

TURKU BIO VALLEY LTD – REGIONAL BRANCH OFFICE FOR FINLAND AND ST. PETERSBURG

Turku Bio Valley Ltd was founded in 1999 and from December 2002 is a subsidiary of the Turku Science Park Ltd. Turku Bio Valley Ltd serves as a Regional Branch Office of the European Federation of Biotechnology covering the area of Finland and St. Petersburg.

BioTurku is the community of bioscience actors in the Turku region, Finland, a key goal of which is to create an uninterrupted chain from training and research all the way to commercialisation, product development and production.

Turku Bio Valley Ltd (www.bioturku.fi) is responsible for the development of BioTurku e.g. by offering the services of the Southwest Finland Centre of Expertise programmes for life sciences and the Bio Incubator. Turku Bio Valley Ltd also coordinates the marketing activities of the BioTurku community as well as activities of the Finnish Pharma Cluster (www.pharmacluster.com).

Additionally, Turku Bio Valley Ltd responds to the challenges of local biotechnology companies by building new R & D and production facilities for them to meet the special requirements set for industrial biotechnology operations.

Turku Bio Valley Ltd has good contacts with Finnish and European biocentres and is the Finnish coordinator of the ScanBalt network (www.scanbalt.org).

Turku Science Park, the biotechnology and ICT cluster in Turku, is in a close complex of 500 hectares. Within a radius of 3 km there are three universities (University of Turku, Åbo Akademi University and Turku School of Economics and Business Administration) and Turku Polytechnic as well as Turku University Central Hospital. Over half of the Finnish pharmaceutical and diagnostic industry is located in the area (www.turkusciencepark.com).

There is a joint strategy for the development of the Turku region biotechnology which was drawn by more than 100 local experts in a process led by Turku Bio Valley Ltd.

Turku Bio Valley Ltd and EFB

Turku Bio Valley Ltd is interested in participating at the work of the Agri-biotech Section (Working Group on Functional Foods) as well as the Task Groups on Innovation and Public Perceptions of Biotechnology.

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