Statement regarding recommendations for Corporate Governance BioPorto A / S ("Company")



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# Statutory Report on Corporate Governance, cf. Section 107(b) of the Danish Financial Statements Act

This Statutory Report on Corporate Governance is from January 1 to December 31, 2021 and forms part of the Management Review in BioPorto's Annual Report 2021. The Corporate Governance section is not covered by the auditor's statement in the Annual Report. The particulars concerning the composition of BioPorto's management bodies are covered by the auditor's statement on the Management Review in BioPorto's Annual Report.

As part of its management process, BioPorto focuses on investor relations, and the Board of Directors gives priority to exercising good corporate governance, which is defined based on the Company's Articles of Association, values and policies as well as relevant legislation and Nasdaq Copenhagen A/S' "Rules for Issuers of Shares".

#### Corporate governance recommendations

BioPorto is subject to the Recommendations prepared by the Committee on Corporate Governance (the "Recommendation"), which are available at https://corporategovernance.dk/.

The Board of Directors regularly assesses how the Recommendations may contribute to strengthening the management of BioPorto and ensure maximum value creation for the Company's shareholders. Once a year, the Board of Directors reviews the Recommendations and evaluates BioPorto's compliance with the Recommendations. The Board of Directors believes that BioPorto has complied with all but three of the Recommendations. This report on the Company's compliance with the Recommendations is available at the Company's website.

## Work of the Board of Directors and the Executive Board

The Board of Directors defines BioPorto's objectives, policies and areas of activity. Furthermore, the Board of Directors makes decisions in all unusual matters or matters with farreaching implications. In addition, the Board of Directors approves, monitors, evaluates and revises the Executive Board's business strategy and action plans.

The Board of Directors also ensures that BioPorto is properly managed as required by the Articles of Association, other guidelines, policies and applicable rules and regulations. The Board of Directors defines guidelines for the distribution of responsibilities between the Board of Directors and the Executive Board but does not participate in the day-to-day management of the Company.

The duties of the Board of Directors are described in the Rules of Procedure for the Board of Directors and the Executive Board. The Board of Directors held 15 Board meetings in 2021. 5 meetings are planned for 2022 in accordance with the Board of Directors' annual schedule, which may be changed at any time to allow for additional meetings, if necessary.

The Board of Directors appoints the Company's Executive Board and defines the working conditions and assignments to be undertaken by the Executive Board. BioPorto's Executive Board is responsible to the Board of Directors for ensuring that the day-to-day operations are conducted in a commercially and legally responsible manner.

The Chairman of the Board of Directors is responsible for evaluating the Board of Directors and the Executive Board every year. The evaluation also includes the collaboration with the Executive Board and the composition and special qualifications of the Board of Directors, and it must produce an assessment of the results achieved during the year, which are subsequently presented and discussed at a Board meeting and accounted for in the management's review.

## **Composition of the Board of Directors**

The general meeting, which is BioPorto's supreme authority, elects between three and seven members to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors elects a Chairman and a vice Chairman and currently consists of five members elected by the shareholders.

The members elected by the shareholders hold office for terms of one year at a time and may be re-elected.

The members of the Board are nominated and stand for election on the basis of their specific qualifications and experience of relevance to BioPorto. Thus, the Board of Directors is composed with a view to ensuring an optimum combination of professional industry experience in general, in research and development, in IP rights and conclusion of contracts, in sales

and marketing, as well as in finance and economics. More than half of the current Board members are considered independent persons in order for the board of directors to be able to act independently. Each Board member's special qualifications may be found on the Company's website: https://bioporto.com/about-bioporto/.

### **Board Committees**

BioPorto's Board of Directors has set up a Remuneration and Nomination Committee, an Audit Committee, and a Business, Research and Development Committee. The Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors is Chairman of the Audit Committee and possesses the necessary professional qualifications and experience. A review of the terms of reference of the Board Committees and their composition is available on the Company's website.

#### Internal controls and risk management in relation to the financial reporting process

The primary responsibility for the Group's (BioPorto A/S and its subsidiaries) risk management and internal controls in relation to the financial reporting process rests with the Board of Directors and the Executive Board. BioPorto's policy is to identify and mitigate risks deriving from the Group's operations and to establish sufficient insurance coverage. The Group's control and risk management systems may provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that misappropriation of assets, losses and/or significant errors and omissions in the financial reporting are avoided.

