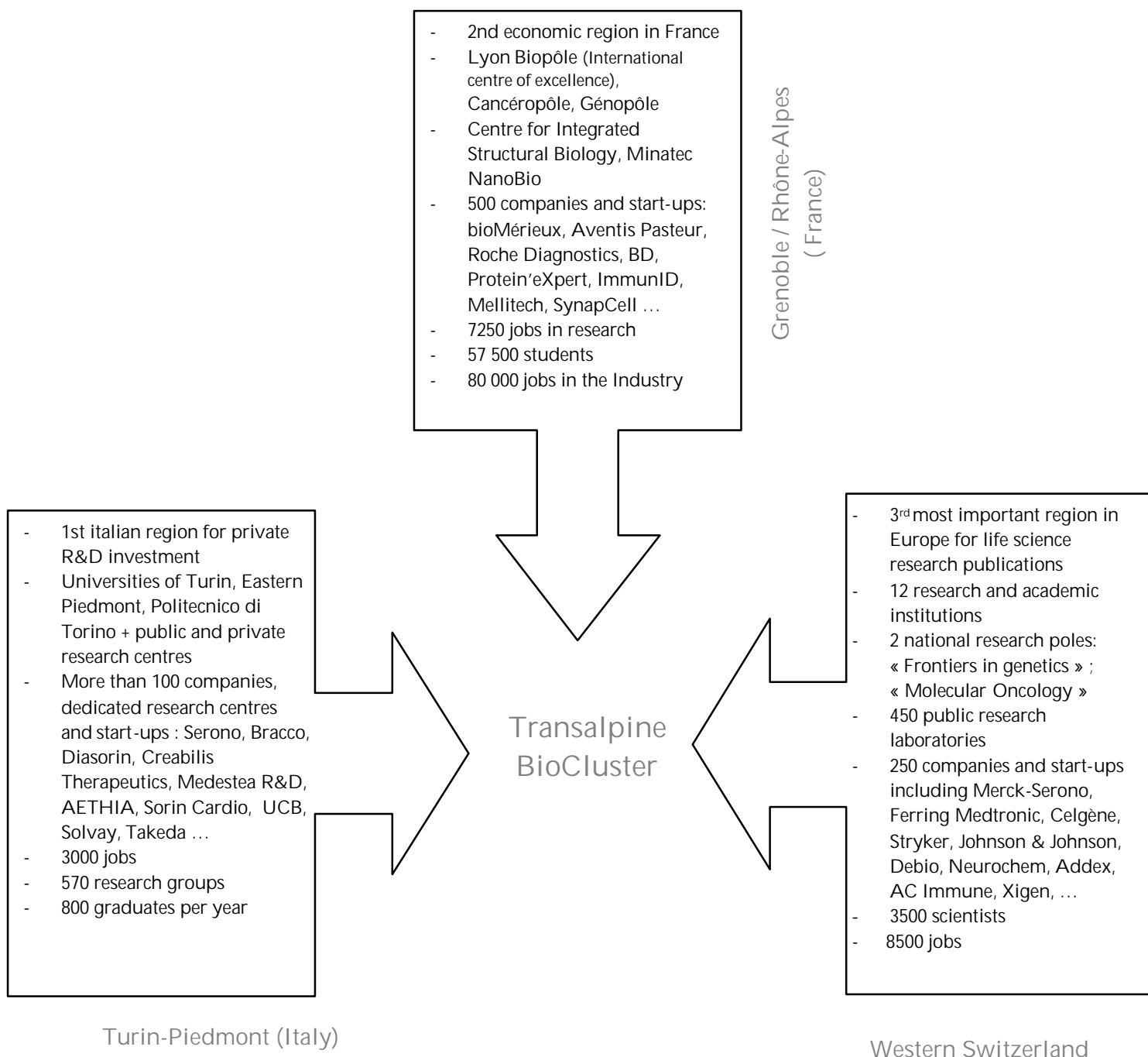
û BioIndustry Park del Canavese (Turin – Piedmont - Italy)

Located at Canavese, close to Turin, the Bioindustry Park is a scientific park which has the aim of promoting and developing Research and Development activities and hosting companies working in the life sciences sector. The park is equipped with high-tech platforms (Advanced Methodologies Laboratory) as well as a Bio-Incubator (Discovery) and a venture capital company - Eporgen.

û BioAlps - Lake Geneva BioCluster (Western Switzerland)

A not-for-profit association bringing together participants from the economic and academic sectors of French-speaking Switzerland, BioAlps has as its principal objective the promotion of French and Italian-speaking Switzerland as a European centre for life sciences, training and research institutions as well as the companies in the sector.

A strong economic environment



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