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PRESS RELEASE

Bio Vitos establishes FERROVITOS AB in Sweden

– investing in iron health and European research funding

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100 %

owned by Bio Vitos Ltd

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research programmes

EU

base, headquartered in Sweden

€93.5 bn

Horizon Europe 2021–2027

Bio Vitos Ltd has established FERROVITOS AB as a wholly owned Swedish subsidiary. The company will develop the group's research in iron health and strengthen its ability to apply for substantial European research and innovation funding. The research focus covers women, men and children, while a new programme in mental health is being considered under the working name GET IT UP.

The establishment of FERROVITOS AB is a strategic step in Bio Vitos' long-term development. With a Swedish research organisation, the group gains a clearer base within the EU for developing projects, building academic partnerships and taking part in international research consortia.

The ambition is to combine the group's medical expertise with Swedish and European research environments to deepen understanding of iron status and its importance for human health throughout life.

The EU's framework programme for research and innovation, Horizon Europe, has an indicative total budget of approximately €93.5 billion for 2021–2027, spread across several research areas. Health is one of the programme's central areas. FERROVITOS intends to identify the calls where the company's research questions and projects best match the funding requirements.

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Research programmes

FERROVITOS' research focus comprises the following programmes:

FEMININ

Women's iron health

ONGOING ANALYSIS

Builds on Bio Vitos' completed women's study and will contribute to a stronger scientific basis on iron status and iron supplementation in women. The results and continued analysis will guide future research efforts.

MAXFERMAN

Men's iron health

PLANNED · 80 MEN · 6 WEEKS

A planned clinical research programme with 80 men aged 25–55. The study is planned to run for six weeks and will broaden the knowledge base by investigating iron supplementation in men.

FEMINI

Children's iron health

PLANNED

A planned research programme focusing on children with iron deficiency. The intention is to develop a scientific design with particular regard to children's needs, safety and the ethical requirements that apply to research involving minors.

GET IT UP

Iron status and mental well-being

CONCEPT STAGE

FERROVITOS is exploring the conditions for a programme on possible links between iron status and mental well-being. Questions on fatigue, concentration and quality of life may form part of a future study design. Research questions, methodology and partners are yet to be determined.

Key facts

COMPANY FERROVITOS AB, reg. no. 559528-4836

OWNER Bio Vitos Ltd, 100 per cent

REGISTERED OFFICE Eksjö, Sweden

FOCUS Research and development in iron health, clinical research programmes and international research collaborations

TARGET GROUPS Women, men and children – plus mental well-being (concept stage)

PROGRAMMES FEMININ · MAXFERMAN · FEMINI · GET IT UP

FUNDING TRACKS Horizon Europe · Eurostars · EIC Accelerator · IHI

Funding tracks

To finance future projects, FERROVITOS intends to evaluate several European funding tracks:

01 Horizon Europe – Cluster 1: Health

Collaborative research

The health cluster supports research and innovation to improve health, prevent and treat disease and develop healthcare methods and technology. Participating alongside universities, hospitals and other research actors may be a possible route when a call fits the project's focus.

02 Eurostars – via Vinnova

Up to SEK 5 m (autumn 2026)

Primarily aimed at innovative SMEs developing products, services or processes with international partners. In Vinnova's autumn 2026 call, Swedish participants could jointly apply for up to SEK 5 million. That call is closed, but the programme is being monitored ahead of future application rounds.

03 EIC Accelerator

Grant up to €2.5 m + investment €1–10 m

Support for companies with innovations that could create or reshape markets. This could become relevant if the company and a future project meet requirements such as company size, degree of innovation and stage of development.

04 Innovative Health Initiative, IHI

EU–industry partnership

Funds research and innovation in health. FERROVITOS may explore participating in consortia where its iron-health expertise contributes to a shared research question.

The funding tracks will be assessed against each programme's conditions, the scientific quality of the projects, available partners and any co-financing requirements. The Swedish establishment strengthens the group's organisational capacity to apply for funding; funding decisions are made after each application has been reviewed.

With FERROVITOS AB, Bio Vitos aims to build a long-term research operation that advances knowledge of iron health and lays the foundation for future innovations with clear patient benefit.

About FERROVITOS AB

FERROVITOS AB is a Swedish company wholly owned by Bio Vitos Ltd. The company focuses on research and development in iron health, clinical research programmes and international research collaborations.

MORE INFORMATION

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