Management believes that all significant elements of risk have been identified and addressed. The Board of Directors has discussed the need for an internal audit function and finds that, with the current number of employees, the Company does not need such a function, nor is it possible in practice. The Group's internal controls and risk management in relation to the financial reporting process is available on the Company's website in accordance with section 107 b of the Danish Financial Statements Act.

Recommendation	The Company complies	The Company complies partially	The Company does not comply	The explanation for complying partially/not complying with the recommendation
1. Communication and interaction by the Company with its investors and other stakeholders				
1.1. Dialogue between Company, shareholders and other stakeholders				
<b>1.1.1. The Committee recommends</b> that the management through ongoing dialogue and interaction ensures that shareholders, investors, and other stakeholders gain the relevant insight into the Company's affairs, and that the Board of Directors obtains the possibility of hearing and including their views in its work.	~			
1.1.2. <b>The Committee recommends</b> that the Board of Directors adopts policies on the Company's relationship with its shareholders, investors and if relevant other stakeholders in order to ensure that the various interests are included in the Company's considerations and that such policies are made available on the Company's website.	~			
1.1.3. The Committee recommends that the Company publishes quarterly reports	*			
1.2. General Meeting				
<b>1.2.1. The Committee recommends</b> that the Board of Directors organises the company's general meeting in a manner that allows shareholders, who are unable to attend the meeting in person or are represented by proxy at the general meeting, to vote and raise questions to the management prior to or at the general meeting. The Committee recommends that the Board of Directors ensures that shareholders can observe the general meeting via webcast or other digital transmission.		✓		BioPorto encourages shareholders to use their influence, especially by voting at the AGM, on the website, in each Annual Report and in the notice convening the AGM. Currently, the Company does not webcast all of its general meetings (except where the AGM is held as a fully electronic meeting) and thus only partially complies with this recommendation.

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1.2.2. <b>The Committee recommends</b> that proxies and postal votes to be used at the general meeting enable the shareholders to consider each individual item on the agenda.	~			
1.3. Takeover bids				
1.3.1. <b>The Committee recommends</b> that the Company has a procedure in place in the event of takeover bids, containing a "road map" covering matters for the Board of Directors to consider in the event of a takeover bid, or if the Board of Directors obtains reasonable grounds to suspect that a takeover bid may be submitted. In addition, it is recommended that it appears from the procedure that the Board of Directors abstains from countering any takeover bids by taking actions that seek to prevent the shareholders from deciding on the takeover bid, without the approval of the general meeting.	✓			
1.4. Corporate Social Responsibility				
1.4.1. <b>The Committee recommends</b> that the Board of Directors adopts a policy for the company's corporate social responsibility, including social responsibility and sustainability, and that the policy is available in the management commentary and/or on the Company's website. The Committee recommends that the Board of Directors ensures compliance with the policy.	×			
1.4.2. <b>The Committee recommends</b> that the Board of Directors adopts a tax policy to be made available on the Company's website.	×			
2. The duties and responsibilities of the Board of Directors	1			
2.1. Overall tasks and responsibilities				
2.1.1. <b>The Committee recommends</b> that the Board of Directors in support of the Company's statutory objects according to its articles of association and the long-term value creation considers the Company's purpose and ensures and promotes a good culture and sound values in the Company. The Company should provide an account thereof in the management commentary and/or on the Company's website.	×			

