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Press Release

Mile Stone Reached in Transnational Technology Transfer

It's been a kick-off with a signaling effect: Lübeck Chamber of Industrie and Commerce (IHK Lübeck), in cooperation with Danish and Swedish partners, has started the cross-border project "Transnational Technology Transfer Initiative for Industry and Science in the Fehmarnbelt-Öresund Region" on the Lübeck BioMedTec Science Campus. The initiative gives financial support to cross-border research and development (R&D) projects between industry and science in the "Fehmarnbelt-Öresund corridor".

"This new initiative simplifies cross-border technology transfer between Sweden, Denmark, and Germany considerably", emphasizes Friederike C. Kühn, President of IHK Lübeck. "The motivation for this cooperation project is the coming Fehmarnbelt Fixed Link. This will be the new, strong link between northern Germany and southern Scandinavia. Not only goods but also people, and with them ideas and highly promising R&D projects will be transferred between the countries."

The Danish Ministry for Science, Innovation and Higher Education, Region Skåne – the council of Sweden's southernmost regional district – and the Schleswig-Holstein Ministry of Economic Affairs, Employment, Transport and Technology jointly finance this promising project. The Danish organisations Biopeople and Netmatch, Medicon Village in Sweden and Life Science Nord in Germany support the initiative by delegating staff to its jury, or by acting as national contact point for applicants in Sweden, Denmark and Germany.

"The project works like a travel grant for seconding R&D-staff abroad", explains Thomas Alslev Christensen, Head of the Department for Innovation Policy in Denmark's Ministry of Science. "Those participating in the initiative will become familiar with their colleagues as well as with the entire work and social environment in the partner organisation fast and efficiently. This will help partners to generate new ideas for cross-border R&D and technology projects. It will also help them to identify ways of financing the implementation of such projects after the period of secondment – be it via bank loan, venture capital, or regional, national or European public R&D funds."

„The initiative offers most promising opportunities to start stable, longer-term cooperations between partner organisations. This leads to an exchange of ideas, the creation of new ideas and the creation of new jobs. In the longer run it can even lead to attracting experts from outside our tri-national region“, adds Bodil Rosvall Jönsson, Head of for Economic Development and Innovation at Region Skåne.

In Germany, the initiative is an important part of IHK Lübeck's nine "HanseBelt 2030 plus"-projects. "With these projects we will implement a bundle of measures in the fields of 'Skilled Labour & Quality of Life', 'Industry & Science' and 'Mobility & Energy'. This will foster the economic development of our region and to make it fit for future challenges," affirms President Kühn.

Further information about the initiative is available at: www.fbo-corridor.eu

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