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ESPG AG (European Science Park Group) becomes a member of the Federal Association of German Innovation Centers

- ESPG becomes newest member of the Bundesverband Deutscher Innovations-, Technologie- und Gründerzentren e.V. (Federal Association of German Innovation, Technology, and Start-up Centers).
- Membership underlines growth strategy in the new asset class "Science Parks

Cologne, February 23rd. As of today, ESPG AG - European Science Park Group - is a member of the Federal Association of German Innovation, Technology and Start-up Centers (BVIZ). The association currently unites 144 member companies representing 272 science and technology parks and innovation centers in Germany. These in turn are home to around 6,450 companies that employ around 56,850 people and have already created more than 160,000 jobs since their foundation. ESPG AG, with its 16 science parks throughout Europe, has therefore been happy to join this large network.

In addition to the impressive figures, ESPG AG is enthusiastic about the mission of BVIZ, which is to promote innovation, start-ups, and business development in a sustainable manner, and to present these achievements to the public and politicians in an appropriate manner. Together, ESPG AG would like to contribute to ensuring that Germany remains a high-tech country with innovative products and companies in the future.

Dr. Ralf Nöcker, CEO of ESPG, comments on joining as follows: "The federal association is a strong mouthpiece for the achievements of its members and their users and provides us with a platform for supporting innovation-driven structural change and thus the growth of the economy in Germany. As part of our expansion into science park real estate, we are currently preparing further transactions in Germany and neighboring European countries."

## About ESPG

The European Science Park Group (ESPG) is a real estate company specializing in science parks. The company's focus is on the development of science parks, predominantly characterized by tenants from future-oriented industries such as life sciences, green technologies, or digital transformation, which benefit from the proximity to each other and the direct vicinity to universities, hospitals, or research locations. ESPG's portfolio already includes 16 science parks across Europe with a total area of 126,000 square meters and a balance sheet value of 250 million euros.

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The sites are generally located outside metropolitan areas, in areas that are considered science clusters or have a high concentration of innovative companies.

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