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ANNEX IV – Executive Report B'ACIS

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Overview

The B.ACIS's strategy consists in promoting Innovation, encouraging the creation and protection of Intellectual Property (IP), boosting entrepreneurship and the transfer of knowledge to national and international businesses, directed to economic and social ecosystems in the area of Medical and Health Technologies.

B.ACIS is a private, non-profit association, inserted and aligned with the coalition dynamics of the Cluster of the School of Medicine (EM) of the University of Minho (UMinho), in Braga, Portugal.

The B.ACIS headquarters are at the Life and Health Sciences Research Institute (ICVS). The Association's Governing Bodies comprise a group of professors/researchers with links to the EM / ICVS and the Alumni Medicina.

Activities in 2019

Activities carried out in its first year of establishment (2019):

- Organization of the portfolio of IP already protected/registered at the ICVS/EM;
- Consultancy, counselling and monitoring for generating and protecting IP (12 projects);
- Implementation of R&D services using animal models in biomedicine;
- Development, establishment and implementation of operating procedures.

Highlights in 2019

In 2019, B.ACIS provided consultancy, counselling and monitoring services for generation and protection of IP for 12 projects, including consultancy and advice for the protection of six new inventions, and monitoring and definition of strategies for maintenance/entry records in European/International phase for six inventions.

Key activities for 2020

The main steps for 2020 are:

- Establishment of a Collaboration Protocol with UMinho (clarifying the division of responsibilities/profits);
- Integration of spin-off shares in B'ACIS (25% of iCognitus and 20% of Bn'MI);
- Definition of scientific-technological strategic priorities for the international divulgation of activities;

- Expansion of the activities of consultancy, counselling and monitoring for generation/protection of IP;
- Commercial promotion of the IP portfolio strategy;

- Organization of advanced courses (including on entrepreneurship) and scientific events;
- Organization of an annual event on entrepreneurship;
- Participation in fairs and other Innovation and entrepreneurship events;

- Expansion of the scope of services provided in the animal facility, with the capture of external clients;

- Submission of applications for funding (innovation and entrepreneurship projects);

- Development of a new logo, divulgation materials and an official website;

- Hiring of additional human resources.