Life Science Innovation

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Denmark is **leading** within **life science research**, but we are **not** good enough at the **transition from science to market**

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Denmark is among the best life science **research** nations in the world



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..but we are still not good enough at **translating** the research into patents and companies

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There are start-up deals in Denmark





Start-up deals correlate with scientific output



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BII helps start-ups become investment ready by bridging the gap between academia and business.



Bll is a private **not-for-profit Institute** that supports **Life Science Innovation**



BII team of about **35 people** supports start-ups with knowledge, networks, financing and infrastructures



Funded by the Novo Nordisk Foundation with ~500 MEUR in 2021-2030 (70 MEUR in 2018-2020)



So far granted about 30 MEUR to early-stage start-ups



BII companies have already raised >110 MEUR in financing

The BII Model



BII - a unique place to be

Inspired by global hotspots





The Pharmaceutical Industry

The pharmaceutical industry has learned to source from biotech start-ups

An ecosystem of innovation has been established



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Venture Lab

- Venture Lab is designed to help newly established start-ups in the early phases
- 12 months incubation
- Up to five loans granted per open call
- Convertible loan of 500,000 euros (4M DKK)

Access:

- Lab facilities
- Dedicated BII Anchor
- VC and Industry Network

Eligibility:

• Research-based idea with high-growth commercial potential

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Venture Lab program supports early-stage startups in their journey from cutting-edge, transformative ideas into validated concepts.

Creation House

- 18 months incubation
- Up to eight loans granted per open call
- Convertible loan of EUR 1,3M (DKK 10M)

Access:

- Lab facilities
- Dedicated BII Anchor
- VC and Industry Network

Eligibility:

- Proof of concept and initial business plan
- No previous investments/loans
- Must establish Danish entity and deploy operational team at BII if approved

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The program is designed to mature companies to a competitive international level and prepare teams for discussions with investors and industry.

The end-goal is to support your company in raising Series A funding and a key outcome is a prototype or lead candidate.

Faculty

- Up to 3 years
- 4-6 projects per year
- Grant, up to 6M DKK per year

Access:

- Lab facilities
- Dedicated BII Anchor
- VC and Industry Network

Eligibility:

• PI with a strong scientific and entrepreneurial track-record, innovative research idea with commercial potential

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BII Faculty Program supports entrepreneurial academic researchers in translating their science into innovative products and solutions. BII have a unique **international network** of selected **partners** providing access to **financing options** and **business acceleration**

Venture capital partners

Selected **other** partners







* At least met with BII BD and proceed to review one or more of our portfolio companies.

.... and an **internally recognized** SAB, which is **actively engaged** and provide **general advice** for BII's programs



Robert Langer

Professor at MIT, USA. Founder of >40 biotech companies and the most cited engineer of all time.



Mathias Uhlen

Professor at KTH, Sweden. Founder of >10 biotech companies and one of the most cited scientists in Sweden.



Feng Zhang

Professor at the Broad Institute, USA. Founder of several biotech companies and the most networked CRISPR/Cas9 pioneer.



Christina Smolke

Professor at Stanford, USA. Founder of a pioneering yeast synthetic biology company and a world leader in synthetic biology research.



Sang Yup Lee

Professor at KAIST, South Korea. A world leader in industrial biotechnology.



Eran Segal

Professor at the Weismann Institute, Israel. Founder of several biotech companies and world leader in systems biology.



From Zero to One: Transformative start-ups

No other segment has observed as fast growth as the IT/tech industry with several prime examples of Zero to One, e.g., Uber, Airbnb, and Facebook Difficult to capture the same concept in biotech start-ups, but the mindset should be the same:



Do NOT focus on marginal improvements Do NOT look at product replacements Aim for significant changes & opportunities to scale

Big difference though between Europe and USA in terms of vision and financing.



Check-point inhibitors: Transformative drugs



Nobel Prize in Medicine 2018





Tasuko Honio

Another Example



A transformative case of addressing the issue of drug delivery through the use of engineered red blood cells

An initial market cap of >2 BUSD when going IPO in 2019

James P. Allison

In principle, any new drug that addresses an unmet medical need is a zero-to-one solution

However, most new drugs replace existing therapies, with relevant improvements

In rare occasions **new biological discoveries**, like the idea of using antibodies to target immune regulation, results in transformation of therapy

But, there are many biological solutions to this problem (due to the nature of biology) and hence the first movers do not get a monopoly position!

Life sciences is therefore very different from IT/tech.







PROVIDING RELIF FROM TREATMENT-RESISTANT DEPRESSION

Lophora is a preclinical biotech company located in Copenhagen, Denmark, developing a lead candidate for treatment-resistant depression based on a new treatment-paradigm: Psychedelic Assisted Psychotherapy

Lophora is developing small molecules that modulate the Serotonin 2A receptor for psychiatric conditions



Founders

Jesper Kristiansen, Prof. U Copenhagen Bo Tandrup, serial entrepreneur



Program participation Entered in 2019 PoC, VentureLab, Creation House



Funding 354k EUR





TWELVE.BIO

INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS USING NEXT GENERATION CRISPR-cas12a TECHNOLOGY

Twelve Bio is focusing on CRISPr technology for gene editing. By employing a structural based rational design to manipulate the CRISPR-Cas12a system.

Twelve Bio's approach combined with innovative methods to identify diseases related to DNA sequences allows them to tackle unique indications



Founders Stefano Stella, Università di Camerino



Program participation Entered in 2019 Novoseeds Preseed, VentureLab, Creation House



Funding 4.28 Million EUR





DEVELOPING ANTIBODY-DRUG

DEVELOPING ANTIBODY-DRUG CONJUGATES FOR CANCER TREATMENT

Adcendo ApS is a Copenhagen-based biotech company dedicated to developing antibody-drug conjugates (ADCs) for treatment of cancer.

Adcenco are taking the ADC approach to new levels through a focus on cancer-associated targets that are professional internalizers and allow for superior selectivity via highly preferential cancer expression.



Founders

Henrik Stage, serial entrepreneur Christoffer Nielsen, AU Niels Behrendt, Prof. U Copenhagen Lars H. Engelholm, U Copenhagen



Program participation Entered Creation House 2019

Fun 50,9

Funding 50,9 Million EUR



EvodiaBio

MAKING NON-ALCOHOLIC BEER TASTE GREAT

EvodiaBio is a bio-industrial company producing sustainable, natural aromas for the food and beverage industry. The disruptive yeast-based technology enables consumers to enjoy the benefits of non-alcoholic beer without having to compromise on taste.



Founders

Simon Dusséaux, U Copenhagen Victor Forman, U Copenhagen Sotirios Kampranis, Prof. U Copenhagen



Program participation Entered VentureLab 2021





26

start-ups from 2018-2021

Start-ups 20 received external funding

Seed

>1M EUR

Series A investments investments > 10M EUR

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Minor **A**dditional investments grants < 1M EUR

Granted funding by BII vs. granted external funding (accumulated)



Split between loans, grants and investments



53% of portfolio have raised

external funding since 2018

28M

EUR raised in external funding by our portfolio

3,1x

external funding leverage in average across portfolio

Numbers from Q3 2021



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start-ups from 2018-2021

18 Start-ups received external funding

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< 1M EUR

Granted funding by BII vs. granted external funding (accumulated)



BII funding 📃 Total external funding

Split between loans, grants and investments



of portfolio have raised external funding since 2018 **102M**

EUR raised in external funding by our portfolio

3,4x

external funding leverage in average across portfolio

Numbers from Q3 2021

Questions?

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