

Galien Bioparc



Context

The Bordeaux Urban Community has created a new technology park to house companies and projects working in the sectors of biotechnology, healthcare technology and related services for the healthcare industry.

The BIOPARC technology park is part of a broader programme of development initiated by the Bordeaux city authorities in order to attract more businesses working in the key sectors of services, production and R&D.

In terms of redeveloping the land, the aim is to create an estate which meets all of the criteria of a high value-added economic space, while respecting the surrounding natural resources.

Objectives

The BIOPARC is set on a single 17-hectare site, and aims to create an environment conducive to the development of successful new companies in the healthcare sector.

The BIO GALIEN innovation hub, made possible by the Caisse des Dépôts, is the first major asset of the BIOPARC. Bio Galien will provide businesses with:

A range of shared resources to support them in their development and help with R&D activities.

A programme of events which promotes knowledge transfers, collaborations and future partnerships between professionals working in the sector.

Promotion and publicity, with the site's own promotional materials, and more broadly through the agglomeration's business promotion initiatives.

The hub will offer young start-ups fresh out of business incubators or support schemes – and working in the field of biotechnology – the chance to operate in an environment specifically tailored to their requirements.

Business already settled into the new site include SOMEDICS, a company specialising in the manufacture of medical probes, MATWIN and Lagad Vision. A fourth company will be arriving in early 2012, taking the occupied surface area up to over 4,500 m².



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Location

The park straddles the municipalities of Pessac and Mérignac, in a prime location near BOURGAILH, a natural woodland site covering more than 100 hectares, and offering a huge space for leisure activities.

Access and transport links

Near the ring road; junction 12

Airport: 10 mn, Train station: 20 mn; City centre: 20 mn

Access assured for large numbers of visitors: INOLIA public network
Surrounded by 3 hospital departments (and in close proximity to the future IHU) and the university campus.

Technical specifications

- The project will progress in increments of 3 000 m², taking care not to infringe on the neighbouring woodland. Each 2-storey unit contains a large central hall connecting 4 individual business spaces.
- This project has the rare advantage of offering very competitive rental charges in high-quality architecture.
- Construction of 18 000 m² of business premises meeting HEQ environmental standards. Works overseen by the Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations (CDC).
- Project management delegated to Patriarche & Co
- Bordeaux-based company IMOP are the delegate works supervisors.

Partners

This project is the result of a public-private partnership bringing together the Aquitaine Regional Assembly, the Bordeaux Urban Community and the municipal authorities of Pessac and Mérignac.

Bordeaux Unitec Technopolis: with its network of scientific and technological contacts Unitec runs the innovation centre, providing support and consulting services.

For the BIOGALIEN project, the Caisse des Dépôts is involved:

- In the organisation and legal and financial studies which will lead to the establishment of the cluster, with the aim of providing centralised services to the companies involved and help them gain access to ERDF and regional funds.
- As an investor in their own right with

the establishment of SAS BIO GALIEN, a company which will construct business premises and lease them to companies.

- Arthur Loyd: commercial management of the Bio Galien office facilities
- Projected budget: €25 million (16 million for Phase 1)
- Investment from the CDC: €11 million
- Project registered with CPER 2007 - 2013 for €9 million
- Projected financial partners: government, CRA, ERDF, CUB.

Schedule

- 2008: CUB decision on cession of the land and formation of BioGalien LLC by the CDC
- 2009: Planning permission granted, finances finalised, contracts signed
- April 2010: work commences, association launched, leases signed
- Feb 2011: Inauguration of the first wave of new buildings: 5800 m² of offices and laboratories for rental or hire-purchase.
- Early 2012: arrival of a new company

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