Academic Collaborations

International collaborations
In addition to individual project collaborations, the DZNE is involved in relevant national and international consortia.

- **Centers of Excellence in Neurodegeneration initiative (CoEN):** The initiative is a joint funding program to catalyze translational research in the field. The consortium was soon expanded and currently has nine member countries (Germany, UK, Canada, Italy, Belgium, Ireland, Slovakia, Spain, France).

- **Joint Programme Neurodegenerative Disease (JPND):** An EU member-state led initiative to tackle the "grand challenge" of neurodegenerative disease.

- **Dominantly Inherited Alzheimer Network (DIAN):** Germany has recently joined this network, which researches Alzheimer’s disease that is caused by a gene mutation. Understanding this form of Alzheimer’s disease may provide clues to decoding other dementias and developing dementia treatments.

- **Helmholtz-Alberta Initiative:** This long-term and highly successful initiative was created to find solutions to pressing issues in the area of energy and health, with an initial focus on infectious and neurodegenerative disease research. Germany and Canada are collaborating with scientists at the University of Alberta and the Center for Prions and Protein Folding Diseases.

- **Gladstone Institute of Neurological Disease (GIND):** The DZNE and the Gladstone Institute are working together to address critical unresolved issues in areas of common interest.

National collaborations
Based on its organizational structure, the DZNE also benefits from ample opportunities to network with the expertise and resources of its affiliated local universities. Indeed, such collaboration is crucial for clinical research work, since the DZNE does not provide direct patient care services.

Close collaboration with local partners is exhibited in the participation of the DZNE in four Excellence Clusters which were recently selected for funding by the German Research Foundation (DFG, Germany’s largest funding organization):

- **ImmunoSensation (Immune Sensory System; new excellence cluster):** In Bonn

- **SyNergy (Munich Cluster for Systems Neurology; new excellence cluster):** In Munich

- **CECAD (Cellular Stress responses in ageing-associated diseases):** In Düsseldorf

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The DZNE extended its close collaboration with university clinics by setting up the "Greifswald Multiple Sclerosis and Frontotemporal Dementia" project together with the Universities of Berlin and Greifswald. Moreover, the DZNE has created links with individual Helmholtz centers for Infection Research (HZI). In addition, the DZNE is partners of the...

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