

“The Estonian Biotech Strategy in the framework of ScanBalt BioRegion” Tartu, Estonia

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Background

The Bridge-BSR Round Table is a dialogue between regional decision and opinion makers and the ScanBalt BioRegion Community in order to implement recommendations from the Bridge-BSR Innovation Agenda. This type of dialogue is especially actual as on 29 December, 2009 the Estonian government approved the Estonian Biotechnology Programme. The Programme foresees the total volume of the funding allocated to the biotechnology to be increased 4 times, which means quite alone more than 120 million euros from EU structural funds for 2007-2013. The key challenge as formulated in the strategy document is to increase significantly the economic impact of Estonian biotechnology sector in terms of sales revenue, added value, export and R&D investments. Additional dimension to the ScanBalt and regional dialogue is added by recently launched EU Baltic Sea Flagship project “Baltic Sea Health Region”.

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