

Alexander von Gabain

Chairman of the EIT Health Supervisory Board

A microbiologist, academic, founder of several biotech firms and board member of venture capital firms, Alexander von Gabain has worked at the intersection of the healthcare industry, academia and research throughout his career. He was one of the founding board members of EIT in 2008 and began his involvement in the EIT Health Supervisory Board in 2015.

Professional Career:

September 2017-present	Chairman of EIT Health Supervisory Board with an independent affiliation.
2015-July 2017	Member of EIT Health Supervisory Board from EIT Health Scandinavia.
2014-2017	Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Innovation and Commercial Outreach at the Karolinska Institutet.
2008-2014	Appointed founding member of the Governing Board of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT), which he chaired from 2011 until the end of his term, 2014. Under his chairmanship, the EIT has evolved into an EC funding agency with a budget that has enabled the EIT to support implementation of further Knowledge and Innovation Communities until 2018.
2013	Co-founded further biotech firms, served in the advisory board of Venture Capital firms.
2011-present	Supervisory Board member of trans-European biotech enterprise Valneva, listed in Paris and Vienna.
2007-2019	Chairman of INITs, the business incubator of the Viennese Universities, initiating more than 200 start-ups.
1998-2009	Co-founded Intercell AG, led the company as CEO, floated it on the Stock Exchange in 2005 and remained CSO until 2009. Today he is serving in the SB of the trans-European enterprise, Valneva SE, resulting from the merger of Intercell and Vivalis.
1992-1998	Chair of Microbiology at the University of Vienna, involved to build a public private partnership between the Viennese Universities and Boehringer Ingelheim.
1980s-early 1990s	Professor at the University of Umeå and at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, as well advisor to pharmaceutical and biotech industries.

Publications

Produced a large number of publications, patents and book chapters, and edited books, in particular in the field of microbiology, immunology and vaccines. The body of work demonstrates his passion for biomedical research and innovation.

Awards

Achievements have been acknowledged by the virtue of earning industrial awards, academic prizes and honourable memberships, including the Swedish Royal Academy of Engineering Science.

Education

Ph.D. in Molecular Biology from the University of Heidelberg.
Held a post-doctorate position at the Stanford University Medical Centre.



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