

Scientific pan-European Collaboration in Research on Bacterial and Fungal Genome is planned for the coming year

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ERA-NET PathoGenoMics is one of the European Research Area (ERA) networks of research-funding organizations from member and associated states of the EU which will facilitate the collaboration between the states involved to form the critical mass of research institutes and funding organization necessary to yield top-level scientific research aspiring to tackle life threatening diseases. The partners of ERA-NET PathoGenoMics are committed to support multinational collaborative research projects aimed at investigating the genome of pathogenic bacteria and fungi. The first joint call resulting from the agreement will be published on December 2005 by the partner states and on the ERA-NET PathoGenoMics website (<http://www.pathogenomics-era.net>)

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