



EU 2020 AND BEYOND
THE ROLE OF BIOTECHNOLOGY
IN EUROPE'S RESPONSIBLE INNOVATION

EUROPA BIO™

SME Platform

Small and Medium Enterprises

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EuropaBio's SME Platform



- Was set up to ensure that Europe's biotech SMEs not only weather the economic storm, but also remain sustainable in the long term
- Brings together stakeholders with an interest in SME issues
- Provides policy makers with recommendations on how to best tackle a range of issues of particular importance to SMEs

In numbers



- Globally, **SMEs** account for between **40% and 50% of GDP.**
- In the EU, **SMEs** comprise approximately **99% of all firms** and employ about 90 million people.
- Europe is home to some **1800 biotech SMEs.**
- **Most European biotech companies are micro or small, research-intensive firms.**

Biotech SMEs..

- Are behind some of the most **valuable innovation**.
- Provide the **knowledge-intensive jobs** that will help the EU achieve its goal of becoming the foremost knowledge-based economy in the world.
- **Contribute across sectors** to solutions for improved health, cleaner energy, products and processes and sustainable farming for Europe's citizens.



Biotech SMEs..

- Often **form symbiotic relationships** with larger companies to develop solutions for longer, healthier and greener lives.
- As such, **biotechnology SMEs are a key component** in research, development and innovation activities which generate **novel products and production processes** in many industrial sectors.

Healthcare as an example

- Larger biopharmaceutical companies are increasingly relying on external R&D, **mostly performed by emerging SMEs.**
- These externally-initiated programmes **now represent as much as 30% to 50% of the pipeline** for many major companies.



In short

Biotech SMEs are a vital component for the **Smart, Sustainable and Inclusive Economic Growth of Europe**

...and we have amazing talent out there!

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