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No “forever” for PFAS.

A European solution initiative for processes that make PFAS contamination measurable, treatable and removable – industry-funded, independent, through to application.

Industry is not waiting for the solution.
It is taking responsibility for developing it together.

DETECTION
reliable detection, up to live monitoring

CONCENTRATION
targeted separation and concentration

ELIMINATION
actually destroying C–F bonds

VERIFICATION
robust proof of effectiveness

IMPLEMENTATION
integrate, scale up, operate economically

~10,000
individual substances are covered by the European PFAS restriction proposal[1]

51–60%
of monitored river sites exceeded the PFOS environmental quality standard in 2018–2022[2]

~€440 bn
societal costs of continued contamination up to 2050 without additional measures[3]

EXPOSURE

Everyone is affected. Everyone is needed.

Typical PFAS points of contact exist in **93 sectors and stakeholder groups** – including companies that have never produced PFAS:

Chemicals · Semiconductors · Electroplating · Automotive · Aviation · Pharma · Textiles · Packaging · Food · Agriculture · Airports · Fire brigades · Ski resorts · Drinking water · Wastewater · Landfills · Defence · Real estate · Insurers · Plant engineering · Waste management · Diagnostics · Analytics

THE APPROACH

Together, not alone

- A dedicated, privately funded R&D organisation – not a funding programme
- No dependence on funding calls and jury decisions; unsuitable approaches are stopped in time
- Members bring in their own challenges, material flows and sites
- Proven model of acib GmbH, a COMET K2 centre since 2010

> **Our focus: existing contamination.** Soils, waters, sites, facilities and waste. Shaping a PFAS-free future does not remove the contamination of the past.

Sources: 1 ECHA · 2 EEA (2024) · 3 European Commission (2026), cost study

MEMBERSHIP

Equal rights, graded responsibility

All full members have the same information rights. The tiers differ in contribution, commitment period, voting weight and participation.

Founding Member

from €250,000

per year

5 years (up to 10) · **4** votes

Elects the Industrial Advisory Board, protects core provisions

ONLY UNTIL AUTUMN 2028

Strategic Member

from €100,000

per year

5 years · **3** votes

Nominations for the Industrial Advisory Board, test environment

Core Member

€50,000

per year

3 years · **2** votes

Program Council, full access to all findings

Associate Member

€10,000–25,000

per year

3 years · **1** vote

Program Council, entry level for smaller companies

What all full members receive

- Access to all findings – at the same time, to the same extent
- Bring in their own PFAS challenges as use cases
- Voting rights in the Program Council, participation in the expert teams
- A knowledge advantage over non-participating competitors

Even without full membership: as a Scientific, Technology, Application & Demonstration or Project & Scale-up Partner – or as a supporting member.

FUNDING

€100 m for ten years

200 companies × €50,000 × 10 years

€12 m	**Start** · acib incubation
€48 m	**Transfer** · PFAS Initiative
€100 m	**European expansion**

Once fully scaled up, €50,000 a year gives access to a programme of around €10 m a year – jointly funded capacity, not a guaranteed return.

TIMELINE

Let's start together

by mid-2027
Win Founding Members, conditional commitments for at least €12 m

Summer 2027
Establishment of the PFAS Initiative

Autumn 2027
Programme start within the acib incubation

Autumn 2028
End of the founding phase

Commit firmly – pay only once start funding is secured

Payment is only due once at least €12 m has been firmly committed and the PFAS Initiative has been established. Otherwise, the commitment lapses without any obligation to pay. No obligation to make additional contributions.

Forever does not end by itself.

It ends when we start working together to end it technically.

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