



**NANORA**  
Nano Regions Alliance



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## Press Release

### Start of European Alliance of Nanoregions

#### European cooperation for accelerating development and strengthening competitiveness

Nine European regions are forging an alliance for supporting nanotechnologies. The participating regions come from Belgium, France, Germany, Great Britain, Ireland and the Netherlands. The European Union is supporting this task with the INTERREG Program IVb NWE by funding the built-up of the Alliance named NANORA (NanoRegionsAlliance) with nearly 1.7 Million Euros. The subsidy contract was signed today by the Hessian Minister of Economics Florian Rentsch in Wiesbaden.

All regions participating in NANORA have specific strengths and expertise on very different fields of nanotechnology. With the intensive cooperation between the partners the development of Europe as a High-Tech-Hub will be supported. Only through combined actions the European regions can take part successfully in the global competition for economic growth.

**Nanotechnology** is the manipulation of matters on a microscopic scale. It is seen as one of the most promising key enabling technologies. Nanotechnology can make solar cells more efficient, reduce the consumption of resources and making new medical therapies possible. Modern electronic devices like smartphones and computers could not have been developed without nanotechnology.

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