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Bio^M Biotech Cluster Development GmbH

With more than 210 companies active in the area of biotechnology, and nearly 150 additional companies from the pharmaceutical sector, as well as clinical research and development, Bavaria takes a leading position in medical and biopharmaceutical biotechnology in Germany.

The Biotechnology Cluster bundles the strengths of the locations Munich/Martinsried, Regensburg, and Northern Bavaria (Würzburg, Erlangen, Bayreuth), and actively integrates institutes from other Bavarian regions in the Bavaria-wide network.

The focus of the cluster's work is the identification and incubation of research projects that can be commercialized. Active technology and product scouting is conducted by local partners at academic institutions. BioM offers advice and a comprehensive support program for company founders. A special Bavaria-wide funding program can be offered for project validation of promising ideas.

Over the past 20 years a knowledge-based, highly innovative industry has developed. Its international importance is expressed through a global network of cooperation partners. In the extremely protracted, high-risk, and expensive product development cycles for new medications, Bavaria has been able to establish itself as a location for early identification and validation of suitable drug candidates. In addition to a number of successful SMEs with specific products or technology offerings, one of Europe's largest research and production facilities for biopharmaceuticals (Roche Diagnostics) is located south of Munich in Penzberg. The complete value chain, from research to pre-clinical and clinical development, and extending to production, is a particular characteristic of this industry, which is firmly rooted in Bavaria. In addition, pharmaceutical biotechnology is linked with industrial biotechnology in many ways, for example, through continuously updated production procedures and close cooperation with technical universities.

A second essential topic of the network is the international presentation of technologies and know-how of Bavarian companies and scientific institutions at various fairs in other European countries, the U.S., Asia, Australia and others.

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