

GEN.ERA PROJECT



Associated partnership agreement

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Article I. GEN.ERA associated partnership agreement

GEN.ERA associated partnership agreement is a convention between GEN.ERA Partnership members and other supporting organisations. Members are defined on two levels: partners and other associated organisations.

Article II. GEN.ERA - European Strategic Cluster Partnership (ESCP)

GEN.ERA is a voluntary, open alliance of complementary clusters and supporting organisations (meta cluster) interested in inter-cluster, cross border and cross sectoral collaboration for internationalization, growth and global competitiveness of European SME's in genomic.

The GEN.ERA alliance has been initiated within the "Digital Genomic Alliance to explore new markets for internationalisation", EU COSME supported project, Grant Agreement 951197 (short "GEN.ERA project").

Article III. GEN.ERA vision and mission

GEN.ERA vision is to intensify interregional and inter-clustering activities, support SME's internationalisation and enhance cross-sectorial cooperation over the whole value chains, thereby positioning European cluster organisations and equivalent network organisations and their members in the genomic sector and related industries as globally competitive actors in innovation, deployment and marketing European and global markets.

Thereby also to contribute to the European Commission's objectives to boost growth, jobs and investments in Europe. The GEN.ERA final goal is to develop and implement a joint internationalisation strategy.

Article IV. GEN.ERA associated partnership status

GEN.ERA is an open initiative, subject to certain rules and criteria, to the involvement of clusters (GEN.ERA partners), but also to other organisations which can apply for a status of GEN.ERA's associated partner.

GEN.ERA's **associated partners** are organisations and individuals such as clusters, technology transfer centres, training centres, universities and associated laboratories, institutional/public organisations, policy makers, experts... support the mission and objectives of the GEN.ERA partnership. Associated partners have no contractual obligation, do not receive any funding, nor they are required to pay any fees.

Organisations can apply for *GEN.ERA* associated partnership status *by signing the Statement of Interest (Annex 1)* in order to show they are familiar with aims and organisation of GEN.ERA and to demonstrate their interest to support the GEN.ERA with expertise, in terms of policies support, consultancy and other services, and/or to collaborate within GEN.ERA's activities and projects.

Article V. Eligibility

GEN.ERA has developed simple eligibility criteria for organisations to enroll in the associated partner network. For the criteria to be met, the potential associated partner should:

1. Be active in genomic related sectors;
2. Have access to SMEs in the above-mentioned sectors.

Article VI. Role

Associated Partners gain formal recognition as a partner of the network and as such are included in internal communication receiving information about new activities and developments. As a result, associated partners can identify opportunities for collaboration, gain knowledge and participate in GEN.ERA activities and events.

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Annex 1: GEN.ERA's associated partner statement of interest

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I undersigned Diana Bracco as President of the National Life Science Cluster ALISEI, Milan, via Pantano 9 – 20122 – Italy - website: www.clusteralisei.it,

confirm that we are acquainted with the aims and organisation of the GEN.ERA Partnership as European Strategic Cluster Partnership for internationalization (ESCP-4i) and demonstrate our strong interest to support the GEN.ERA as described below.

Short description of the organization:

ALISEI (Advanced Life Science in Italy) is a Technological Cluster set up to encourage interaction between multidisciplinary research, pharmaceutical and biomedical industries, and public sector health bodies to boost research and innovation in Italy.

The Cluster is a major player, at national level, created with the aim to boosting research and develop innovation, and technological transfer in the life science sector. The Cluster acts as a facilitator and accelerator in the process of transferring knowledge and technologies from multidisciplinary research to the pharmaceutical and biomedical industry and to help attract public and/or private funds to develop innovative projects.

Activities in the field of genomics and biotech are one of our strategic line of development.

Terms of support:

Within the GEN.ERA project, ALISEI will have the role of associate partner. ALISEI will disseminate the program to its partners and actively participate to promote international network around GEN.ERA. ALISEI will support the project in the identification of members that could be interested in the involvement in the project through the sharing of materials, surveys and events proposed by the project partners.

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