

## Maker-spaces: Open source collaboration

**Novozymes has entered into collaboration with Labitat and Biologigaragen – maker-spaces in Copenhagen. The idea behind maker-spaces, which are also called hacker-spaces, is that innovation and creativity are like forces of nature ...**

There are plenty of 'people out there' who are bursting with good ideas on new technologies and applications. They want to develop and realize these ideas in collaborative, knowledge-sharing and open source ecosystems. So, why let yourself being confined by the traditional frameworks of academic or industrial research in a time where insight and connectivity is boosted by digital collaboration platforms, wikis, blogs and social media? In a time where many high-tech components such as sensors and chips can be easily procured at a low cost?



The motto of the day is do-it-yourself, as Gernot Abel, Senior Science Manager from Novozymes explains: "We have moved from financial sponsoring to active engagement. These are new and exciting times for us where we explore open source collaboration. It is still early days for us, but we are committed to experiment with new forms of assay technology development in an open source space. We are ready to share our knowledge and to learn from enthusiastic people in our new network. For us it is a paradigm shift because we are not aiming at creating and securing IP here – it is exactly the opposite: We strive to learn and share with everybody. We hope to learn how we can accelerate R&D at Novozymes by employing smarter and lower cost approaches."

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