



## **Genmab Scientists Contribute to High-Tech Innovation of COVID-19 Testing Capacity in the Netherlands**

In the first months of the pandemic, Genmab researchers and experts in laboratory automation and robotization in the Netherlands spontaneously and altruistically teamed up with academic molecular biologists in Utrecht, the Netherlands, to drastically improve the much-needed COVID-19 test capacity at the time. The initial team mobilized other scientists around strategy development for innovative testing. The result of their collective efforts is a sophisticated and high-tech molecular test robot nicknamed "The Beast".

Through 2020, the "open innovation initiative" gained momentum and added expertise from a variety of disciplines, companies, and scientific institutes to the consortium, and later formed a national working group named Systematic Testing with Robotics and Innovation in Pandemics (STRIP). A successful pilot in the diagnostic lab finally culminated to a robotized pandemic lab initiative that is now fully operational in the Netherlands, preparing the Netherlands and potentially many other countries for future pandemic needs. The noble initiative recently won the prestigious Prix Galien Excellence COVID-19 Award in the Netherlands. Genmab is proud to be part of the larger life sciences ecosystem that contributed scientific expertise to this important cause.