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Towards a European Biotech Act

In July 2024, the new European Commission announced the creation of **new legislation regulating biotechnology**, coordinated by Commissioner for Health and Animal Welfare Olivér Várhelyi, with adoption planned for the second half of 2026.

The new act follows on from a series of EU initiatives in the life sciences sector, including the EU Bioeconomy Strategy and the Artificial Intelligence Strategy in the field of science. It aims to create a legislative framework that **facilitates the transition of biotechnologies from the laboratory to the market**.

The European Union thus intends to address the constraints faced by companies, researchers, investors, and users of biotechnologies, by **reducing the regulatory burden weighing on biotech companies and facilitating access to funding**. The objective is to position Europe as a leader in the field of biotechnology, strengthening its autonomy and competitiveness in a sector still largely dominated by the United States (60% global value, compared to 12% for Europe), and which is growing twice as fast as the global economy.

★ A Preliminary Public Consultation is open ★

In order to better identify the needs of stakeholders, the Commission launched a public consultation in August, **which will end on November 10, 2025**.

This consultation asks **stakeholders and citizens** about various issues related to the development of biotechnologies, including:

- Regulatory and financial barriers to market entry
- Partnership opportunities
- Training, skills, and talent retention
- Data management
- Implementation of AI

Want to raise your voice ? Participate in the consultation [here](#)

This Biotech Act will undoubtedly have an impact on non-European markets, which will have to adapt. While the attention given to the needs of researchers and entrepreneurs is welcome, we note the absence of ethical questions in the consultation. The Commission will therefore have to strike the right and delicate balance between safety, ethics, and competitiveness, in order to leverage European discoveries while ensuring security and fairness for all citizens, particularly in line with the previous text on the European Health Data Space. Réseau Biotechno will be keeping a close eye on this, and will keep you updated.

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 **Registration is open for Forum BiotechnoSUD 2025 in Marseille!**

In less than 1 month, our first flagship event of the season opens its doors - thanks to the amazing [team Bio'M - Forum BiotechnoSUD](#), part of the Réseau Biotechno family! Forum BiotechnoSUD is back for its 4th edition and is ready to welcome you!

 **Tuesday, October 14, 2025** | From 09:00 to 19:00

 **EMD Business School**, rue Joseph Biaggi, 13003 Marseille

Entrance ticket : 5 euros.

Get your ticket for Forum BiotechnoSud [here](#)

Special discount

Free registration for batchelors and masters students in our partner institutions! Don't forget to use the discount code when you register online.

 **Important information:**

We offer four **workshop** sessions. You must **choose one workshop only per session!** Failure to do so can lead to the cancellation of your enrollment in the workshops.

BiotechnoSUD in 2024!



18
Workshops



2
Biotech ecosystem infographics



2
Keynote lectures



> 110
Partners



42
Booths



> 300
Attendees

Réseau Biotechno's four 2025 Forums are coming soon!

*Forum Biotechno Ouest in **Nantes** just announced*



👉 Interested in becoming a partner and sponsor of our events?

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ProteoGenix



Meet Proteogenix, a biologics development CRO!

From business school to biotech, it was only one step... one that [Philippe Funfrock](#) decided to take. Together with his scientific partner [Raphaël Hofpner](#), he turned ProteoGenix into a key player in biomolecule discovery (proteins and antibodies), sitting at the crossroads of technological innovation and scientific expertise. Meet a CEO with an unconventional background, blending business vision, scientific rigor, and entrepreneurial passion.

1. Can you tell us about your background and what led you to found ProteoGenix?

I come from a business background — Grenoble Business School, followed by an MBA in the United States. I've always had the drive to be an entrepreneur — it runs in the family. At the time, I was exploring several business ideas, one of them being the development of a diagnostic kit for prostate cancer based on the research of Raphaël Hofpner. I chose biotech, Raphaël became my partner and is now CSO of ProteoGenix. This business–science duo has been at the heart of our success: combining top-level scientific expertise with the entrepreneurial vision needed to turn research into real-world solutions.