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2.1.2. <b>The Committee recommends</b> that the Board of Directors at least once a year discusses and on a regular basis follows up on the Company's overall strategic targets in order to ensure the value creation in the Company.	✓			
2.1.3. <b>The Committee recommends</b> that the Board of Directors on a continuously basis takes steps to examine whether the company's share and capital structure supports the strategy and the long-term value creation in the interest of the Company as well as the shareholders. The Committee	4			
recommends that the Company gives an account thereof in the management commentary				
2.1.4. <b>The Committee recommends</b> that the Board of Directors prepares and on an annual basis reviews guidelines for the Executive Management, including requirements in respect of the reporting to the Board of Directors.	~			
2.2. Members of the board of directors				
2.2.1. <b>The Committee recommends</b> that the Board of Directors, in addition to a chairperson, appoints a vice chairperson, who can step in if the chairperson is absent and who can generally act as the chairperson's close sparring partner.	~			
2.2.2. <b>The Committee recommends</b> that the chairperson in cooperation with the individual members of the Board of Directors ensures that the members up-date and supplement their knowledge of relevant matters, and that the members' special knowledge and qualifications are applied in the best possible manner.	✓			
2.2.3. <b>The Committee recommends</b> that if the Board of Directors, in exceptional cases, requests a member of the Board of Directors to take on special duties for the Company, for instance, for a short period to take part in the daily management of the Company, the Board of Directors should approve this in order to ensure that the Board of Directors maintains its independent overall management and control function. It is recommended that the Company publishes any decision on allowing a member of the Board of Directors to take part in the daily management, including the expected duration thereof.	~			
3. The composition, organisation and evaluation of the board of directors			I	l
3.1. Composition				

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<ul> <li>3.1.1. The Committee recommends that the Board of Directors on an annual basic reviews and in the management commentary and/or or on the Company's website states</li> <li>which qualifications the Board of Directors should possess, collectively and individually, in order to perform its duties in the best possible manner, and</li> <li>the composition of and diversity on the Board of Directors.</li> </ul>	¥			
<ul> <li>3.1.2. The Committee recommends that the Board of Directors on an annual basis discusses the Company's activities in order to ensure relevant diversity at the different management levels and adopts a diversity policy, which is included in the management commentary and/or available on the Company's website.</li> <li>3.1.3. The Committee recommends that candidates for the Board of Directors are recruited based on a thorough process approved by the Board of Directors.</li> <li>The Committee recommends that in assessing candidates for the Board of Directors – in addition to individual competencies and qualifications – the need for continuity, renewal and diversity is also considered.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li></li> <li></li> </ul>			
<ul> <li>3.1.4. The Committee recommends that the notice convening general meetings, where election of members to the Board of Directors is on the agenda - in addition to the statutory items also includes a description of the proposed candidates' <ul> <li>qualifications,</li> <li>other managerial duties in commercial undertakings, including board committees,</li> <li>demanding organisational assignments and</li> <li>independence.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	×			
<ul> <li>3.1.5. The Committee recommends that members of the Board of Directors elected by the general meeting stand for election every year at the Annual General Meeting, and that the members are nominated and elected individually.</li> <li>3.2. The board of director's independence</li> </ul>	×			

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3.2.1. <b>The Committee recommends</b> that at least half of the members of the Board of Directors elected in general meeting are independent in order for the Board of Directors to be able to act independently avoiding conflicts of interests.	✓			
In order to be independent, the member in question may not:				
<ul> <li>be or within the past five years have been member of the Executive Management or an executive employee in the Company, a subsidiary or a Group Company,</li> <li>within the past five years have received large emoluments from the Company/Group, a subsidiary or a Group Company in another capacity than as member of the Board of Directors,</li> <li>represent or be associated with a controlling shareholder,</li> <li>within the past year have had a business relationship (e.g. personally or indirectly as a partner or an employee, shareholder, customer, supplier or member of a governing body in companies with similar relations) with the Company, a subsidiary or a Group Company, which is significant for the Company and/or the business relationship,</li> <li>be or within the past three years have been employed with or a partner in the same company as the Company's auditor elected by general meeting,</li> <li>be the CEO in a Company with cross-memberships in the Company's management, have been a member of the Board of Directors for more than twelve years, or be closely related to persons, who are not considered independent, cf. the above-stated criteria.</li> </ul>				
of Directors may for other reasons decide that the member in question is not independent			✓	
3.2.2. <b>The Committee recommends</b> that members of the Executive Management are not members of the Board of Directors and that members retiring from the Executive Management does not join the Board of Directors immediately thereafter.				Currently, the former CEO of the Company is a member of the Board of Directors.
3.3. Members of the Board of Directors and the number of other managerial duties		-		
3.3.1. <b>The Committee recommends</b> that the Board of Directors and each of the members on the board of directors, in connection with the annual evaluation, cf. recommendation 3.5.1., assesses how much time is required to perform the board duties. The aim is for the individual member of the board of directors not to take on more managerial duties than the board member in question is able to perform in a satisfactory manner.	✓ 			

