

# **European Sector Intelligence Report:**Tracking the Pulse of Life Sciences across Private & Public Markets

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### **Key Findings**

- ❖ Year-to-date (YTD) fundraising remains significantly below the average of previous years, with little corporate activity, however VC funds have demonstrated stable performance
- ❖ Private company EBIDTA multiples are slowly but steadily going up in recent funding rounds
- Stock prices for innovative life science European companies have gone up a lot in the past year, helping the exit environment

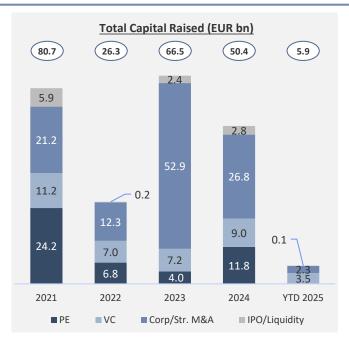
Overall, better public valuations and rising private market multiples are creating a more positive outlook for investors and founders

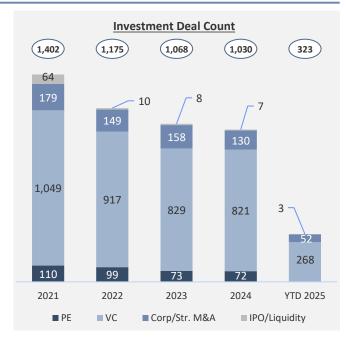
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# Fueling Innovation: Private Market Fundraising & Valuations

Tracking venture activity, valuation multiples, and standout private equity and venture-backed deals reshaping the European BioTech and MedTech landscape

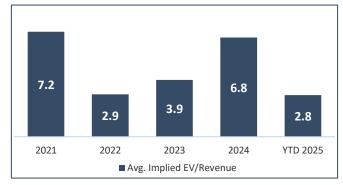
#### **Fundraising Activity of Innovative Life Science Companies across Europe**





#### Notable Deals and Market Valuations across European Life Science in 2025

- 24 March 2025: Augustine Therapeutics raised oversubscribed EUR 78m Series A financing round, to support the clinical development of Charcot-Marie-Tooth (CMT) disease, along with pipeline for cardio-metabolic and neurodegenerative diseases
- 21 March 2025: LigaChem Biosciences announced a EUR 22m strategic investment in its partner, IKSUDA Therapeutics, to accelerate the development and commercialization of Iksuda's ADC pipeline
- 17 March 2025: AstraZeneca entered into a definitive agreement to acquire Belgium-based biotechnology firm, EsoBiotec, for a total consideration of up to EUR 890m, on a cash and debt free basis
- 9 January 2025: Verdiva Bio announced its launch as a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on developing innovative therapies for obesity, with Series A financing of EUR 365m





Source(s): Market Data as of 12-May-2025, Press Releases and Proprietary Research

## Market Movers: Public Market Trends & Strategic Deals

Analyzing IPOs and public valuations, of listed innovative life sciences companies across Europe

#### **Indexed Sector Performance**



Notable Deals and Market Valuations across European Life Science in 2025

- 23 April 2025: VERAXA Biotech announced a EUR 1.2bn SPAC merger with Voyager Acquisition Corp. to list on Nasdaq. The new biopharma company will focus on next-generation antibody-drug conjugates and T-cell engagers using its proprietary BiTAC platform, aiming to revolutionize cancer treatment through advanced safety and efficacy innovations
- 07 March 2025: Advanced Biomed Inc. closed its EUR 5.8m Nasdaq IPO, proceeds of which will support cancer diagnostics R&D, chip development, market expansion, and working capital. The biotech firm specializes in microfluidic technology for early cancer detection via circulating tumor cell analysis
- 24 February 2025: Wellgistics Health, Inc. raised EUR 3.6m through its Nasdaq IPO, proceeds of which will fund general corporate purposes, marketing, and technology-driven pharmaceutical service expansion. The company offers integrated pharmacy, tech, and wholesale operations focused on improving patient-centered healthcare
- 10 February 2025: Diagnostyka debuted on the Warsaw Stock Exchange, raising over EUR 400m and reaching a market capitalization exceeding EUR 1bn. The IPO ranks among the largest in Central Europe's healthcare sector, confirming investor confidence in Poland's leading diagnostic services provider and MidEuropa portfolio company

As of April 2025, European public companies traded at a median EV/Revenue multiple of 2.9x and median EV/EBITDA multiple of 9.4x, with forecasts suggesting that this multiples will increase going forward in 2025

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# **Emerging Small and Mid-Sized European Life Sciences Players**

These companies form the basis of r2's equally weighted Innovative Life Science Index

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Almirall Spa	in 2,305	2,273	2.2x	2.1x	1.8x	11.9x	9.9x	8.2x
Oxford Nanopore Technologies UI	1,532	1,185	5.3x	4.5x	3.5x	NM	NM	NM
Immunocore Holdings UI	1,334	972	3.1x	2.9x	2.7x	NM	NM	NM
Faes Farma Spa	in 1,326	1,281	2.5x	2.4x	2.3x	10.4x	10.1x	9.2x
Evotec Germ	any 1,305	1,413	1.8x	1.6x	1.5x	NM	30.7x	12.8x
ChemoMetec Denn	nark 1,174	1,140	18.5x	17.1x	14.7x	38.6x	32.6x	27.6x
Cosmo Pharmaceuticals Irela	nd 865	731	2.7x	3.0x	5.6x	4.6x	4.9x	14.8x
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GH Research Irela	nd 567	284	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM
MedinCell Fran	ce 504	534	NM	26.5x	13.5x	NM	NM	NM
Valneva Fran	ice 487	546	3.0x	2.8x	2.1x	NM	NM	NM
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Min			0.6x	1.6x	1.5x	1.4x	4.9x	4.8x
Median			2.9x	3.2x	3.0x	9.4x	10.9x	10.3x
Average			4.9x	5.8x	5.0x	12.9x	15.1x	11.8x
Max			19.2x	26.5x	20.4x	38.6x	32.6x	27.6x

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