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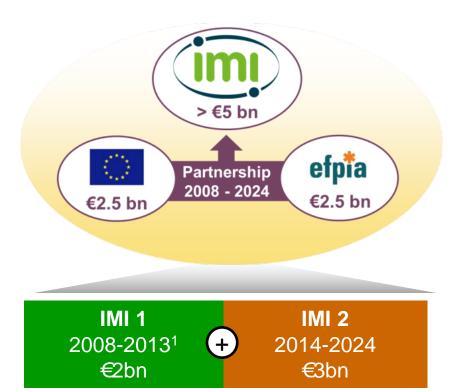
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The Innovative Medicines Initiative (IMI) is the largest Public-Private Partnership (PPP) in the global healthcare sector

# Partnership between EFPIA and the European Comission



## Architecture and principles

- Research topics developed by pharmaceutical companies
- Companies invest with own FTE
- Public partner's selection is highly competitive
- IMI organization serves as neutral platform
- Consensus-driven joint leadership by EFPIA and public leader



# Ongoing IMI Drug Delivery project for biologics



Improve understanding of intracellular uptake and trafficking mechanisms of biologics

- Formulations for non-invasive delivery of peptide- and protein-based drugs constructed and characterized
- Sophisticated in vitro and in vivo models for the various barriers\* established
- Potential novel targets for targeting the Blood-Brain-Barrier identified
- Identification and characterization of transport pathways across biological barriers and cell membranes ongoing

#### 7 Pharma Companies:

- Sanofi (Coordinator)
- GSK
- AbbVie
- Boehringer Ingelheim
- Merck Serono
- Novo Nordisk
- Pfizer

#### 15 Academic Partners & Biotech:

- Universiteit Utrecht
- Cardiff University
- Helmholtz-Zentrum für Infektionsforschung
- University of Copenhagen
- University of Oxford
- University of Helsinki
- •Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität
- Universitet NTNU
- Stockholms Universitet
- •Universität Wien
- Universität Zurich
- •Universiteit Gent
- •Universiteit Leiden
- Bioneer
- Pharmacoidea

IMI funding: Academia / Biotech cont. Pharma resources: : TOTAL PROJECT COST:

Starting Date 1-11-2012

Duration: 60 Month

10.2 M€ 3.2 M€ 16.6 M€ **30 M**€

\*Brain, air-blood, intestinal, skin



# Upcoming IMI project on the Blood-Brain-Barrier (BBB)

Discovery and characterisation of blood-brain barrier targets and transport mechanisms for brain delivery of therapeutics to treat neurodegenerative & metabolic diseases

- Discovery and development of innovative and efficacious brain delivery systems
- Establishment and characterisation of BBB models with good predictability
- Identification of translational readouts closer to the pathogenesis of neurodegeneration
- In-depth understanding of the biology of the BBB and characterization of various transport mechanisms across the **BBB**



namely several potential new targets for brain delivery

#### 7 Pharma Companies:

- Sanofi (Lead)
- Pfizer
- GSK
- Janssen
- Novartis
- NovoNordisk
- Fujifilm

**Total Budget:** 18 Mio€

Starting Date Q2 2018

Duration 60 Month

Capitalizing on the findings from the IMI COMPACT consortium,



## Benefits for stakeholders of public-private partnerships

## A Typical IMI Consortium



### Benefits for academia/hospitals

- Joining and shaping vibrant, collaborative and translational health innovation ecosystem
- Fostering validation, standardization, joint protocols and reproducibility of results
- · Gaining development expertise
- Advancing basic research towards application and translation into benefits for patients

## Benefits for pharmaceutical companies

- Addressing bottlenecks in drug discovery
- Accessing enhanced knowledge and innovative technology
- Sharing and pooling data, knowledge, skills and risks
- Building consensus
- Paving the way for future collaborations

#### Benefits for SME

- Building partnerships, reputation and visibility
- Perfecting innovative services and products and pitch them.
- Accelerating business expansion

