The safety and security of matchmaking participants are our top priorities. Carefully considering the current measures taken by the Belgian government, and as the Knowledge for Growth conference is being postponed to September 10, the Eurostars Life Sciences matchmaking event will be organised in 2 sessions:

1. Virtual meetings on 27 May 2020

2. Presentations, pitches and physical B2B-meetings on 9 September 2020

In the context of the Eurostars Calls (next cut-off deadline is 3 September 2020), the Enterprise Europe Network and the public funding agencies from Belgium, the Netherlands and Nordrhein-Westfalen (Germany) co-organise an international matchmaking event for SME’s interested in Life Sciences topics.

Eurostars funds international innovative projects led by R&D-performing SME’s. With its bottom-up approach, it supports the development of innovative products, processes and services. It is an ideal first step in international cooperation, enabling small businesses to combine and share expertise and benefit from working beyond national or regional borders.

To help interested parties in finding international partners (companies, universities, research institutes) with complementary expertise to set up a Eurostars project, a two-fold matchmaking event is organised in the domain of Life Sciences, including health, biotech, medtech and agrotech:

1. On 27th May 2020, online B2B meetings will be facilitated through the b2match platform to allow companies to find partners for the next Eurostars call in September.

2. On 9th September 2020, the physical matchmaking event will take place in Ghent, Belgium. Participants will then have the opportunity to learn about the latest services and funding opportunities offered to SME’s for cross-border research projects by the Eurostars and Interreg programmes and how to set up an international project. In addition, the agenda will include pitch and matchmaking sessions for companies who want to submit a proposal in 2021.

Please note that participants of the virtual matchmaking session on 27th May are also invited to attend the full Eurostars Life Sciences matchmaking event (with presentations, pitches and bilateral meetings) on 9th September 2020 in Ghent!

The physical Eurostars matching event is scheduled on the day before the Knowledge for Growth conference (on 10th September 2020), one of the largest conferences in Europe in the domain of Life Sciences, that will take place in the same premises in Ghent. By scheduling the Eurostars event adjacent to this conference, participants will have the opportunity to attend several interesting presentations in the life sciences sector and network further with companies and research institutes active in the field.