2. What ProteoGenix innovations are tackling the major challenges of therapeutic proteins and antibodies today?

We love pushing boundaries: integration of AI to accelerate project development, high-throughput platforms capable of testing thousands of variants in parallel, and new bioproduction cell lines delivering higher yields in less time.

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For our clients, that means fewer risks, lower costs, and above all, safer therapies reaching patients more quickly.

3. How do you see the biotech market evolving in the coming years?

The market will be profoundly transformed by AI and automation. The players who can stay agile, flexible, and data-driven will stand out.

At ProteoGenix, our objective is clear: remain at the cutting edge and continuously adapt to drive this revolution. We have also strengthened our teams with new profiles in bioinformatics and data science to fully leverage these advances.

4. What services and products do you offer today?

We started with proteins and antibodies; today we're a full-service CRO (Contract Research Organization). We support our clients all the way from early discovery to clinical entry in their biomolecule development projects: design/engineering, antibody selection and optimization, complex protein production, cell line development, and scale-up. We also offer a catalog of over 28,000 high-performance products available directly through our website.



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5. What makes the strength of Proteogenix?

Seven pillars:

- (1) **Excellence**: we put quality and best practices at the center of everything we do.
- (1) **Innovation**: we integrate AI, high-throughput platforms, and the latest approaches to accelerate discovery and minimize risks.
- (1) **High-level scientific expertise**: our deep skills in biomolecule design enable us to move quickly and effectively toward proof-of-concept and clinical development.
- (1) **Agility, speed, and flexibility**: with a responsive and adaptable structure, we adjust our scientific approaches as results come in, ensuring smooth and optimized project execution. Today, ProteoGenix brings together more than 100 collaborators worldwide.
- (1) **Ethical and environmental commitment**: determined to eliminate animal use in research, we rely on animal-free discovery methods such as phage display. We also focus on responsible innovation, reducing our ecological footprint while adopting sustainable processes.
- (1) **Trust and tailored partnerships**: clear and open communication, active listening, and genuine care for the well-being of our team and partners ensure strong, personalized collaborations.
- (1) **Technological leadership with real impact**: by combining mastery of cutting-edge technologies — such as high-throughput screening platforms and large-scale protein production, both in-house and through partners — with measurable outcomes (like molecules progressing to clinical development or market entry), ProteoGenix builds client confidence and affirms its position as a key industry player.

ProteoGenix



6. How would you describe the culture and team spirit at ProteoGenix?

At ProteoGenix, we take our work seriously — but we never lose the entrepreneurial and collaborative spirit that drives us. It's an international culture where creativity, autonomy, and accountability go hand in hand with continuous learning and mentorship. For us, biotech is both a scientific and a human adventure, where team cohesion and quality of work life are essential.

7. What advice would you give to PhD students?

The industry needs you. Your scientific expertise is essential, and your ability to learn quickly, stay curious, and adapt will set you apart. My advice: hold on to your passion, don't be afraid to take measured risks, and see your career as both a scientific and human journey in its own right.

Masterclass: Life Sciences PhDs, from researcher to opportunity-chaser!



Masterclass

Life Sciences PhD →

Du chercheur au chasseur d'opportunités

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à partir de 18h
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- Des **bases solides** pour **construire ton projet** professionnel.
- La **visibilité pour briller** sur LinkedIn.
- La meilleure **stratégie pour développer ton réseau**
- Les clés pour **te vendre efficacement** sur le marché de l'emploi.

MATIN

Lancer la dynamique & poser les bases

09h00 – Ice breaker
avec Shahul + Hala + Assia + Issam

09h30 – Construis ton projet professionnel et optimise ta candidature
avec Shahul

11h00 – Séance photo professionnelle
avec Shahul + Hala

11h30 – Crée ta marque personnelle & Pitch toi en toute Confiance
avec Hala

12h30 – Pause déjeuner

APRÈS MIDI

Passer à l'action

14h00 – Accroît ton réseau sur LinkedIn et apprend à te vendre
avec Assia

15h00 – Get ready to shine in interviews
avec Issam

16h00 – Mise en pratique
avec Assia + Issam

17h00 – Clôture & Networking
avec Shahul + Hala + Assia + Issam

18h00 – Table ronde avec des experts métier

AFTERWORK

**Réservez votre place dès maintenant !
Nombre limité à 20 participants.**



Hébergé par : **Miltenyi Biotec**

This masterclass is open to all, but you will benefit most if you understand French

Le Diplôme d'Université Génie Biologique et Médical (DU GBM)

Valorisation de la recherche publique ou privée et de l'innovation biomédicale



Co organisent une formation professionnalisant et diplômant avec Sorbonne-
Université Module d' ED et / ou DU ou de Master
Convention pour les adhérents du réseau C.U.R.I.E.

