

Call for Participation

BE READY Public-Private Workshop

16 and 17 November 2026, Madrid

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Registration link: [Call for participation](#)

Introduction

The European Partnership for pandemic preparedness (BE READY) connects 81 organisations across 27 countries, bringing together public health bodies, research organisations, clinical networks, ministries and research infrastructures.

Established for a 10-year period, the Partnership has a budget of €117 million for its initial three-year phase, with an overall planned budget of €240 million.

It aims to strengthen Europe's capacity to prevent, prepare for and respond to emerging and re-emerging infectious disease threats. Achieving this ambition requires strong links, dialogue and coordination between academic research, public authorities and the industry around shared health priorities, thereby contributing to the evidence base and strategic considerations that may inform future medical countermeasure development.

Context

In the context of the European competitiveness agenda, pandemic preparedness is also a strategic area where Europe needs to strengthen the continuum from research and innovation through clinical validation to industrial scale-up and market uptake. The Draghi and Letta reports highlight the need to reduce fragmentation, close Europe's innovation gap, and translate scientific excellence into industrial capacity, growth and strategic autonomy and resilience. The proposed European Biotech Act and wider EU policy initiatives on biotechnology and life sciences further underline the importance of enabling European innovators to develop, scale up and manufacture in Europe.

Purpose

The purpose of this workshop is to facilitate information exchange between public, academic and private-sector stakeholders on current and planned areas of research, identify shared priorities and knowledge gaps, and explore opportunities for future collaboration in support of preparedness and response efforts. This work will notably contribute to the preparation of the Partnership's second phase, a process that will continue until April 2027.

Objectives

The specific objectives of this workshop are the following:

- Gather private sector expectations, needs and potential contributions
- Give industry early visibility into forthcoming priorities within the Partnership
- Present legal, financial and administrative options for **private participation**
- Showcase **existing complementarities** between academic research, pre-clinical research platforms, clinical research networks, public health authorities and private sector actors in inter-pandemic periods and during crises.
- Identify where private sector engagement can contribute to BE READY's outcomes
- Develop operational recommendations for **BE READY Phase 2** and follow-up discussions.

Agenda

Agenda is still under preparation. Early registrants will be able to provide their insight on it and may become speakers or panellists in one of our working sessions. For your information you can find below a draft:

16 November

13h30-14h	<i>Opening remarks</i>
14h00-15h30	<i>Presentation of the BE READY Partnership</i>
15h30-16h	<i>Coffee break</i>
16h-18h	<i>Panel 1 – Private-Sector Perspectives: Barriers, Needs and Pathways to Meaningful Engagement</i>

17 November

9h – 10h30	<i>Panel 2 – Concrete examples of complementarities between academia, public research infrastructures and the private sector</i>
	<i>Coffee break</i>
11h – 13h	<i>Panel 3 – Private sector engagement in the BE READY Partnership (second phase 2029-2032)</i>
13h	<i>Closing remarks and next steps</i>

To ensure a balanced and productive public-private dialogue, on-site places are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, with adjustments to maintain a representative mix of participants.