Biomedical Alliance in Europe

## A Unique Organisation Representing Leading Biomedical Societies in Europe

## About the BioMed Alliance

The Biomedical Alliance in Europe (BioMed Alliance) is a non-profit organisation representing 35 European research and medical societies uniting more than 400,000 researchers and healthcare professionals.

## Mission

The BioMed Alliance is committed to promoting excellence and innovation in the European healthcare field with the goal of improving the health and well-being of all European citizens

It promotes the interests of researchers and healthcare professionals organised in not-for-profit scientific medical associations and organisations, across all medical disciplines.

## BioMed Alliance aims

- To provide a platform for members to speak with a unified voice and interact with EU policy makers on key topics in the European healthcare field
- To provide recommendations for policy and decision makers
- To advocate for a EU regulatory environment that promotes European excellence and innovation in biomedical research and healthcare by adopting specific policy statements
- To ensure that the European Research Area is supported with sustainable research policies and adequate funding programmes at EU-level to tackle future societal challenges

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## Membership

BioMed Alliance membership enables:

- Strength in expertise and in numbers when speaking as a single voice for biomedical and health research
- Access to a broad network of policymakers and expertise in EU legislation
- Being part of a lean organisation that generates added value through interdisciplinary cooperation and knowledge exchange

## Governance

The BioMed Alliance's activities focus on topics of common interest and are complementary to other European organisations. Members are actively involved and receive regular information about the activities of the BioMed Alliance.

Policies, strategies and activities are annually discussed during the Spring Meeting and the General Assembly, which in addition provide a forum for networking and information exchange with high-level policymakers and relevant stakeholders at European level. Specialised taskforces and committees meet on a regular basis to work on policy matters related to: Biomedical Research, Medical Devices, In Vitro Diagnostics, Clinical Trials, Open Access and Continuing Medical Education.

## Achievements

The BioMed Alliance has developed the Code of Conduct for healthcare professionals and scientific organisations, approved by all members. It sets out core principles to maintain and enhance professional independence, objectivity and scientific integrity.

The BioMed Alliance has addressed important issues for biomedical and health research in the EU such as: changes to the EU Data Protection Regulation, clinical trials, the EU research budget and certain European Citizens' Initiatives that could hamper research.

The BioMed Alliance has achieved recognition and strength in negotiations at EU level. We advocated for the creation of a Scientific Panel for Health (SPH) under Horizon2020. The SPH is a science-led stakeholder platform aimed at providing a science-focussed analysis of research and innovation, identifying bottlenecks as well as opportunities, and making strategic recommendations.

The BioMed Alliance has been promoting the development of unbiased criteria on continuous medical education. In addition, it has been providing expertise on the EU regulatory framework, particularly in relation to medical devices.

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