

Gateway to life science capacities

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Gateway for life science professionals in Europe

The European gateway www.toolsofscience.eu is a rapidly expanding platform to identify the right partners for scientific facilities, services and skills. Over 13 bioregions across Europe have added information on the pre-qualified, highly internationalised facilities and service companies from their region in a searchable database. European, national and regional financing opportunities to support R&D projects in life science companies are also featured, as well as facilities management and access guidelines plus useful links to collaboration tools.

"Reaching milestones in the development of young technologies strongly depends on finding the right service provider who meets the highly specialised requirements of biotech SMEs" says Horst Domdey, CEO of Bio^M Biotech Cluster Development in Munich.



How to use the gateway

Today, the online tool has over 200 entries and is continuously expanding. It has resources for facilities managers to support their work and for SMEs to find the right facility or service.

Navigate the database in the following ways:

- search for keywords (e g cell analysis)
- browse financing categories (e g region, development phase)
- download guidelines for facility sharing
- download templates for project management and partner match-making
- read news, interviews, and find information about events

"In the evaluation of new ideas it is very useful for us to find unique technologies from European bioregions that are not accessible in the Stockholm-Uppsala region and an excellent source for future collaborations" says Björn Kull, assay development and screening manager at Actar AB.

Bringing clusters together

Tools of Science Europe was launched in autumn 2011 through the EUfunded project ABC Europe. ABC Europe (2009-2012) brings together 13 experienced life science hot spots with the support of CEBR, the Council of European Bioregions. The overall aim of the ABC Europe project is to improve and defragment support for life science SMEs, bringing together clusters across Europe more formally for long term partnerships, as Tools of Science demonstrates.



