

An emerging academic Research Infrastructure for Chemical Biology in Europe

Introduction

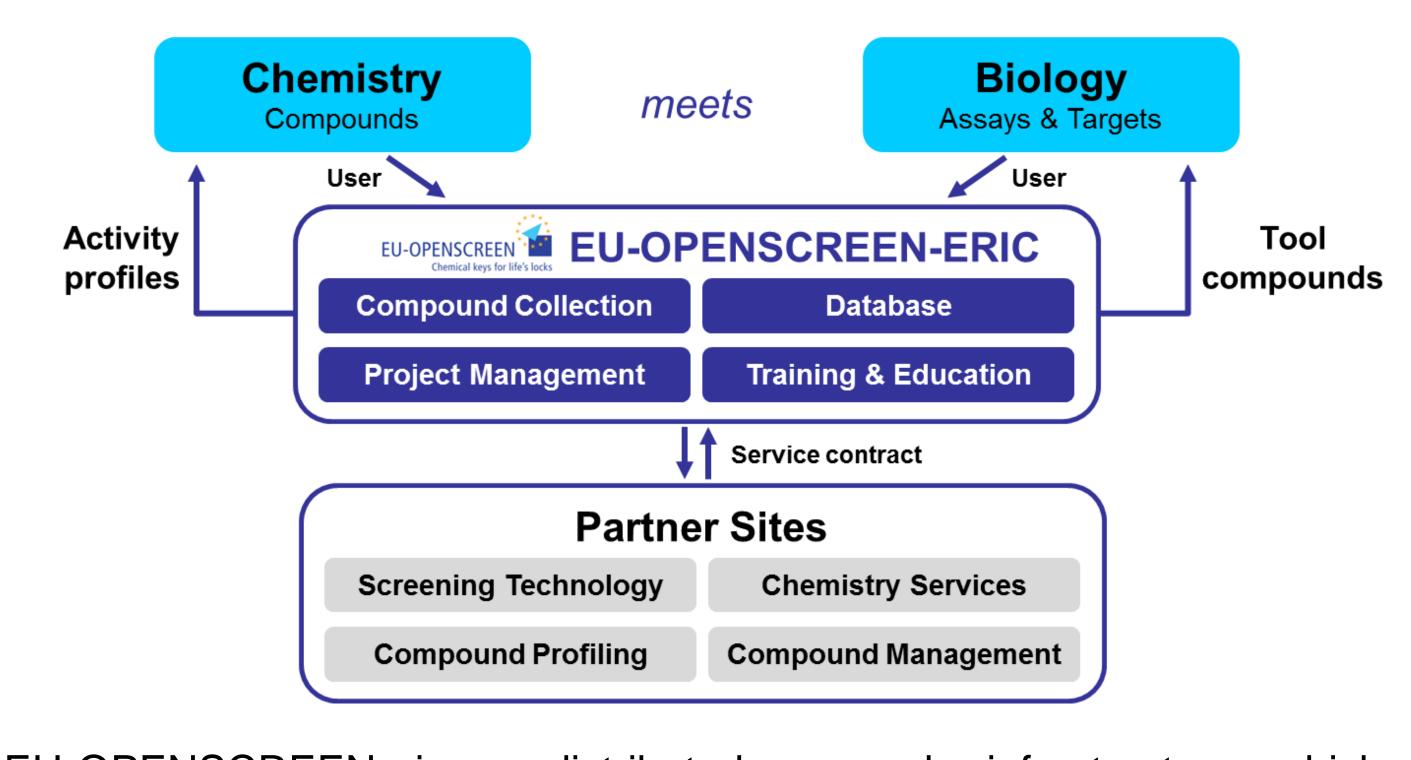
EU-OPENSCREEN (www.eu-openscreen.eu) is the largest emerging academic chemical biology research infrastructure initiative in Europe.

As a joint effort of national networks in 16 European countries, EU-OPENSCREEN will collaboratively develop novel molecular 'tool' compounds (or 'probes') with external life sciences users (cell and molecular biology, microbiology, early drug discovery etc.). It supports all stages of a tool development project, including assay adaptation, high-throughput screening, chemical optimisation of 'hit' compounds, and biological characterisation of the final 'tool' compounds.

By integrating high-capacity screening platforms throughout Europe, which jointly use a rationally selected compound collection (100,000-200,000 compounds), and by making all generated datasets available to the scientific community without restrictions on use, EU-OPENSCREEN generates well-annotated, standardised, controlled datasets of biological activities of small molecules with great coverage of chemical space and biological contexts, which are made available in EU-OPENSCREEN's freely accessible database.

Pharmaceutical companies have made significant investments in the past decades to improve their own compound collections. Most academic compound collections mainly comprise compounds which are commercially available; however, proprietary compounds synthesized by academic chemists represent a rich, untapped source for novel chemical diversity. Therefore, EU-OPENSCREEN will actively source academic compounds in Europe to expose them to a much greater range and number of biological targets beyond the purpose for which the compounds were initially synthesized.

Distributed pan-European research infrastructure



EU-OPENSCREEN is a distributed research infrastructure which integrates high-capacity screening platforms and chemistry groups throughout Europe. EU-OPENSCREEN provides access to these resources for external biologists and chemists.

