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## MilliporeSigma Joins TRANSVAC2 Program to Advance Vaccine Development and Manufacturing

- **TRANSVAC2, part of the EU's Horizon 2020 program, provides trainings to streamline vaccine manufacturing and development**
- **MilliporeSigma to offer its M Lab™ Collaboration Center in Molsheim, France for process development skills training**

Burlington, Massachusetts, May 20, 2019 – [MilliporeSigma](#) today announced its participation in a collaboration with the [Vaccine Formulation Institute](#) and the [European Vaccine Initiative](#). The effort will provide vaccine process development training courses within [TRANSVAC2](#), a collaborative infrastructure project under [Horizon 2020](#).

“Involvement in this project is a natural extension to our longtime focus on accelerating vaccine development and manufacturing,” said Udit Batra, CEO, MilliporeSigma. “Through the TRANSVAC2 initiative, we are able to lend our expertise in vaccine research and development in this critically important field.”

Funded by the [European Commission](#) (EC), TRANSVAC2 exists in part to accelerate vaccine development by enhancing European vaccine research and training and increase sustainability of EC vaccine projects by implementing a permanent research infrastructure for early vaccine development. MilliporeSigma is among a list of collaborators joining the TRANSVAC2 program.

As part of the program, MilliporeSigma will hold two-day training modules in 2019 and in 2020 and will host applicants, selected by the TRANSVAC2 Course Selection Panel, at MilliporeSigma's recently inaugurated [M Lab™ Collaboration Center](#) in Molsheim, France. Participants will experience simulated lab processes, which will





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help them acquire fundamental skills needed for process development and acquaint them with a single-use environment.

MilliporeSigma's focus, to find effective ways to accelerate vaccine development and manufacturing, includes collaborative work with leading research institutes and industries to introduce new technologies that advance the global vaccine industry. For this initiative, MilliporeSigma is tapping its internal manufacturing expertise and process knowledge in viral vaccines and vectors.

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The Life Science business of Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany, which operates as MilliporeSigma in the U.S. and Canada, has some 21,000 employees and 59 manufacturing sites worldwide, with a portfolio of more than 300,000 products focused on scientific discovery, biomanufacturing and testing services. Udit Batra is the global chief executive officer of MilliporeSigma.

Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany completed its \$17 billion acquisition of [Sigma-Aldrich](#) in November 2015, creating a leader in the \$125 billion global life science industry.

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