











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 boarder 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. <u>Associated partners have no contractual obligation</u>, 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:

- 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 Mariano Giustino as CEO of the CEINGE Biotecnologie Avanzate SCarl

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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 organisation:

CEINGE Advanced Biotechnology is a Research body operating in the field of molecular biology and advanced biotechnology applied to Human Health. In addition to carrying out scientific research, CEINGE offers high-tech services to support also the Research Institutions, as well as Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises in the areas of competence, providing genomic and post-genomic technology platforms of the latest generation, as well as in the Omic Sciences more generally, thanks to the core of research instruments biotechnology, which has no equal in Southern Italy.

The Consortium Company a r.l. was established in 1984 on the initiative of the University of Naples "Federico II". The Research Center, created in accordance with the Laws on Intervention Extraordinary in the South, at first through a concession procedure, it is been completed, following the dissolution of the Intervention Bodies Extraordinary, thanks to an agreement, signed on 3 October 2000, between the Ministry University and Scientific and Technological Research (today MIUR) and the company CEINGE Advanced Biotechnology S.C. to r. I... Currently the non-profit CEINGE body is attended by all public members: "Federico II" University Hospital and Federico II University " of Naples.

With regard to high-tech services supporting scientific research, CEINGE has invested in infrastructural, technological and scientific and technological expertise, equipping itself with genomic and post-genomic technology research platforms biotechnology that has no regional correspondence and that presents itself as one of the most also articulated at national level.

Terms of our support:

CEINGE will be able to provide its support within GEN.ERA activities and projects by providing consultancy and other services in the field of Genomics and biotechnologies applied to human health

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