

## GENOPOLE STRENGTHENS COOPERATION WITH THE CHINESE BIOINDUSTRY HUB BIOLAKE

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Genopole is reinforcing its cooperation with Biolake, a Chinese bioindustry base in Wuhan, the capitol of the Hubei province located approximately 850 kilometers west of Shanghai.

On Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, as guests of the Essonne Departmental Council, Tang Liangzhi, Mayor of Wuhan, and Zhang Wentong, Director of the Administrative Committee of the Wuhan East Lake High-tech Development Zone, were received at Genopole to sign an agreement for the creation of a Biolake presence office at the French biocluster's Évry campus. The office will facilitate bridge-building between the biotech companies of Biolake and Genopole.



**Naceur Tounekti (left), Deputy Director of Genopole, and Zhang Wentong, Director of the Wuhan East Lake High-tech Development Zone, sign the cooperation agreement in the company of Jérôme Guedj, President of the Essonne Departmental Council, and David Ros, Vice-President in charge of International Relations.**

Biolake is an exceptionally large biopark in which the Chinese government has invested massively to forward the development of biotechnologies in medicine, organic agriculture and bioenergy, cutting-edge fields in which Genopole laboratories and businesses are active as well.

The letter of intention signed Thursday is a step forward for Genopole and its Horizon 2025 strategy, which prioritizes the international expansion of the biocluster and its companies.

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**About Genopole.** Genopole is the leading French biopark dedicated to research in genetics and biotechnologies for healthcare and the environment. Genopole unites 19 research laboratories, 80 biotech companies and 21 technical platforms as well as university training programs (Évry-Val-d'Essonne University). Its objectives are to favor the development of research in genomics, post-genomics and other related fields, assure the transfer of resulting technology to the industrial sector, establish academic-level training programs for these fields, and finally to create and support biotech companies. Genopole is funded mainly by the Ile-de-France Regional Council (30%), the Essonne Department Council (26.5%) and the French State (15.7%).