

# IMMUNO VALLEY: PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP CONNECTS HUMAN AND ANIMAL HEALTH



**Immuno Valley is a business driven public-private consortium at the interface of human and animal health. Within Immuno Valley, 36 scientific and business partners collaborate in order to translate R&D expertise into products that combat infectious diseases.**

Immuno Valley monitors trends in research & development and matches scientific findings with business and funding opportunities. Partners combine their research & development expertise for the diagnosis, prevention and treatment of human and animal related infectious diseases. Within public-private partnerships, novel testing technologies,

new vaccines, immuno-modulatory products, and novel therapies are being developed.

At VU Medical Center, a valued partner of Immuno Valley, Professor Paul Savelkoul works in partnership with AMC, Radboud University, Utrecht University and several Small and

Medium sized Enterprises (SMEs) to develop personalized molecular diagnostics. Coming from a background in animal health, Savelkoul has investigated and developed testing tools for complex flora. “When someone becomes ill, we normally try to detect the bacteria or viruses which cause these illnesses. I want to map the entire, complex microbiological flora to learn about health and immunity in order to optimize treatment and eventually prevent illness”, he explains. For the purpose of developing a toolkit for mapping complex flora, Savelkoul, together with colleague and medical microbiologist Dries Budding, has founded two SMEs, Microbiome and IS Diagnostics.

This line of research and development illustrates the value of connecting human and animal health within the scope of public-private partnerships. “The knowledge and molecular applications are important for both human and animal health. Immuno Valley builds bridges

between these two approaches and offers new ways of looking at business opportunities”, Savelkoul says.

“Public-private partnerships are the future”, Arno Vermeulen, managing director of Immuno Valley adds.

“I have experienced how more and more pre-clinical developments come from collaborative programs. Building successful partnerships is therefore essential.”

## **Immuno Valley welcomes new partners**

Immuno Valley offers (new) partners several forms of partnership, aimed at reaching a mutually beneficial agreement and well defined project goals, while considering confidentiality: ■

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### **Benefits for partners Immuno Valley**

- Opportunities for public-private collaboration
- Networking and matchmaking facilities
- Overview of expertise: the Immuno Valley Expertise Dbase