Byome Labs raises funds to create a new standard in cosmetics

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The Byome Labs Team *Byome Labs*

The French start-up is raising €3.6 million to transform its skin diagnostics into a strategic tool for cosmetic brands and dermatologists.

Betting on a booming market

Driven by the innovation of visionary companies like Byome Labs, the scientific revolution in cosmetics is underway. The global skin microbiome market, which is still in its infancy, is growing at a staggering rate estimated at 22% per year. According to Global Market Insights, it is expected to reach $3.5 billion by 2030. The problem is that until now, no simple solution existed to assess this microbiome directly at the point of sale. Byome Labs, a French start-up born at the end of 2023, is remedying the situation with its diagnostic tool aimed at imposing a new international standard.

"Consumers are lost in front of thousands of cosmetic references. Our ambition is to provide an objective response, based on biological data. Scientific innovation is only valuable if it is put at the service of the greatest number. ", explains David Suissa, founder and CEO of the company.

€3.6 million to move from R&D to industrialization

After two years of research, the company has reached a key milestone with a €3.6 million fundraising, led by Remora Biotech, Paris Business Angels, Angels Santé and several private investors. Proof of a strong commitment, the employees themselves have invested. The BPI and French Tech are also supporting the project.

This sum will be used to industrialize the Byome Derma kit, a skin test capable of analyzing microbial diversity in a few minutes thanks to an antigenic strip, before generating a recommendation via artificial intelligence. The first pieces will leave the Clermont-Ferrand laboratory in the spring of 2026, with a market launch by partner brands scheduled for the end of 2026.

A central issue for cosmetic brands

Personalized diagnosis has become a major topic for beauty houses. In fact, nearly 40% of the skincare products sold are unsuitable for consumers' skin. The economic impact is colossal: more than $450 billion worth of products are wasted every year.

With Byome Derma, brands have a turnkey tool to integrate into their retail experience. The interest is not limited to customer loyalty: the information collected is a gold mine for R&D. The microbiome database under construction will benefit the entire ecosystem.

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The next step: a medical version

But the start-up's ambition goes beyond the field of cosmetics. A version dedicated to the medical world is being developed for dermatologists. The aim is to provide scientific support for the diagnosis of pathologies such as atopic dermatitis or eczema. This version, which is more complex from a regulatory point of view, should see the light of day between the end of 2026 and the beginning of 2027. To finance it, Byome Labs is already preparing a new Series A round of funding in the spring of 2026.

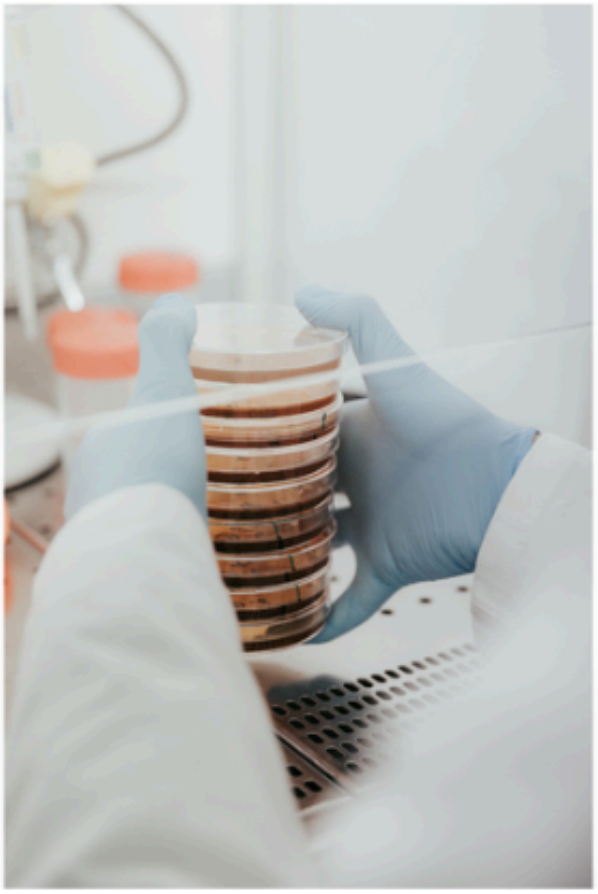
Producing in France, aiming for the world

The company's strong industrial roots in France are another striking feature of the company. After an initial production phase in Clermont-Ferrand, it plans to open a factory in the Centre-Val de Loire region in 2026, near its headquarters in Chartres. The objective: to keep the 100% made in France label while securing the ramp-up. The initiative is part of the ecosystem of Cosmetic Valley, a global cosmetics cluster. A strategic choice as much as a guarantee of quality.

The course of internationalisation

This promising fundraising should also support international expansion. Byome Labs has been selected to participate in the CES in Las Vegas 2026, an emblematic showcase of global innovation. The company is primarily targeting the United States, Canada, Japan and South Korea, which are particularly dynamic markets for cosmetics.

For the time being, the team is making a name for itself by its presence at numerous trade shows: it was present at the 'Suppliers Day' in New York this year. From 2026, it plans to set up local sales representatives.



Medtech startup Byome Labs

To support this global ambition, the French start-up relies above all on its cutting-edge expertise. With 17 employees with complementary profiles (microbiologists, biochemists, data scientists, engineers), Byome Labs has already indexed 200 cosmetic products. It is also leading a consortium alongside Cosmetic Valley to define future regulatory standards around the microbiome. The first milestone in a strategy that sees far ahead, this €3.6 million fundraising confirms the company's place on the map of important players.

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