Connaître l'environnement socio-économique et réglementaire de la recherche biomédicale

Manager et valoriser des projets innovants

Mener l'innovation au marché

Travailler avec/dans les industries de santé

Cette formation initiale ou continue s'adresse à tous les chercheurs, ingénieurs, administratifs, professionnels de santé, **doctorants, étudiants...** soucieux de **connaître l'environnement social, économique et réglementaire pour valoriser et développer l'innovation au sein de partenariats recherche-industrie, de créer une entreprise innovante**, ainsi qu'aux **chercheurs en formation souhaitant faire carrière au sein des industries de santé**. La formation aborde **l'ensemble des enjeux de la recherche y compris la valorisation des données biomédicales et de l'innovation biomédicale** ainsi que les techniques de valorisation et permet de **se créer un réseau de relations professionnelles et de trouver un emploi**.

Un nouvel aspect est approfondi dans le programme de formation pour 2026 : la **valorisation des données de santé** !

Le Diplôme d'Université Génie Biologique et Médical (DU GBM)

Valorisation de la recherche publique ou privée et de l'innovation biomédicale

Excellent taux de satisfaction en 2024 :

- **97.5%** des participants ont trouvé la formation utile, et plus de 50% voient l'impact de leur recherche différemment.
- **65.9%** pensent que la formation les aidera dans leur recherche d'emploi ou pour trouver un nouveau poste.
- **Un tiers** des participants sont prêts à créer ou à participer à la création d'une entreprise.

Plus d'informations auprès du réseau des alumni : <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/3004489/>

Dates :

- partie I : **14 au 16 janvier 2026**
- partie II : **27 au 30 janvier 2026**
- partie III : **17 au 20 mars 2026**

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Sorbonne université
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The **REAL** section (for **Read** – **Analyze** – **Listen**) highlights our recommendations of the month.



What you can **READ** this month ?

- ***Online misinformation about climate change***, by Labo1Point5 (3-page publication in French)

Labo1Point5 decrypts how misinformation about climate change is propagated online, and what we can do about it! These short reports are based on scientific publications. Find it [here](#)



What you can **ANALYZE** this month ?

- ***Oxytocin signaling regulates maternally directed behavior during early life***, by Daniel D. Zelmanoff et al.

In a study featured in *Science*, researchers unveil a new wireless, noninvasive optogenetic tool to explore the developing brain. With this innovation, they reveal how oxytocin neurons influence infant behavior during moments of maternal separation and reunion. Don't miss out—read the article story [here](#).



What you can **LISTEN** to this month ?

- ***Le Déclic***, by Les Deeptech

In this podcast, dive into the latest breakthroughs in deep tech, from biotech and medtech to greentech, and discover the cutting-edge disruptive technologies shaping the future. Find the latest episodes [here](#).



Sept

27th

Nuit européenne des chercheurs et chercheuses

When: 27th of September, except Toulouse and Saint-Etienne where it is held on October 4th.

Where: 10 towns and cities in France

Meet your local researchers and learn about all things science in this amazing evening event (free, in French language). Find out what's going on in your city [here!](#)



Oct

6-11th

Semaine des Métiers de l'Industrie Pharmaceutique

When: 6th-11th of October

Where: Several cities in France

The [LEEM](#) and partners organize a week to discover careers and job opportunities in the pharmaceutical industry, with activities to discover all across France. Find the programme and more information [here](#)



Oct

7-8th

Healthtech Innovation Days (HTID)

When: 10-11 of October

Where: Paris

HTID is organized by HealthTech for Care and initiated by France Biotech brings together life science stakeholders to bring innovation to patients! Discover the programme and register [here](#)



Oct

9-10th

Innovative therapies days

When: Thursday 9th and Friday 9th & of October

Where: Kursaal - Besançon

Clinicians, scientists, and industrial partners present the latest scientific progress on the development of CAR-T cells, stem cells or pluripotent cells, transfer to clinical trials and challenges of their industrial production. An Exhibitor Village, B2B sessions and discussion times are included. Click [here](#) for more information!




