

# Why joining EPNOE ?

**Your company is working in the field of polysaccharides or polysaccharide-related products?**

EPNOE is the **perfect community** to:

- Network with experts in this scientific field.
- Keep abreast of the latest research developments in your field of interest.
- Have access to scientists and engineers with the expertise to help develop your technologies, or provide scientific/technical assistance.
- Collaborate with industry and academic/research organisations to develop industry-focussed R&D projects and consortia.
- Have an easier access for participation to EC-Projects.
- Publicise your achievements.

As an EPNOE Member, you will be embedded in a prolific industrial and research network, with a strong focus on biomedical, food, materials and processing application areas.

## Innovation and Knowledge

**Knowledge transfer** and **innovation** are important components of EPNOE activities with contracts tailored to meet partner needs. EPNOE academic/research members are active in many collaborative agreements with companies to develop knowledge and products. Currently, our scientists participate in work associated with over 300 contracts annually.

The **participation** of individual members of EPNOE and the network as a whole in stakeholder forums ensures that member concerns will be voiced at the EU level and that relevant information is channelled back to members.



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## EPNOE Facts

### Members

- 28 academic /research institutions.
- 12 industrial Members including SME's.
- More than 100 researchers directly embedded in the network as full members.

### Research

- High quality research with an output of 100+ publications per annum.
- Participation in Europe-wide research.

### Knowledge Transfer

- More than 300 R&D projects running in the EPNOE community with a total research budget in excess of 30Meuro per annum.

### Education

- More than 70 PhD students researching in EPNOE related topics.
- Academia-industry exchanges of students and post-docs

### Formal relations with other Innovation clusters

- Polintegra in Poland
- Céréales Vallée in France
- Bioeconomy Cluster in Germany

## EPNOE BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY CLUB (BIC)

The industrial Members of EPNOE are full Members of EPNOE and they have access to all EPNOE knowledge and activities. They also form the EPNOE Business and Industry Club in order to better share EPNOE scientific advances, participate in the design of EPNOE research and education programs, be aware of national, international and EU R&D opportunities and belong to a polysaccharide business network.

Apart from following all EPNOE activities, accessing all databases and participating in the General Assembly (definition of activities, budget) the specific activities of the BIC meetings are:

- Ensure that the R&D and education needs of industry are understood by the academic partners of EPNOE.
- Share expertise and knowledge, technology development and optimisation.
- Provide an efficient forum to outline collaborative projects on a fully confidential basis.
- Provide a forum where parties can discuss non-confidential issues with other member colleagues.
- Collaborate with knowledge transfer and innovation clusters in Europe

**EPNOE** is open to any industrial members from all over the world

## MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

Interested parties should email [contact@epnoe.eu](mailto:contact@epnoe.eu) for information and registration documents.

## BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY CLUB BENEFITS

- Participation at closed annual scientific conferences where EPNOE academic and research Members describe their latest results.
- Access to initiative results like the Dormant Ideas, list of 150+ ideas coming from academic EPNOE members.
- Access to the description of Master, PhD and post-doctoral topics running in the 16 academic/research EPNOE institutions. Access to the full text of dissertations.
- Access to EPNOE Tool Box.
- Access to several databases like list of companies, list of scientists (10 000 entries), list of scientific and industrial societies.
- Being involved into the new EPNOE-at-large network with 300 scientists all over the World.
- Being aware of European initiatives and trends (horizon 2020, “Bio-based Industries Consortium” initiatives.
- Access to major organisations involved in promoting the use of biomass-based polymers.
- Receiving on a regular basis news and information.



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