

As COVID-19 continues to advance around the world, it falls to pharmaceutical companies, biotechs, academia, research scientists, public health agencies, VCs, CRO/CMOs and their suppliers **to work in partnership in order to provide a coordinated** industry response to the pandemic. We're already seeing an unprecedented mobilization of scientific expertise, industry know-how and redeployment of resources to work on repurposing existing treatments, developing vaccines and diagnostics against COVID-19.

The first step in the fight against COVID-19 and in bringing a solution forward is to find the right partner – and we're here to help you make that happen. Inova, Lyonbiopole and Evaluate Ltd are organizing a free 3-day **Virtual Partnering Event** to foster connections and accelerate global collaboration against COVID-19. This initiative is supported by EIT Health.

Inova is leveraging its biopharma industry expertise, its leading digital networking platform and years of experience in organizing partnering events and Lyonbiopole and Evaluate are leveraging on their global international life sciences networks and expertise.

A free Virtual Partnering Event to connect with future partners

While a partnering event usually aims to facilitate interactions between attendees at big conferences in convention centers, we're providing a safe, structured and easy-to-use **online space** for those working on solutions for COVID-19.

The industry's partnering capabilities must now be leveraged to handle the **enormous scale-up required to deliver innovative solutions** to patients urgently. Working across tech and the biopharmaceutical sector, convening this virtual partnering event (pro bono) via our matchmaking platform and our expertise in organizing biopharma partnering events **is our way of contributing to the battle against COVID-19.**

Who will attend?

Participation in the COVID-19 Virtual Partnering Event is open to any organization that provides product, knowledge, or technologies that can help in the effort to develop **testing, treatment, or prevention solutions to tackle the COVID-19 pandemic.**

The deployment of successful solutions requires the engagement and implication of multiple stakeholders. The Virtual Partnering Event will bring these stakeholders together to pursue:

- Potential R&D collaborations
- Tools for research projects
- Drug repurposing
- Partners for clinical trials
- Biological markers and diagnostic tests for clinical trials
- Animal and in-silico models
- New suppliers for supply chain reinforcement

- Funding and licensing
- Production capabilities and scale-up know-how
- Early stage discovery collaboration
- Adjuvants, carrier systems, and formulation technologies

Timeline



How can your trade association support this event?

Your organization can help make this event a success in two ways:

1. **Endorse.** Associate your brand/name with our *pro bono* event and demonstrate you are supporting practical steps to help your membership deliver solutions to patients faster.
2. **Promote.** Share the event with your members and encourage their participation to help ensure that the event is successful. Register here: <https://virtual-partnering.com/>

About Lyonbiopole

As a French cluster based in Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes, Lyonbiopole is one of France's major life sciences players. It aims at supporting ambitious projects and innovative companies in the healthcare & life sciences' sector. It encourages innovators to develop new technologies, products and services toward a more personalized medicine and better treatments for patients.

The cluster's strategic missions are focused around promoting the emergence of innovative R&D collaborative projects, supporting SME in areas such as strategy, partnerships and financing, fostering SME Internationalization as well as the cluster's position at the European and International levels, and offering access to high-level facilities dedicated to life sciences companies.

Lyonbiopole currently has **more than 240 members, including its 6 founders (Sanofi Pasteur, bioMérieux, Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health, Becton Dickinson, CEA, Fondation Mérieux)**, 12 subsidiaries of major groups and ETI, 207 SMEs and 18 competence centers (CHU, Universities, Foundations, etc.). Lyonbiopole received the European cluster excellence "Gold Label" by ECEI for 2nd time in 2017. The cluster is part of different European initiatives such as bioXclusters, MAGIA, S3martMed and EIT Health.

For more information: <https://lyonbiopole.com/en/>

About Evaluate Ltd

Evaluate provides trusted commercial intelligence for the pharmaceutical industry and their advisors. Our Evaluate platform **offers unique and dynamic insights into asset risk and value alongside a seamless, comprehensive view of the pharmaceutical portfolio landscape.**

Evaluate Vantage – our award-winning, independent editorial team – provides thought-provoking news and insights into current and future industry developments.

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About Inova

Inova Software **accelerates partnering for the future of medicine.** Over 130 life science companies, including 50% of the top 50 pharmaceutical companies already use Inova's cloud platform. They secure licensing and collaboration opportunities, accelerate deal making and successfully manage their alliances.

Inova Software also provides **One-on-One Partnering, the market leading partnering & matchmaking platform** that facilitates thousands of face-to-face meetings at dozens of biopharma conferences worldwide including the BIO International Convention and BIO Asia. For instance, in the weeks before the BIO International Convention, 4,000 biopharma companies connect online, list their technologies and capabilities, and request meetings with potential partners. By the time the Convention opens **thousands of relevant meetings** are scheduled – almost 50,000 at BIO Convention 2019 alone.

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About EIT Health

EIT Health is a network of best-in-class health innovators backed by the EU. We collaborate across borders to deliver new solutions that can enable European citizens to live longer, healthier lives. As Europeans tackle the challenge of increasing chronic diseases and multi- morbidity and seek to realise the opportunities that technology offers to move beyond conventional approaches to treatment, prevention and healthy lifestyles, we need thought leaders, innovators and efficient ways to bring innovative healthcare solutions to market. EIT Health addresses these needs. We connect all relevant healthcare players across European borders – making sure to include all sides of the “knowledge triangle”, so that innovation can happen at the intersection of research, education and business for the benefit of citizens.

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