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Leadership Ecosystem Mapping

Whether preparing for a product launch, entering a new market, planning succession, or assessing competitive talent landscapes, organizations need a clear understanding of where leadership talent sits, how accessible it is, and which organizations consistently produce successful leaders.

Leadership Ecosystem Mapping by Inizio Engage provides a data-informed view of the external executive talent market, helping organizations make more confident decisions before a search begins.

This preview illustrates the types of insights Executive Search Solutions can provide through a typical ecosystem mapping engagement, using the example of a **DACH General Manager** population.

Each engagement is tailored to the specific role, geography, competitive landscape, and business objectives of our clients.



Common use cases

- Executive Search preparation
- Succession planning
- New market entry
- Product launch readiness
- Leadership benchmarking
- Competitor talent intelligence
- Organizational design

Executive Summary

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Questions Leadership Ecosystem Mapping helps answer

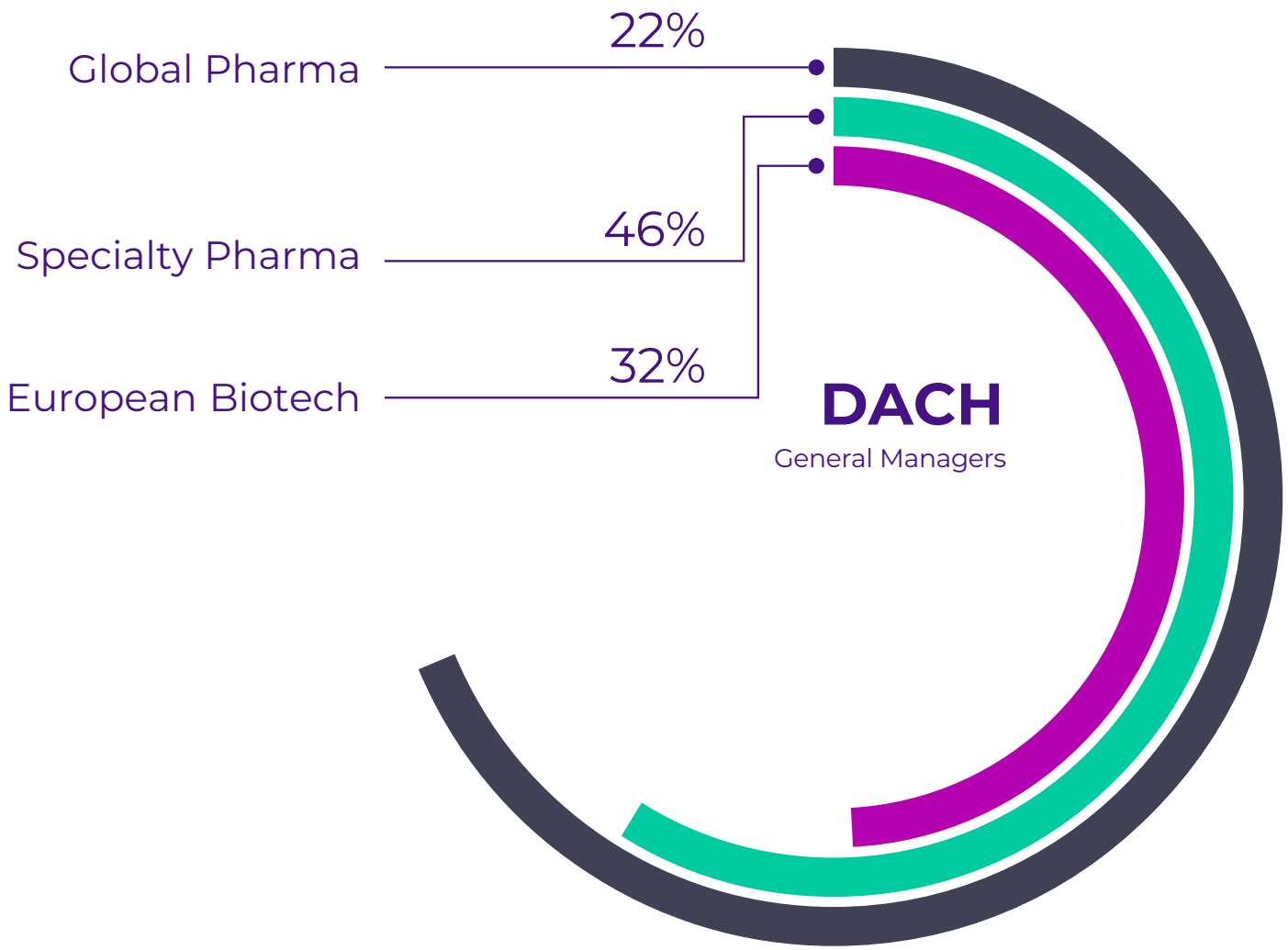
- Which organizations consistently produce successful General Managers?
- How concentrated is the talent pool?
- Where are potential successor candidates located?
- How mobile are leaders in this market?
- Which competitors present the greatest hiring challenge?
- Where are the untapped talent pools?

Metric	Example
Executive talent pool identified	186
Passive candidates	84%
Active candidates	16%
Primary talent hubs	Munich, Berlin, Frankfurt
Talent scarcity rating	Moderate-High
Average tenure	5.2 years

The majority of DACH General Managers with recent launch experience are concentrated within a relatively small group of multinational and specialty pharmaceutical organizations, creating significant competition for proven leadership talent.

Leadership Ecosystem Overview

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Illustrative Market Insights

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This preview illustrates the types of insights clients typically gain through a Leadership Ecosystem Mapping engagement.

82%
of qualified DACH GMs have prior launch experience, including market access

91%
have managed organizations across Germany, Austria and Switzerland, including P/L

3-6 years
tenure for candidates mobility is highest among leaders

1 level
Most successor talent currently sits one level below GM

Executive Profile Archetypes

Candidate Archetype A

The Launch Builder
- Built affiliate from scratch
- Oncology background
- EU launch experience
- Team size: 50-100

Candidate Archetype B

The Transformation Leader
- Turnaround experience
- Commercial excellence focus
- Multi-country responsibility

Candidate Archetype C

The Regional Successor
- Current Business Unit Head
- GM-ready within 12-24 months
- High mobility potential

Case Study





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Finding the best DACH General Manager to help an established US-Biotech rebuild the organization.

THE CHALLENGE

- The established US company decided to make a restart in Europe and grow the organization in the DACH region to launch products themselves within a 2-year period.
- A new General Manager was needed to spearhead this growth amidst other key management changes.

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OUR SOLUTION

- We hand-selected a high caliber pool of candidates holding recent General Manager roles in Oncology. Our selection also included Business Unit Heads with the potential to grow further.
- The role required candidates with a strong personality who would thrive in a start-up situation and be a magnet to attract and hire a new team.
- Searching sensitively in a context of certain background dynamics was critical.
- Candidates were also selected based on their pre-launch and launch experience.
- Our trusted advisors performed top-grading interviews with 26 candidates and selected the best 12 of them.
- As business insiders we included strategical and technical topics to the specific product class, views on competitive landscape and answers to specific questions during interviews.

THE RESULTS

Sensitive mode search in a context of certain background dynamics

We delivered executive summaries and dossiers **within 5 weeks**.

We submitted **12 GM DACH dossiers** to further interviews by the EVP.

Trusted by the client in our treatment of all applications **equally** and our care for **diversity**.

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