Oct

 10-11th
FuturaPolis Santé 2025
When: Tuesday 7th & Wednesday 8th of October

Where: Montpellier

FuturaPolis brings together experts and the general public to showcase the latest scientific and medical breakthroughs! Event in French, for more information, click [here](#)


Oct

 3-13th
Fête de la Science 2025 - Intelligence(s)
When: 3 to 10th of October

Where: Several cities in France and abroad

Fête de la Science celebrates science with hundreds of free events all across the country! This year, discover “*Intelligence in all its forms*”. Event in French, find the full programme of events and locations [here!](#)


Oct

 25-2nd
Bioweeek
When: 25th October to 2nd of November

Where: Paris

For BioWeek, Paris will host over 20 events : from the iGEM Grand Jamboree (also hosting the international Synthetic Biology 8.0 conference and the BioInnovation Summit), to industry events, open lab tours for students and the public, creative workshops, public science events, [BioWeek](#) will offer something for everyone. Full programme of events [here!](#)


Oct

 28-31st
iGEM Grand Jamboree
When: 28th to 31st of October

Where: Paris Convention Center

The world expo for synthetic biology is back! iGEM Grand Jamboree brings together researchers, industry representatives, startup founders, investors, journalists, experts in governance and policy, and the wider public, to shape the future of synthetic biology. Full programme and tickets [here!](#)




Nov

 4th
PhD Talent Career Fair
When: Tuesday 4th of November

Where: Paris

Following the success of previous editions, 5000 visitors and 150 companies are expected to join the career fair dedicated to PhDs across various fields! Find advice, future employers, information and learn how to make your PhD experience shine. More information [here!](#)


Nov

 26th
Innovation day 2025 - DIM BioConvS Symposium
When: Wednesday 26th of November

Where: Conseil Régional Île-De-France

DIM BioConvS (Domaine de Recherche et d'Innovation Majeur Bioconvergence pour la Santé) organizes its annual symposium! This year's Innovation Day, titled Joining Forces, will celebrate the power of collaboration at the crossroads of synthetic biology, biotherapies, and technological innovation. This event brings together researchers, innovators, and institutional partners. More info [here!](#)



Domaine de Recherche et d'Innovation Majeur





SPECIAL EVENTS

Réseau Biotechno is proud to renew our partnership with [Eurasanté](#)! We are partners of 3 events: **BioFIT**, **MedFIT** and **MEDigIT**. Join us in **Strasbourg**, on **December 2nd and 3rd, 2025** and on December 8th for the digital meetings. Organised jointly for the second year running, BioFIT & MedFIT are business conventions dedicated to partnership innovation in the Life Sciences, MedTech and Diagnostic sectors. Don't miss the 2nd edition of @MEDigIT Event, the European event fostering innovation in Digital Health, which will be held as part of MedFIT 2025!

 <p>Biofit FOSTERING INNOVATION & TRANSFER</p> <p>14TH EDITION</p> <p>The leading European partnering event for early-stage deals and investment rounds in the Life Sciences field</p>	 <p>MedFIT Fostering Innovation in MedTech</p> <p>9TH EDITION</p> <p>A unique event in Europe for innovation partnerships and investment rounds in the MedTech, Diagnostic and Digital Health sectors</p>	
<p>DECEMBER 2025</p>	<p>2ND & 3RD</p>	<p>STRASBOURG France</p>
	<p>DIGITAL MEETINGS DAY</p> <p>8TH DECEMBER 2025</p> <p>ORGANISED TOGETHER WITH: </p>	

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Discounts are always applied to the 'regular' fee except during the 'late registration' period. Discounts cannot be combined with other offers.