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<ul> <li>3.3.2. The Committee recommends that the management commentary, in addition to the statutory requirements, contains the following information on the individual members of the Board of Directors: <ul> <li>the position, age and gender</li> <li>competencies and qualification relevant to the Company,</li> <li>independence,</li> <li>year of joining the Board of Directors,</li> <li>year of expiry of the current election period,</li> <li>participation in the meetings of the Board of Directors and Committee meetings,</li> <li>managerial duties in other commercial undertakings, including board committees, and demanding organisational assignments, and</li> <li>the number of shares, options, warrants, etc. that the holds in the Company and its group companies and any changes in such holdings during the financial year.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>				
3.4. Board Committees				
<ul> <li>3.4.1. The Committee recommends that the management describes in the management commentary: <ul> <li>the board committees' most significant activities and number of meetings in the past year, and</li> <li>the members on the individual board committees, including the chairperson and the independence of the members of the committee in question.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	✓			
In addition, it is recommended that the board committees' terms of reference are published on the company's website.				
3.4.2. <b>The Committee recommends</b> that the Board Committees solely consist of members of the Board of Directors and that the majority of the members of the Board Committees are independent.	✓			
3.4.3. <b>The Committee recommends</b> that the Board of Directors establish an Audit Committee and appoints a chairperson of the Audit Committee, who is not the Chairman of the Board of Directors.	×			

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<ul> <li>The Committee recommends that the Audit Committee, in addition to its statutory duties, assists the Board of Directors in:</li> <li>supervising the correctness of the published financial information, including accounting practices in significant areas, significant accounting estimates and related party transactions,</li> <li>reviewing internal control and risk areas in order to ensure management of significant risks, including in relation to the announced financial outlook,</li> <li>assessing the need for internal audit,</li> <li>performing the evaluation of the auditor elected by the general meeting, supervising the scope of the non-audit services performed by the auditor elected by the general meeting, and</li> <li>ensuring regular interaction between the auditor elected by the general meeting and the Board of Directors, for instance, that the Board of Directors and the Audit Committee at least once a year meet with the auditor without the Executive Management being present.</li> </ul>				
<ul> <li>3.4.4. The Committee recommends that the Board of Directors establishes a Nomination Committee to perform at least the following preparatory tasks:</li> <li>describing the required qualifications for a given member of the Board of Directors and the Executive Management, the estimated time required for performing the duties of this member of the Board of Directors and the competencies, knowledge and experience that is or should be represented in the two management bodies,</li> <li>on an annual basis evaluating the Board of Directors and the Executive Management's structure, size, composition and results and preparing recommendations for the Board of Directors for any changes,</li> <li>in cooperation with the chairperson handling the annual evaluation of the Board of Directors and assessing the individual management members' competencies, knowledge, experience and succession as well as reporting on it to the Board of Directors,</li> <li>handling the recruitment of new members to the Board of Directors and the Executive Management and nominating candidates for the Board of Directors' approval,</li> <li>ensuring that a succession plan for the Executive Management is in place,</li> <li>supervising Executive Managements' policy for the engagement of executive employees, and</li> <li>supervising the preparation of a diversity policy for the Board of Directors' approval.</li> </ul>				

