



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

27-28 January 2010

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 topical 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 by 4 times, which means quite a bit more than the EUR 120 million from EU structural funds for 2007-2013. The key challenge as formulated in the strategy document is to increase significantly the economic impact of the Estonian biotechnology sector in terms of sales revenue, added value, export and R&D investments. An additional dimension to the ScanBalt and regional dialogue is added by the recently launched EU Baltic Sea Flagship project “Baltic Sea Health Region”.

Speakers and Guests

- Estonian Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
- Estonian Ministry of Education and Science
- Olavi Otepalu, Estonian Biotechnology Programme
- Erki Mölder, EBIO
- Jaanus Pikani, EBIO/ScanBalt
- Andrus Tasa, Tartu Biotechnology Park
- Imre Mürk, Estonian Development Fund
- Ain Aaviksoo, PRAXIS Center for Policy Studies
- Wolfgang Blank, BioCon Valley/ScanBalt
- Tuula Palmén, Bioforum Oulu
- Madis Tiik, Estonian E-Health Foundation
- Leena Silvennoinen, Culminatum
- Finn Valentin, Copenhagen Business School (CBS)
- Anne Noop, Estonian Biotech Association
- Liane Lewerentz, BioCon Valley

Press Release:

By Peter Frank, Project Coordinator, General Secretary of ScanBalt

Programme

January 27

14.00-17.30	<p>Visiting Programme The transfer of guests to visits is organized (pick up at hotels 13.30-13.45)</p> <p>14.00 Visit to Estonian Genome Center, University of Tartu, Tiigi 61b, Tartu, www.geenivaramu.ee</p> <p>15.00 Visit to Asper Biotech AS Guide – Koit Kikas, CEO, Vaksali 17A, Tartu, www.asperbio.com</p> <p>16.00 Visit to Icosagen Group, Guide Prof Mart Ustav, CEO Nooruse 9, Tartu www.icosagen.com</p> <p>17.30 Visit to Quattromed HTI Laborid OÜ, Guide Kai Jõers, Nooruse 9, Tartu, www.quattromed.ee</p>
20.00 - 22.00	<p>Get-together dinner</p> <p>Place: At the Atlantis Restaurant in the Atlantis Conference Centre, Address: Narva mnt.2, 51009 Tartu Estonia, http://www.atlantis.ee/</p> <p><i>In order to register for the Dinner, please complete the registration form anne.noop@biotech.ee; Fax: +372 737 7077</i></p>

January 28

08.00	Registration at Atlantis Conference Centre
08.30	<p>Opening of the work shop <i>Chair: Jaanus Pikani</i></p> <p>Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications Ministry of Education and Science Wolfgang Blank, BioCon Valley, Greifswald/Germany</p>
08.45.-09.45	<p>Part I- Biotech in Estonia <i>Chair: Andrus Tasa</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Presentation of Estonian Biotechnology Strategy 2010-2013 including main trends and current situation about Estonian biotechnology sector, <i>Olavi Otepalu, (Estonian Biotechnology Programme manager) Enterprise Estonia, Tallinn, Estonia</i> 2. The challenges for the Estonian Biotechnology Strategy, <i>Erki Mölder, EBio Chairman, Tartu, Estonia</i>
09.45 – 10.00	Coffee break
10.00 – 11.30	Part II - The Bridge BSR Strategy on "Smart Growth" and the Baltic Sea Health Region Flagship Program

	<p><i>Chair: Peter Frank</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Presentation of Smart Growth recommendations for ScanBalt BioRegion, <i>Jaanus Pikani, Estonian Biotech Association, Tartu/Estonia</i> 2. The EASY cross-border Fund – a Model for cross-border financing in the Baltic Sea Region, <i>Tuula Palmén, Bioforum Oulu/Finland</i> 3. Presentation of the Health Region Flagship project, <i>Wolfgang Blank, BioCon Valley, Greifswald/Germany</i>
11.30 - 12.00	Lunch at the Atlantis Restaurant in the Atlantis Conference Centre
12.00–13.15	<p>Part II - The Bridge BSR Strategy on “Smart Growth”and the Baltic Sea Health Region Flagship Program</p> <p><i>Chair: Jaanus Pikani</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Health Economy in Estonia, <i>Imre Mürk, Estonian Development Fund, Tallinn, Estonia</i> <i>Ain Aaviksoo, PRAXIS Center for Policy Studies, Tallinn, Estonia</i> 5. eHealth – a focus area for the Baltic Sea Region, <i>Madis Tiik, Estonian eHealth Foundation, Tartu/Estonia</i> 6. Ageing – a Topic of Common interest for the Baltic Sea Region, <i>Leena Silvennoinen, Culminatum, Espoo/Finland -TBC</i> <p>Open discussion</p> <p><i>Chair: Jaanus Pikani and Wolfgang Blank</i></p>
13.15 - 13.30	Coffee break
13.30 – 14.30	<p>Part III - Business and entrepreneurial education in biotech</p> <p><i>Chair: Olavi Otepalu</i></p> <p><i>Finn Valentin, Copenhageni Business School (CBS), Denmark</i></p> <p>The aim: To discuss the needs and potential cooperation in ScanBalt and between Denmark and Estonia in particular, in managerial and entrepreneurial training for business managers and master students. It will be important to have lively discussion with relevant business managers and master program people from universities.</p> <p>Open discussion</p>
15.00 - 15.15	Closing <i>Jaanus Pikani and Wolfgang Blank</i>
15.00-	Visiting Programme

17.30	<p>The transfer for guests to visits is organized (pick up at Atlantis 15.10)</p> <p>15.10 Visit to Estonian Genome Center, University of Tartu Guide – Annely Allik, Tiigi 61b, Tartu www.geenivaramu.ee</p> <p>16.00 Visit to Asper Biotech AS Guide – Koit Kikas, CEO, Vaksali 17A, Tartu, www.asperbio.com</p> <p>16.45 Visit to Icosagen Group, Guide Prof Mart Ustav, CEO Nooruse 9, Tartu www.icosagen.com</p> <p>17.30 Visit to Quattromed HTI Laborid OÜ, Guide Kai Jõers, Nooruse 9, Tartu, www.quattromed.ee</p>
17.30 –	Closure
18.00	Transfer to Airport