



PRESS RELEASE

KPMG in Belgium and BioPark team up to accelerate the digital and environmental transition of the life sciences sector

The partnership aims to enhance BioPark's position as a leading sustainable biomanufacturing hub in Europe.

Quick facts:

- KPMG in Belgium forms a strategic alliance with Brussels South Charleroi BioPark to further develop the life sciences sector and contribute to reinforce the position of Wallonia and Belgium as a major European biomanufacturing hub.
- The innovative and first of its kind alliance in Wallonia will combine BioPark's life sciences expertise and KPMG's transformation methodologies and experience to accelerate the digital and environmental transition of BioPark's members in a collaborative, integrated and adaptative approach.

Gosselies, Belgium, 6 July 2023 – KPMG in Belgium and Brussels South Charleroi BioPark join forces to position BioPark as a sustainable biomanufacturing hub at the heart of Europe. BioPark has the ambition to become a leading sustainable biomanufacturing nexus by 2035 by supporting its stakeholders to achieve their digital transformation and ESG transition.

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The alliance will drive cross-disciplinary collaboration in the era of digital and sustainable business transformation. To do so, the organizations will leverage BioPark's vibrant ecosystem including research institutes, universities, companies and public entities, and KPMG in Belgium's diverse expertise and industry knowledge. Together, both organizations aim to drive innovation and foster sustainability for Belgium's life sciences sector.

KPMG in Belgium will provide the ecosystem's organizations with comprehensive support in their sustainability journey, covering ESG initiatives, energy optimization and circular economy practices. For their digital transformation journey, KPMG in Belgium will also provide support in digital twins, data utilization, artificial intelligence, cyber security, and digital platforms. BioPark will provide deep life sciences expertise and mobilize its ecosystem stakeholders and networks.

Together, BioPark and KPMG will analyze the ecosystem challenges - like energy and water consumption and waste management - and support the community to launch tangible initiatives and projects accelerating its sustainable transition.

Julien Stocq, Partner, KPMG in Belgium, says: *"KPMG is thrilled to join forces with BioPark and become integral to the vibrant ecosystem that boasts exceptional facilities right here in Wallonia. Our*



shared mission is to create a positive societal impact and contribute to the region's growth. We look forward to contributing on the efforts to the region's immense potential and drive for progress."

Harry Van Donink, CEO, KPMG in Belgium, concludes: "KPMG and BioPark are united in our visionary goals to support the development of the Walloon region. KPMG is looking forward to enabling change and progress towards a more sustainable future by applying our diverse skills, expertise, passion, and talent together with BioPark."

Dominique Demonté, CEO, Brussels South Charleroi BioPark: "BioPark's ambition is to be a world-class sustainable biomanufacturing Hub. The foundations are already in place, and to achieve this status, accelerating the twin transition is a must. To make it possible, we need a partner having the expertise and sharing our vision and ambition. That's what we found in KPMG in Belgium".

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About BioPark

Created in 1999 by ULB, BioPark brings together around 100 companies and 3,300 professionals involved in the research, development and production of new drugs, medical devices and diagnostic methods. Their activities cover fields as diverse as oncology, immune diseases, vaccines, neurodegenerative diseases.

Biopark is home to branches of major international companies, SMEs from a variety of countries, and Belgian companies that have established themselves as world leaders. In collaboration with these companies, three ULB and UMONS research institutes, a training center and the Biopark team are working together to support the growth of this dynamic campus.

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