

Mask-Alliance Bavaria: New partners advance the alliance



High quality and effectiveness of protective masks, particularly those for medical personnel, are indispensable prerequisites to provide protection from airborne infections and thereby contribute to containing the current corona pandemic.

The overriding objective of the Mask-Alliance Bavaria is to **ensure increased safety and quality standards** and **security of supply for personal protective equipment in the country** even beyond the corona pandemic. A dependence on foreign suppliers should be avoided in future.

In order to further advance the development of more effective, safe and sustainable face masks, Prof Clarissa Prazeres da Costa and her colleague Prof Magnus Fröhling are supporting the Mask-Alliance Bavaria. Prof. da Costa as an infectiologist, senior physician for medical microbiology and infection epidemiology, and Prof Fröhling as professor for Circular Economy at the Technical University of Munich, aim to contribute their comprehensive know-how to the development of new and sustainable medical masks.

The intended close cooperation aims to bring together the specific key competences and enable a swift transfer of knowledge and technology to small and medium-sized enterprises, the medical sector, and standardisation. Insights obtained from this cooperation could also be applied to protective masks for children or to a second generation of simpler mouth-nose-protection masks.

Learn more about the Mask-Alliance Bavaria on the website www.masken-verbund-bayern.de/en/.

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