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3.4.5. <b>The Committee recommends</b> that the Board of Directors establishes a Remuneration Committee to perform at least the following preparatory tasks:	~			
<ul> <li>preparing a draft remuneration policy for the Board of Directors' approval prior to the presentation at the general meeting,</li> <li>providing a proposal to the Board of Directors on the remuneration of the members of the Executive Management,</li> <li>providing a proposal to the Board of Directors on the remuneration of the Board of Directors prior to the presentation at the general meeting,</li> <li>ensuring that the management's actual remuneration complies with the company's remuneration policy and the evaluation of the individual member's performance, and</li> <li>assisting in the preparation of the annual remuneration report for the Board of Directors' approval prior to the presentation for the general meeting's advisory vote.</li> </ul>				
3.5. Evaluation of the performance of the Board of Directors and the Executive management				
3.5.1. The Committee <b>recommends</b> that the Board of Directors once a year evaluates the Board of Directors and at least every third years engages external assistance in the evaluation focuses on the recommendations on the Board of Directors' work efficiency, composition and organization, cf. recommendations 3.13.4. above, and that the evaluation as a minimum always includes the following topics.	4			
<ul> <li>the composition of the Board of Directors with focus on competencies and diversity</li> <li>the Board of Directors and the individual member's contribution and results,</li> <li>the cooperation on the Board of Directors and between the Board of Directors and the Executive Management,</li> <li>the chairperson's leadership of the Board of Directors,</li> <li>the committee structure and the work in the committees,</li> <li>the organization of the work of the Board of Directors and the quality of the material provided to the Board of Directors, and</li> <li>the board members' preparation for and active participation in the meetings of the Board of Directors.</li> </ul>				
3.5.2. <b>The Committee recommends</b> that the entire Board of Directors discusses the result of the evaluation of the Board of Directors and that the procedure for the evaluation and the general conclusions of the evaluation are described in the management commentary, on the Company's website and at the Company's general meeting.	✓			

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3.5.3. <b>The Committee recommends</b> that the Board of Directors at least once a year evaluates the work and results of the Executive Management according to pre-established criteria, and that the chairperson reviews the evaluation together with the Executive Management. In addition, the Board of Directors should on a continuous basis assess the need for changes in the structure and composition of the Executive Management, including in respect of diversity, succession planning and risks, in light of the Company's strategy.	*			
4. Remuneration of management				
4.1. Remuneration of the board of directors and the executive management				
4.1.1. <b>The Committee recommends</b> that the remuneration for the Board of Directors and the Executive Management and the other terms of employment/service is considered competitive and consistent with the Company's long-term shareholder interests.	×			
4.1.2. <b>The Committee recommends</b> that share-based incentive schemes are revolving, i.e. that they are periodically granted, and that they primarily consist of long-term schemes with a vesting or maturity period of at least three years.				According to the Company's Remuneration Policy, the allocation, maturity, maturation and utilization of share-based instruments can, according to the decision of the Board of Directors, depend on whether the conditions and goals defined in the agreement have been achieved in whole or in part. This may include measurable results related to the Executive Board member's own performance, the Company's financial results, other financial results, other financial ratios or the occurrence of relevant events ("KPIs") and continued employment with BioPorto A / S. KPIs, if any, are set by the Board of

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				Directors at the time of grant. The Board of Directors has assessed that a vesting or maturation period should in some cases be below the recommended level to motivate the recipient to implement the Company's short-term goals that are relevant to the Company's long-term value creation. Specifically, the Company's programs have a maturity period of two years and in a few instances 12 months.
4.1.3. <b>The Committee recommends</b> that the variable part of the remuneration has a cap at the time of grant, and that there is transparency in respect of the potential value at the time of exercise under pessimistic, expected and optimistic scenarios.	×			
4.1.4. <b>The Committee recommends</b> that the overall value of the remuneration for the notice period, including severance payment, in connection with a member of the Executive Management's departure, does not exceed two years' remuneration including all remuneration elements.	✓			
4.1.5. <b>The Committee recommends</b> that members of the Board of Directors are not remunerated with share options and warrants.	V			
4.1.6. <b>The Committee recommends</b> that the Company has the option to reclaim, in whole or in part, variable remuneration from the Board of Directors and the Executive Management if the remuneration granted, earned or paid was based on information, which subsequently proves to be incorrect, or if the recipient acted in bad faith in respect of other matters, which implied payment of a too large variable remuneration.	✓ 			

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5. Risk management				
5.1. Identification of risks and openness in respect of additional information				
5.1.1. <b>The Committee recommends</b> that the Board of Directors based on the Company's strategy and business model considers, for instance, the most significant strategic, business, accounting and liquidity risks. The Company should in the management commentary give an account of these risks and the Company's risk management.	×			
5.1.2. <b>The Committee recommends</b> that the Board of Directors establishes a whistleblower scheme, giving the employees and other stakeholders the opportunity to report serious violations or suspicion thereof in an expedient and confidential manner, and that a procedure is in place for handling such whistleblower cases.			1	Due to the size of the Company, BioPorto has not established a whistleblower scheme.