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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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VIRA DESCRIPTION

Research capacity, able to deliver precise and early diagnostic is of high importance to move towards the development of methods for personalized 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.



VIRA OVERALL AIM

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 – Medical Research Infrastructure Development and Health Services Fund by the Sheba Medical Center.



VIRA OBJECTIVES

#1

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

#2

Enhance the reputation, attractiveness and networking channels of the coordinating institution

#3

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



VIRA ACTIVITIES

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

PROJECT ACTIVITIES

Conference participation and attendance to help with project dissemination and gathering of new information and global knowledge exchange

Organization of training workshops and joint summer schools to increase the networking ability of staff and foster knowledge transfer

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