

### Widening Country Inspiration Story

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Organisation name: Ruđer Bošković Institute Organisation type: Public research organisation Country: Croatia Project Acronym: INVECTA Project start and end date: 1.12.2023 - 30.11.2027 Type of MSCA, Horizon Europe: Staff Exchanges Is your organisation a coordinator? Yes

#### What is your project about?

Adenovirus based vectors have potential translational and commercial values and are studied as vectors for gene transfer and vaccination. Low seroprevalence adenoviruses are efficacious platforms for vector design, warranting their thorough investigation. Within this project we will study related scientific problems to development of novel low seroprevalence adenovirus-based vectors aimed at their therapeutic usage, with an emphasis on training both experienced and early-stage researchers in adenovirus research, as well as laying a foundation for long-term collaboration.

## Why is your project important for society?

The INVECTA research and training program will t help place and keep EU life sciences research at the global forefront. By consolidating the existing European expertise, INVECTA will boost the EU adenovirus hub, and thereby educate the next generation of outstanding scientists in this field. While INVECTA is a focused series of experiments to enact this vision, our partnership will also benefit researchers throughout Europe and beyond via interaction at conferences, workshops and other key events in the sector in which work. Trainings we and knowledge transfer implemented during INVECTA will increase future employability of the participating researchers but also competitiveness and visibility of participating organisations.

#### What kind of support did you get?

We had extensive help from our National contact points (NCPs). Their input was invaluable, and I am sure that our application would not have been successful without their help. I also had experience from my previous unsuccessful application for MSCA funding.

## How did you find the partners in your consortium?

We knew each other from before (conferences, previous collaboration).

# What tips can you give other organisations that would like to apply for MSCA?

Try to get a successful application from your colleagues (if possible). Get input from all partners in the consortium and consult with your NCPs.

More information on the project:





The Marie Sklodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) support researchers at all stage of their career across all disciplines. The MSCA also support cooperation between industry and academia and provide innovative trainings and career developments.

The MSCA Staff Exchanges (SE) funds short-term international and inter-sectoral exchanges of staff members involved in research and innovation activities with the aim to develop sustainable collaborative projects between different organisations from the academic and non-academic sectors (in particular SMEs), based in Europe and beyond.

The MSCA-NET project is the MSCA NCP project to facilitate the transnational cooperation to achieve a consistent and harmonised level of NCP support. The scientific community can also profit from our project to support their MSCA application.