Cooperation with Industry

EU-OPENSCREEN is open to users from industry for the formation of mutually beneficial partnerships:

- > e.g. target validation with a pharma company
- > e.g. co-development of enabling technologies with a discovery tools or instrumentation developer

'Associate Industrial Partner' membership status for SMEs, biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies:

- directly engage with EU-OPENSCREEN, learn about how to best work together and then advance towards larger research partnerships
- ➤ directly interact with individual consortium partners within EU-OPENSCREEN's distributed network of chemistry and biology platforms, which may hold unique technologies, software tools, and scientific and technical expertise that might not be available in-house
- > respected partners of EU-OPENSCREEN and directly report to the Governing Board, the highest governing body of EU-OPENSCREEN

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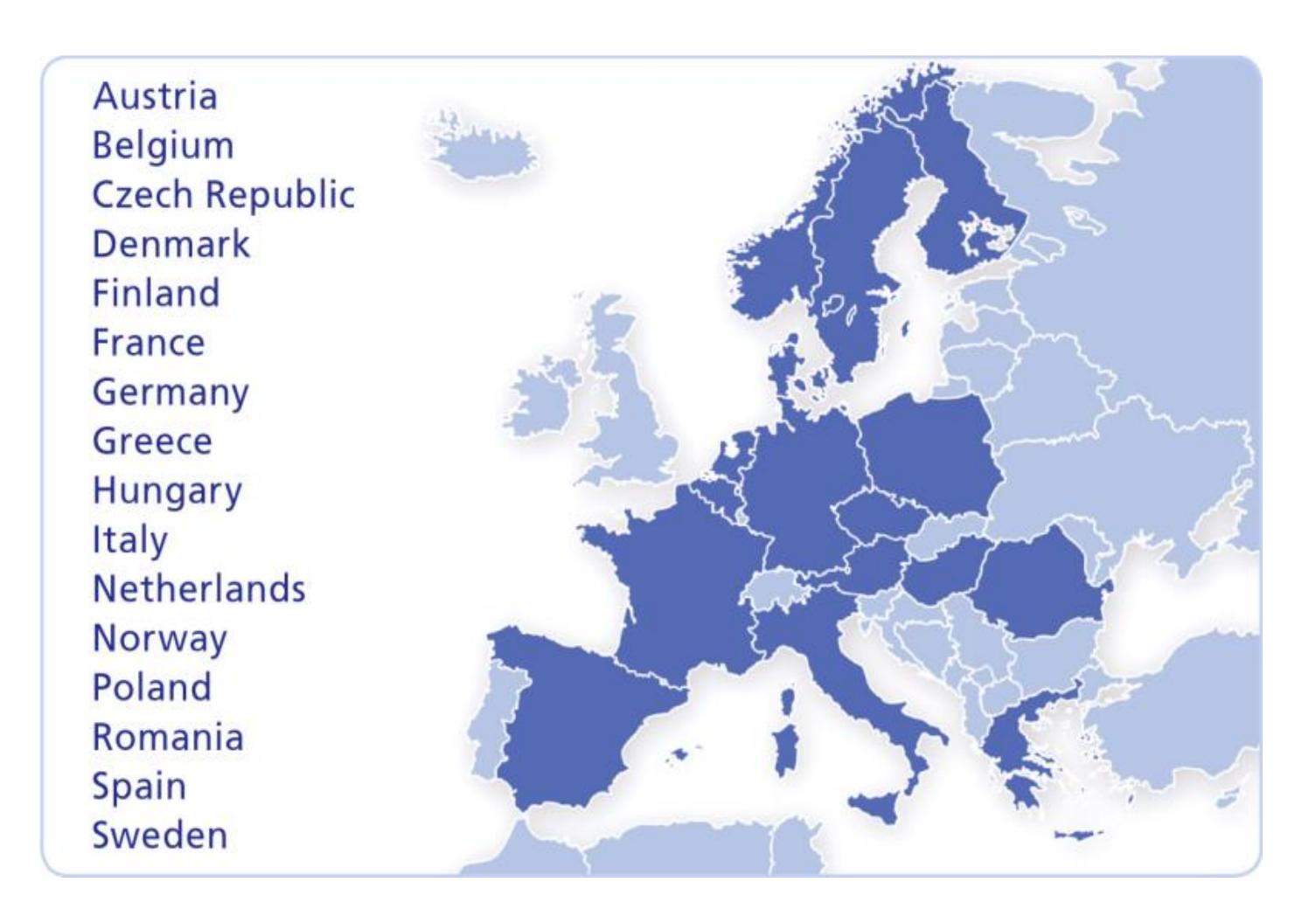
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Chemically diverse compound collection

Screening facilities and chemical groups

Central database

Joint training and education programs

Common standards

Harmonised legal framework

Timeline



EU-OPENSCREEN is an emerging research infrastructure. It is currently in its 'Transition Phase', during which future member countries agree on a common funding model, user access policy etc. During the Construction Phase, the compound collection, database and central office will be established. Projects will be implemented during the Operation Phase, starting in 2017.



