

## The ESCulab project of the EU Lead Factory

All conditions for the ESCulab project are detailed in the template Contributing Third Party Agreement (CTPA). We expect that the most relevant changes for Programme Owners with experience in ELF, are the following:

- In addition to HTS, ESCulab will be able to also carry out HCS (high content screening) programmes in the near future.
- The programme will also include resynthesis of the most interesting hits. Unfortunately, IHL work is not financially supported by the ESCulab grant. In case you wish the partnership to support you in the hit to lead phase, you'll have to secure additional funding.
- There is a distinct separate agreement for Programme Owners that are Contributing Third Parties.
- No changes in access rights.
- Milestone payments:
  - Patent milestone choice is now limited to a) single payment of 55.000 Euros directly or, after written notification, b) 10% of the compensation or 1% of the revenues.
  - No milestones for Neglected Tropical Disease programmes.
- Option procedure:
  - Needs to start 3 years after disclosure of the QHL or 3 months after submission of a QHL patent application, whichever comes first.
  - Option Notice should now include the complete QHL (without structures) and relevant sections of the proposal, to have a more meaningful assessment by the EFPIA partners directly in the first step of the procedure.
  - Timeline for evaluating the Option Notice by EFPIA partners is extended to 45 days.
  - Timeline to provide a Programme Dossier by the Programme Owner is extended to 45 days.
  - Obligation for the Programme Owner to negotiate for at least 9 months, while protecting the commercial value, in case EFPIA partner shows real interest by providing a non-binding term sheet.
  - If no non-binding term sheet is received, or if the negotiations turn out unsuccessful, the option procedure is completed.
  - The option procedure is now limited to once per program. The iteration to offer the program again when an offer of a Third Party was received, is removed.
  - No option to the ChemSMEs partners of ESCulab for subsequent chemistry work.
- Dissemination:
  - Timeline for the procedure is extended to 50 days, to include a few days handling time.
  - The reasons to reject a dissemination approval request is extended with the possibility to reject in case other legitimate interests of the objecting Beneficiary in relation to the Results or Background it Controls would be harmed.