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## KICKSTARTING THE INNOVATION VALUE CHAIN TOWARDS A HIGH-TECH LEADING EUROPEAN ECOSYSTEM

THE BRUSSELS SOUTH CHARLEROI BIOPARK



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## **BIOPARK CHARLEROI**





















## A DYNAMIC ECOSYSTEM | About us











### A DYNAMIC ECOSYSTEM | Life Sciences in Belgium







#### LIFE SCIENCES ECOSYSTE

#### Life Sciences employment is growing on average ~4% per year since 2005 in Wallonia...

Number of employees amongst industrial Walloon members of BioWin

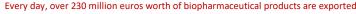


#### **Top 3 Biopharma Export**











## A DYNAMIC ECOSYSTEM | The story of the BioPark Charleroi



























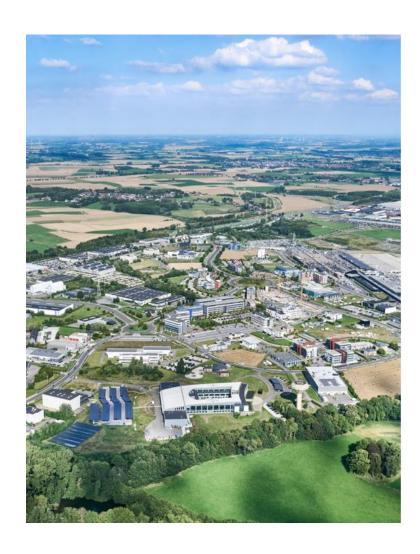








## A DYNAMIC ECOSYSTEM | The BioPark Charleroi today



- > Success story of the reindustrialization strategy of Charleroi
- > A leading Bio-hub part of the Belgian strong Life Sciences ecosystem
- > Associating two universities, companies and start-ups from Europe, Asia and USA
- > Strongly supported by the Government and **Public** & **Private Partners**











**3700+**People

**45**Nationalities

50Km<sup>2</sup>
Infrastructures

**€2 B+** Fund raising

108

Life Sciences companies







### A DYNAMIC ECOSYSTEM | Our companies











































































































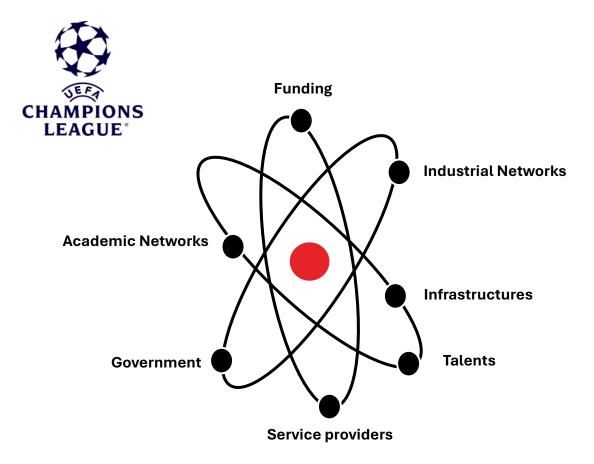








### A DYNAMIC ECOSYSTEM | Connecting the dots



#### A network of networks

By joining **BioPark Charleroi**, you become part of a dynamic and robust ecosystem that **connects**, **supports**, and **amplifies** your actions.

- > Favorable environment for attracting top talents
- > Services & initiatives to support your growth
- > The opportunity to play an **active role** in the ecosystem
- Access to premium R&D and hosting infrastructures



## **CONNECT TO GROWTH** | With academic partners

#### Research Platforms and our Hospitals 'network

- > Exclusive partnerships with **Universities**
- Collaborative R&D opportunities
- Access to research talent and facilities

#### **Dedicated events**





#### **Research Platforms & Universities**









#### **Direct contact with key stakeholders**







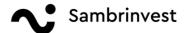








## **CONNECT TO GROWTH** | With funding partners













We connect companies with **strategic funding partners**, facilitating **access to capital and grants.** 

We leverage a **strong network** of **investors**, **financial institutions**, and **venture capital** firms to align businesses with the right funding opportunities.









### **CONNECT TO GROWTH** | With education & training partners

















biotech campus .eu

**Ursula von der Leyen**President of the European Commission

"You are also building a new **Biotech Campus in Charleroi** to offer vocational training in a cutting-edge sector. That is exactly what we need. Highly skilled workers are the key to our global competitiveness."









## **CONNECT TO GROWTH** | Opportunities to connect

In 2024, we hosted more than **60 activities**, helping **1.116 participants** from **306 companies** to expand their networks and access new opportunities

#### Wide range of event types

- > Thematic conferences
- Networking events (ApéroPark, Christmas Party)
- > CEOs events
- > International congresses
- > Job Day and Student Day
- > International delegations

#### Our goal for 2025

- > Create even more opportunities to meet and connect with the ecosystem
- > Add value so that you can keep up with industry developments
- > Inform you on the evolution of the community





## **INFRASTRUCTURES** | Access state of the art facilities

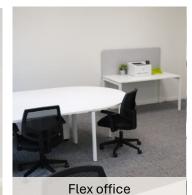
With 4 Incubators, the BioPark currently offers nearly **15,000 m<sup>2</sup> of various spaces**:

- > offices,
- laboratories,
- flex Laboratories (Lab-Hotel),
- flex offices and meeting rooms.

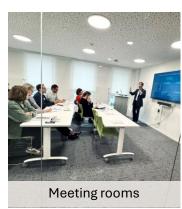
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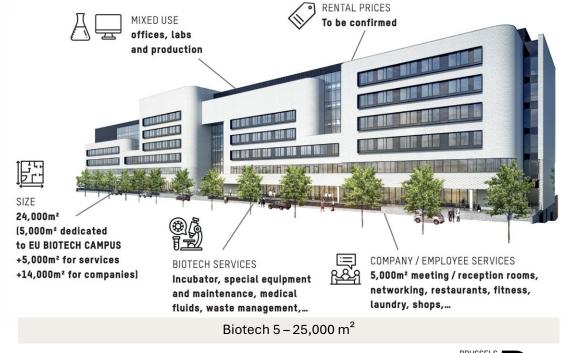
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The real estate offering is constantly evolving, with more than 25,000 m<sup>2</sup> under construction.

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#### And the possibility to **triple the size** of the BioPark







## THE AMBITION | be 10 000!







- > European Union's determination to strengthen its strategic autonomy
- > Belgium is recognized as a biotechnology center
- > Wallonia has a long term strategy
- > BioPark is a success story







## THE RECIPE | A Global Strategy and the alignment of the Stakeholders











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#### > The BioPark Team

– at your service to facilitate your interactions



#### > The extended team

