

# IQN Path Corporate Sponsor Members

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## Overview

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**IQN Path is a non-profit making association with the objective of developing and improving the quality of diagnostic testing of biomarkers in the clinic with the primary aim to provide high quality patient care in pathology.**

**As IQN Path is a non-profit making association, any surplus income shall be reinvested in the IQN Path mission of improving diagnostic quality for patients.**

## Benefits for corporate sponsors

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Work directly with EQA/PT groups that are on the front line of ensuring the highest quality of laboratory testing to improve patient safety, ensure accuracy of targeted treatments and maintain diagnostics accuracy.

Partner with IQN Path on the introduction and maintenance of standards for Companion Diagnostics and Personalised Health Care.

### **Membership gives access to the IQN Path network. Corporate Sponsor Members can:**

- Express and address concerns with an expert network
- Have an international outreach in the pathology community engaged in quality
- Be part of publications produced by IQN Path (subject to IQN Path publication policy)
- Support activities that will benefit patients and clinical implementation of diagnostics
- Take steps to improve laboratory testing and reduce costs associated with poor quality
- Support increased transparency and coordination in the field of EQA/PT
- Gain visibility for IQN Path approved standards and tools
- Participate in specific projects, workshops and developing other materials and tools

# Membership and Project Specific Funding

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## Corporate sponsorship involves two aspects

- 1) Annual Membership fee to be included in the IQN Path network
- 2) Once a member, Sponsors may contribute to specific projects according to their interests and alignment with the companies strategic goals

## Annual Membership Packages

### Gold Sponsorship

Open to:

1. Pharmaceutical companies: Membership fee of 20,000 EUR/year
2. Other companies (Diagnostic manufacturers, suppliers of reagents, equipment, standards and controls, software providers and other involved companies with specific interests in the work of IQN Path): Membership fee of 10,000 EUR/year

Benefits of membership:

- Access to the IQN Path forum and membership in all working group sessions open to corporate sponsors. NOTE the Data Steering Committee is not a working group and is governed by academic partners only.
- Working groups will generate specific projects which may include, toolkits, guidelines, certification programmes for best practise, training courses for laboratories, handbooks for laboratories and other educational material or facilitate specific data collection projects.
- The opportunity to participate in specific focused projects – with separately prepared budget. Project proposals approved by the Executive Board, with an associated budget, will be circulated to Corporate Sponsor members whom will be able to vote for and participate in funding the initiatives they see as important. All projects will be endorsed by the Executive Board and relevant Working Group's steering committee.
- Corporate sponsors may also discuss project ideas with IQN Path members.
- Attendance at the General Meeting (NOTE: corporate sponsors may attend and present their views but will not have a formal vote)
- Free registrations (up to 3 places) and 1x 25 minute presentation slot at open workshop group meetings
- Advertisement of gold sponsorship via company logo on website and on any materials from specific projects in which companies participate
- Possibility to distribute information via mail list (limited to maximum of 3 mailshots per year)/dedicated space in the newsletter
- Access to IQN Path survey/opinion poll results

### Silver

Membership open to:

Other companies (Diagnostic, suppliers of reagents, equipment, standards and controls, software providers and other involved companies)

Membership fee of 5,000 EUR/year

Benefits of membership:

Limited access to the IQN Path forum by:

- Attendance at the General Meeting (no vote)
- Limited registrations (1 places) and 1x10 minute presentation slot at open workshop group meetings
- May be requested to participate in specific projects
- Advertisement of silver sponsorship via company logo on website
- Possibility to distribute information via mail list (limited to maximum of 3 mailshots per year).

## Bronze

Bronze sponsors are those that contribute in cash, kind, with personnel or other resources and shall be acknowledged for their contribution. Bronze sponsors will not formally be part of the IQN Path network as members, nor receive the above benefits but will be recognized on the IQN Path webpage or within reports/outcomes of specific projects for their contribution.

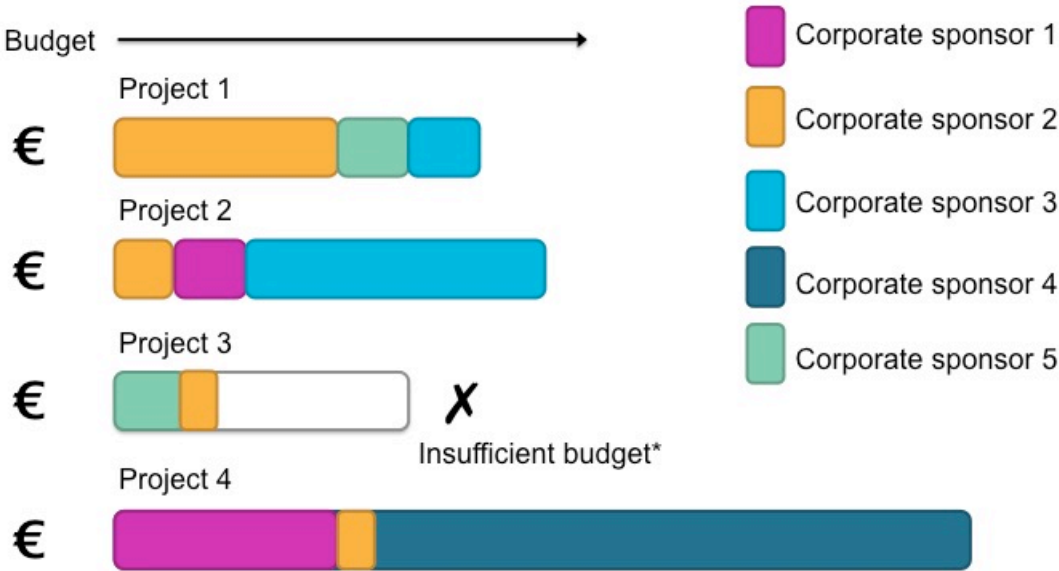
NOTE: Small companies of less than 50 employees who wish to join the IQN Path network will receive a discount of 20% on Corporate Sponsor Membership packages.

# IQN Path Project Review and Funding

## **Principles for Project Specific Funding**

- Once corporate sponsors have joined the IQN Path network they are eligible to receive information regarding current and proposed project specific activities and are invited to join any relevant working group meetings. Corporate members will have the opportunity to sponsor specific projects that they find valuable.
- The value of all individual sponsorship contributions to specific projects will be kept blinded and confidential.
- The Executive Board will evaluate the proposal for scientific merit and strategic fit with IQN Path objectives and has the right to refuse a project proposal, however in any such case feedback shall be given as to the reason why.
- Projects which meet the budget predicted to deliver the project will proceed. Projects with insufficient budget may be rolled over for future bidding, may be supplemented from alternative sources of funding, or may be cancelled.
- Contracts for IQN Path project specific funding shall be administered via the IQN Path central office.

## Corporate Sponsor Project-Specific Funding



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### Governance of activities

Projects shall be led by an IQN Path Academic member (founding member, full member or affiliate organisation) and shall maintain full control over the projects conducted on behalf of IQN Path to which a contribution in cash, kind, or personnel. This also includes control over any reports and publications, whether it is published or disseminated in any form and the timing of such dissemination.