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Life Science Cluster

**annual report
2024**



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introduction



Dear members, dear life science enthusiasts

2024 was a successful year for bioRN. With an increase of 30 new members, we are once again demonstrating the appeal of the bioRN Life Science Cluster.

Just like our region, the bioRN member network reflects excellence in science as well as high density of the life science industry. With 165 academic and global industry players joining bioRN we are stronger than ever.

Another success that will race into the region is the EU project PRECISEU. BioRN together with BIOPRO is chosen to be the German partner regions within 25 in Europe. This project will further expand the region's leading position in personalised medicine. With an outstanding bioRN Life Science Week and a new attendance record, we have once again proven: the region is developing into one of the top life science hubs in Europe!

With a brand new corporate design we continue to advance the **bioRN mission to develop the region into a world-leading life science cluster attracting international investments and top global talent!**

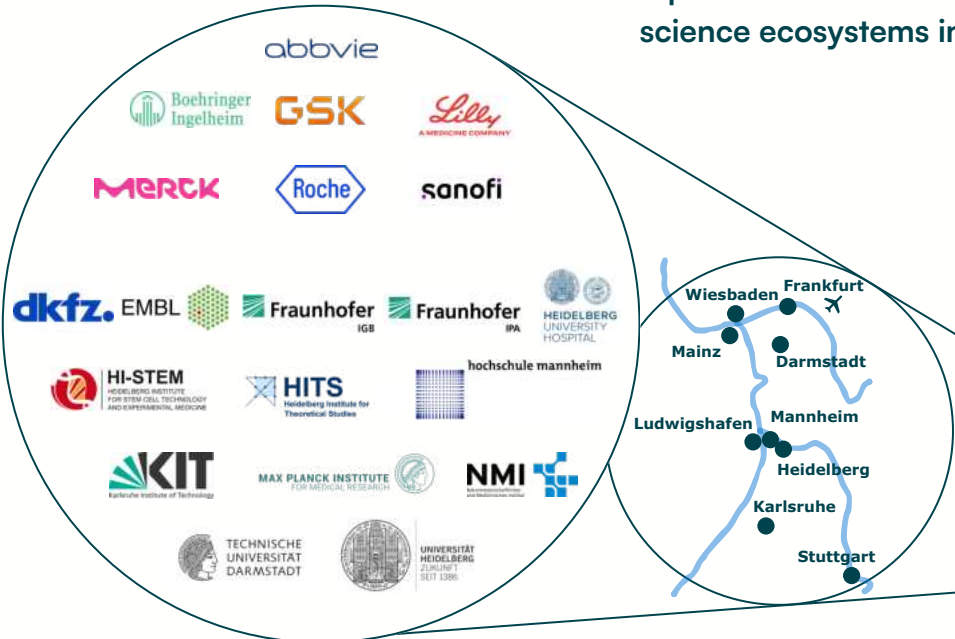
Many highlights moved us in 2024, some of which you will find on the next pages.

Let us inspire you!



bioRN Life Science Cluster

tap into one of the most vibrant life science ecosystems in Europe!



the life science region

EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH AND NATURAL SCIENCE

- > 15 Leading research instituts
- 14,000 Scientific employees
- 15,000 Students in life sciences
- > 17,500 Publications p.a.
- 45 Nobel Prizes affiliated to the region

6 of the 10 most cited scientists in the field of oncology from 2013 to 2022 are from Heidelberg

Source: databases of research institutes and Lab Journal; 2024

HIGH DENSITY INDUSTRY

- 7 Global pharma companies
- 1,200 Life science companies
- 21 startups p.a. (average of last 6 years)
- 70,000 Employees
- € 20 Mrd Revenue (w/o global pharma)

Source: ZEW; Biotechnology and own databases; status 2024

bioRN fields of activity

NETWORKING & STAKEHOLDER BRIDGING

We build bridges between members regionally and towards other innovative ecosystems worldwide. Nurturing and extending connections between all stakeholder groups is at the core of bioRN's activities.

PROMOTION & VISIBILITY

We promote our members and the life science region on national and international level through various communication channels.

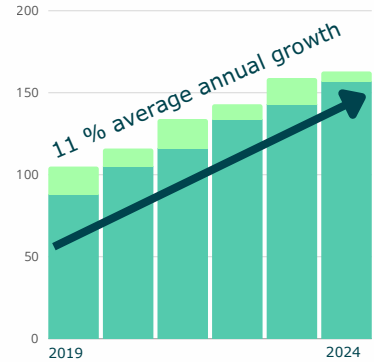
ADVOCACY

We maintain an ongoing and proactive dialog with public authorities to improve framework conditions for innovation on the life sciences and startups in particular.

