

Strategic Cooperation between European ScreeningPort GmbH and Greiner Bio-One GmbH

European ScreeningPort, the European Center for Drug Discovery, and Greiner Bio- One GmbH, a leading international technology partner for the diagnostic and pharmaceutical industry, are cooperating to optimize the screening process at ESP's facility in Hamburg, Germany.

European ScreeningPort offers an infrastructure and marketplace to its academic partners which includes bioassay development and validation, primary screening of small molecules, high content screening for secondary and selectivity assays, and bioinformatics and virtual screening.

Under the terms of the cooperation, ESP will use microplates from Greiner Bio-One as the first choice format for assay development and screening on its state-of-the-art screening equipment. The high quality of their products makes Greiner Bio-One the logical choice as a technology partner. A key benefit to ESP, which screens targets from multiple diverse academic and not-for-profit organizations, is the ability to standardize the screening process by using a consistent source of microplates. The impact of standardization will be reduced cycle times and increased overall process robustness and reproducibility.

European ScreeningPort GmbH is a Public-Private Partnership located in Hamburg, which has set itself the task of providing modern drug research capabilities for the academic community. The European ScreeningPort provides access to automated molecular screening platforms, bioinformatics know-how, chemical and biological infrastructure and an international staff with substantial pharmaceutical industry experience. Ongoing projects are being negotiated with various institutes within Germany including the Helmholtz Research Society, the Fraunhofer Institute and Max Planck organisations, as well as with University Hospitals in Hamburg and Kiel. Internationally, the ScreeningPort is working with the University of Groningen in the Netherlands, and the Karolinska Institute in Sweden.

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