



The European Association for Bioindustries

Dear visitor,

I am pleased to present to you the new membership categories at EuropaBio that are now open to important stakeholders in the biotech community. As of June 2009 we are welcoming companies that are involved in **investment** in biotechnology and companies that are involved in **providing services** (e.g. patent offices or companies that are assisting operational companies with regulatory support) as full members of EuropaBio. They are now eligible to full access to our members-only intranet, working groups, council meetings, and can also contribute to our policy messages.

The biotechnology industry is changing rapidly and the investment community and service providers are an integral part of the biotechnology sector; they hold key expertise and knowledge that supports a thriving biotech community.

For the investment community, membership of EuropaBio gives an opportunity of having a much better insight into policies, including regulatory and legislative initiatives, that are coming along and that affect the future of their potential investment.

Both IPR and regulation are central activities of EuropaBio in its relationships with the European institutions; service providers in those areas can benefit by getting better insights in what is coming in the policy field.

This is an exciting opportunity for companies that are not traditionally thought of as key stakeholders in the discussion of biotech policy. Here at EuropaBio, we have understood the increasing role that investment companies and service providers play and would like to add their concerns and insights to our policy messages. Should you like to discover more about these categories and join EuropaBio, don't hesitate to contact me [w.degreeef@europabio.org](mailto:w.degreeef@europabio.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "W. De Greef", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.

Willy De Greef,  
Secretary General, EuropaBio