



Rīga Stradiņš University Latvia

VIRA Project partners



Università degli Studi di Ferrara University of Ferrara Italy

Ulm University Germany



Zabludowicz Center for Autoimmune Diseases at Sheba Medical Center Israel



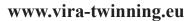


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VirA

Reducing networking gaps between Rīga Stradiņš University (RSU) and internationally-leading counterparts in viral infection-induced autoimmunity research



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Research capacity, able to deliver precise and early diagnostic is of high importance to move towards the development of methods for personalised medicine and increased awareness of triggers and mechanisms in autoimmunity, leading to better understanding of chronic diseases and comorbidities and searching for therapy options. VirA project will optimally address the challenges and strengthen the ERA (European Research Area) in autoimmunity.



To **promote autoimmune disease research capacity** and **fill networking gaps** in the institution (RSU) of the low-performing Member State – Latvia, by establishing a consortium with leading research institutions from Italy – University of Ferrara, Germany – Ulm University, and Israel – Zabludowicz Center for Autoimmune Diseases at Sheba Medical Center.



#1

Increase research excellence of the coordinating institution in the field of research as a result of the twinning exercise

#2

Enhance reputation, attractiveness and networking channels of the coordinating institution

#3

Enhance scientific and technological capacity of the linked institutions with a principal focus on the university or research organisation from the Widening Country



Raising experience of the staff with short term exchanges	Bringing new knowledge to the institute from expert visits and short-term on-site or virtual training
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Conference participation and attendance to help with project dissemination and gathering of new information and global knowledge exchange	Organisation of training workshops and joint summer schools to increase the networking ability of staff and foster knowledge transfer

Potential directions of collaboration

Life sciences

Presistent viral infections

Newly discovered viruses

Bioimmunology

Medical biotechnology

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