



VISIONARY SEMINAR
'CROSS-BORDER REGENERATIVE MEDICINE:
GROWING THE FUTURE'
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The potential of regenerative medicine to treat diseases and injuries and decrease healthcare costs is tremendous, but challenges remain enormous. Progress in regenerative medicine does require disruptive innovation and far-reaching interdisciplinary cooperation among excellent partners including academics, industry and hospitals. To enable the translation from lab to patient, the rethinking of existing legal, ethical, regulatory and clinical frameworks is equally important. Ultimately, regenerative medicine will have to evolve into a real industry with tangible socio-economical returns. Throughout the process, support from authorities and the general audience is crucial.

The emerging hotspot for regeneration in The Netherlands and Flanders contains all necessary elements to turn regenerative medicine into a success story. A strong, bottom-up 'RegMed Community' has recently been complemented with the RegMed XB initiative, both strengthening the cross-border ecosystem. But ultimately, the ideas and ambitions of key players will be decisive. What visions drive research and valorisation efforts in and around Maastricht, Leuven, Geleen, Eindhoven, Utrecht and Leiden? What is the long-term strategy of some of the companies that are already involved in the community, and what will be their next moves? What are priorities for cross-border and international cooperation across the value chain, and how can the necessary support base for this cooperation be developed and sustained?

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International visionary seminars are an effort of the knowledge region Leuven to reach out to other top knowledge regions in Europe. Previous seminars took place in London, Cambridge, Copenhagen and Stockholm. The aim is to talk about cutting edge scientific issues which have the potential to turn into business opportunities within the coming 5-10 years. That is why not only researchers but also other relevant stakeholders are invited.