TRANSLATIONAL SUPPORT

We continually work on new initiatives to bridge the translational gap between academia and industry.

new members



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Life Science Week 2024

From October 8th–10th bioRN Life Science Cluster hosted 3 life science events attracting scientists, industry representatives and investors. They witnessed excellent research from the region, promising innovations in the field of personalised medicine and pitches from startups in the biotech, medtech and digital health sectors.

Premiere

Industry Academia Day (IAD)

8 principal investigators from local research institutes presented their pioneering projects in neuroscience and immunology. Tailored specifically for bioRN's pharmaceutical partners, including Abbvie, BI, GSK, Johnson & Johnson, Lilly and Sanofi this event provided a platform to create more public private partnerships.

highlighting the region's strength in translational research, entrepreneur- ship and personalised medicine

New branding



Life Science Investors' Day (LSID) Heidelberg 2024

24 handselected and pre-trained European startups in medtech, biotech, and digital health presented their innovations to around 60 international investors. The event is a joint project of bioRN, Life Science Accelerator Baden-Württemberg, BioLabs Heidelberg and Heidelberg Startup Partners, supported by its partners High Tech Gründerfond and BIOPRO Baden-Württemberg.

From the 120 applications – around 30 originated in the bioRN ecosystem – the event saw a 30% increase in investor registrations compared to the previous edition, underscoring the growing interest in the region's life science sector.

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bioRN Annual Conference 2024 breaking records

The bioRN Annual Conference on October 9th in the Heidelberg Congress Center, attracted around 500 registered attendees and 32 exhibitors.

Focusing on breakthroughs in personalised medicine, the conference underscored the region's leadership in developing innovative therapeutic modalities, such as radiotherapy, antibody-drug conjugates (ADCs), and molecular precision diagnostics.

new logo

new website

new name

bye bye

bioRN Annual Conference

In 2025

we will take a break

from the annual conference.

See you back in Heidelberg 2026!

life

the biomedical convention

NETWORKING IN NUMBERS

- 1 bioRN Annual Conference
- 1 Life Science Investors' Day
- 1 Industry Academia Day
- 1 Private Investors' Day
- 9 bioRN Lounges
- 2 bioRN Espresso
- 3 bioRN HR Breakfasts
- 1 EY Report presentation
- 9 bioRN M2M interviews
- 12 Panels and presentations
- 2 Expo stands
- 3 Foreign delegations
- 1 NCT run

IN 2024 WE INSPIRED
AND CONNECTED

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LIFE SCIENCE ENTHUSIASTS

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bioRN startup support

Life science founders need framework conditions that enable them to focus on their innovation. BioRN supports startups on their way and ensures networking with the relevant stakeholders.

A membership in the bioRN network for startups is therefore subsidised, as access to our network is one of the decisive factors for successful startups and continued existence.

In the Pharma Office Hours, we connect founders with experts who are available to share their many years of professional expertise and provide advice. This service pays off: one startup won a Golden Ticket at Biolabs Heidelberg, which includes one year's free use of the lab facilities. Over 25 startups have benefited from our support in 2024.

Catapult

BioRN is part of the EIT Health Catapult programme's executive team since its conception in 2016. Year after year, we have managed to build a strong community of successful alumni startups (303), corporates collaborating as sponsors (with over €800k in kind prizes and Nasdaq immensely valuable display prize) and investors following and supporting the programme, as well as our participating startups (over €625M). **Since 2024 we have been managing Catapult as project lead.**

We see the programme as a mutually beneficial exchange between startups, corporates/sponsors, and investors. BioRN's involvement provides us with greater visibility and recognition at the European level, thereby highlighting our region and the key players within its ecosystem.

bioRN at BIO-Europe

From November 4th to 6th bioRN represented the life science region Rhine-Neckar together with 6 bioRN members at the "German Pavilion", a joint booth space organised by the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action.

In addition to extensive partnering appointments, we were able to make many new contacts and inform interested parties about our numerous projects as well as inspire them with the latest innovations taking place in our ecosystem.



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bioRN M2M Member to Member special edition: people shaping the life science region

The highly informative M2M interviews offer our member companies a stage to make their innovations even more visible. In this year's "M2M special edition", we have also put the spotlight on two personalities who are particularly impressive and move our life science region: Oliver Stegle, scientist and PI at DKFZ and EMBL, and Edith Heard, Director General at EMBL.



all interviews available at www.biorn.org



PRECISEU - advance the region's excellence in personalised medicine

Together with 25 partner organisations from 11 European countries, bioRN has been selected as partner in the EU flagship project PRECISEU to represent Germany together with BIOPRO Baden-Württemberg. The ambition of PRECISEU is to advance personalised medicine in Europe through the use of health data and advanced therapy medicinal products (ATMPs). Thanks to the high density of academic and industry excellence in the Rhine-Neckar region, bioRN will play a key role and thus raise the region's international profile as a leading location for personalised medicine. What is more, a large portion of the 24m Euro budget will flow into regional innovation actors.

