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## EIT Health welcomes biosaxony e.V. and BioRN as New German Partners

EIT Health Germany-Switzerland CLC GmbH proudly announces the addition of two distinguished German organizations, biosaxony e.V. and BioRN, as Associate Partners, expanding the network's reach and collaborative potential in the healthcare sector. The inclusion of biosaxony e.V. and BioRN in EIT Health's community of innovators underscores a commitment to fostering cross-disciplinary collaborations and leveraging the diverse expertise of its members.

biosaxony e.V. represents 150 companies, research institutions, start-ups and stakeholders from the fields of biotechnology, medical technology and health economy in the region of Saxony and beyond. The association is known for promoting sustainable technology transfer and supporting cutting-edge technologies.

"The EIT Health Membership grants our biosaxony members a better access to European funding opportunities and networks. We want to anchor the EIT Health expertise in our ecosystem to open up growth opportunities through inbound investments and settlement options for our stakeholders. We particularly like to thank the City of Leipzig for its support in this development," said André Hofmann, Deputy Chairman of the Executive Board of biosaxony e.V.

BioRN is the science and innovation cluster of the Rhine-Main-Neckar region, centered around Heidelberg. As a non-profit network, BioRN comprises over 140 members, including top universities, research institutions, global pharmaceutical companies, and life science start-ups. Rejoining EIT Health as an Associate Partner, BioRN aims to play an active role in EIT Health's Catapult program, showcasing life sciences and health tech startups to experts and investors across Europe.

Dr. Julia Schaft, Managing Director of BioRN, stated, "As one of the most agile and fastest-growing life science clusters in Europe, we are delighted to be part of this vibrant community of world-leading health innovators."

Dr. Kurt Höller, Managing Director of EIT Health Germany-Switzerland CLC GmbH, emphasized the impact of cluster organizations on regional innovation: "Cluster organizations are the perfect glue between academia, corporations, startups, investors, and decision makers in politics. We are thrilled that two leading cluster organizations, BioRN and biosaxony e. V., have joined as Associate Partners. The partnership signifies a collaborative effort to advance innovation in healthcare, bringing together diverse perspectives and strengthening EIT Health's position as a hub for health innovation in Europe."







## **About EIT Health**

EIT Health is a network of best-in-class health innovators with approximately 130 partners and is supported by the <u>European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT)</u>, a body of the European Union. We collaborate across borders to deliver new solutions enabling European citizens to live longer, healthier lives.

As Europeans tackle the challenge of increasing chronic diseases and multi-morbidity and seek to realise the opportunities that technology offers to move beyond conventional approaches to treatment, prevention and healthy lifestyles, we need thought leaders, innovators and efficient ways to bring innovative healthcare solutions to market.

EIT Health addresses these needs. We connect all relevant healthcare players across European borders — making sure to include all sides of the "knowledge triangle" so that innovation can happen at the intersection of research, education and business for the benefit of citizens.

Headquartered in Munich, Germany, EIT Health has a pan-EU representation via seven Co-Location Centres in Austria, Belgium-Netherlands, France, Germany-Switzerland, Scandinavia, Spain, Ireland-UK, and InnoStars (Croatia, Czechia, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia) which operate as strong clusters of relevant actors collaborating as a thriving ecosystem. The German Co-Location Centre is represented by EIT Health Germany-Switzerland CLC GmbH, also located in Munich.

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