Advocacy of the region on political level

Maintaining an ongoing dialog with political representatives is an important concern for bioRN. This year we organised together with the Health + Life Science Alliance Heidelberg Mannheim a Parliamentary Breakfast at the German Federal Parliament in Berlin. State secretaries and several members of the German Federal Parliament gained insights into the excellence of our biomedical science and business region as one of the top three hubs for health research and life sciences in Germany.



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Premiere

bioRN Private Investors' Day

In February around 35 private investors were invited to the premiere of the bioRN Private Investors' Day.

The programme started with a presentation of InnoGrowth BW, the investment programme to strengthen the equity base of startups in Baden-Württemberg. Selected entrepreneurs presented their biomedical innovations. This was followed by a get-together, which offered plenty of space for personal discussions.



Wissenswert Conference:

Germany's largest conference for science journalists was held this year for the first time at the Heidelberg University. Together with the Health + Life Science Alliance Heidelberg Mannheim, bioRN introduced themselves to around 400 science journalists and organized excursions to the EMBL and BioLabs Heidelberg. Interested parties were given an overview of the Innovation Campus and guided tours provided insights into the current research projects of the respective institutes and organisations.



bioRN is the hosting bioregion of the German Biotechnology Days 2025 in Heidelberg

With its application to host the German Biotechnology Days, bioRN has brought this leading event to Heidelberg for 2025. BioRN and its members will ensure visibility with a trade fair presence, showcasing their excellence in science and industrial strength to approximately 1,000 participants from 21 countries over two days.

For the first time the conference programme will be in English.

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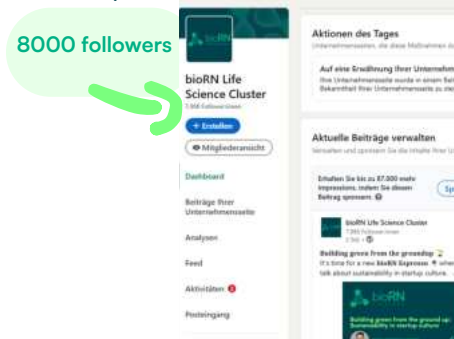
bioRN Sustainability Initiative and bioRN HR Community

BioRN has set up working groups to address the issues of sustainability and strategies for dealing with the “war for talents”. With the aim of imparting knowledge and exchanging best practices, forces are being pooled in the ecosystem.



bioRN in the media

This year, we were featured with articles in print magazines such as transkript, EBR Magazine, European Biotechnology Magazine, and econo. Our expertise in building up a world-class innovation cluster was in demand on various panels and workshops.



Social Media activities

Our news are well received: with an annual growth of around 1000 followers, LinkedIn is our strongest communication channel.

Don't miss the “Highlights of the Week” were we report each Friday on the most successful projects, researchers and innovations from the region.



Relaunch of the bioRN website

Together with the new bioRN logo we have relaunched the homepage with the aim to develop a clear and user-friendly platform that provides the latest information from our life science ecosystem.

members from a-z

AaviGen GmbH
AbbVie Deutschland GmbH & Co. KG
AcademicLabs NV
ACROBiosystems AG
Actome GmbH
Affimed GmbH
AGC Biologics GmbH
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BioThrust GmbH
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bioRN is member of:

BIO DEUTSCHLAND



...they say

„Nuvalore joined the bioRN organization to become part of this highly professional and innovative community. Through the networking and event activities organized by the bioRN team, Nuvalore was able to expand its network and gain valuable insights. Thanks to the bioRN Sustainability Initiative, we were able to exchange ideas with like-minded peers and elevate our green lab to a new level. Together, bioRN and Nuvalore can develop a synergistic partnership that fosters innovation and growth in the life sciences sector.“

„In life science companies everything is about innovation, people, technology, and speed. Some may think, clusters and networks are nice to have. No, they are essential for our success: resolving the everyday question whom to contact to seek further advice or inspiration. The bioRN Life Science Cluster and its amazing team stands out by relentlessly connecting all the relevant stakeholders in our region and filling our ecosystem with real life.“

“Working with bioRN, our partner in an EIT Health Bridgehead program to prepare our market entry in Germany, was an excellent experience. Their professionalism, flexibility, and availability stood out throughout the project. They took the time to truly understand our business goals, and we collaborated as a seamless team. Their support in scouting KOLs, potential users, and distributors is being instrumental in our business development goals.“



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