

## Coronavirus research and innovation projects

### Outcome of HERA Incubator call for expressions of interest on coronavirus variants: 11 projects



On 7 April 2021, the European Commission launched [an emergency request for expressions of interest](#) – the first under [Horizon Europe](#) – for EU-funded research and innovation actions to fight the coronavirus and contribute to the Commission's overall action to prevent, mitigate and respond to the impact of coronavirus variants, in line with the new European bio-defence preparedness plan [HERA Incubator](#).

On 22 July 2021, the EC announced that **11 projects** were short-listed for funding, with **total funding of €120 million**.

The 11 projects involve **312** research teams from **40** countries

in Europe and beyond, which are addressing the four topics of the emergency request for expressions of interest:

- **Clinical trials for therapeutics and vaccines** to boost COVID-19 prevention and treatment and further inform public health policy and clinical management.
- **Cohorts united against COVID-19 variants of concern** supporting activities that are enabling or contributing to the development of large scale, COVID-19 cohorts and networks worldwide, including beyond Europe's borders, forging links with European initiatives as a global response to the pandemic.
- **FAIR and open data sharing in support to European preparedness** for COVID-19 and other infectious diseases, to further develop and integrate platforms for the sharing of relevant research resources
- **Research infrastructure services for rapid research responses** to COVID-19 and other infectious disease epidemics, to set up and provide access to a comprehensive portfolio of relevant services

### 11 Horizon Europe research projects on coronavirus variants short-listed for funding

Acronym	Title	Lead partner	Partners
<b>COHORTS UNITED AGAINST COVID-19 VARIANTS OF CONCERN – EU funding: € 30 million</b>			
<b>VERDI</b>	SARS-coV2 variants Evaluation in pRegnancy and paeDIiatrics cohorts	Fondazione Penta (IT)	22 partners: BE, CH, DE, EL, FR, HT, IT, NL, NO, SI, TH, UK, US, ZA
<b>EuCARE</b>	European Cohorts of Patients and Schools to Advance Response to Epidemics	EuResist Network GEIE (IT)	18 partners: BE, DE, GE, IL, IT, LT, NL, PT, SE, UK
<b>CoVICIS</b>	EU-Africa concerted action on SAR-CoV-2 virus variant & immunological surveillance	Centre Hospitalier Universitaire Vaudois (CH)	14 partners: CH, DE, ET, FR, IT, NL, ZA

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<b>VACCINES &amp; THERAPEUTIC CLINICAL TRIALS TO BOOST COVID-19 PREVENTION AND TREATMENT – EU funding: € 57 million</b>			
<b>ECRAID-PRIME</b>	European Clinical Research Alliance on Infectious Diseases - PRIMary care adaptive platform trial for pandemics and Epidemics	Universitair Medisch Centrum Utrecht (NL)	4 partners: BE, FR, NL, UK
<b>XVR011 Phase 2</b>	ExeVir's XVR011, a best in class nanobody-based biology that broadly neutralizes SARS-COV-1 and SARS-COV-2	ExeVir Bio (BE)	5 partners: BE, DE, FR, IE
<b>RBDCOV</b>	RBD Dimer recombinant protein vaccine against SARSCoV2	HIPRA Scientific (ES)	13 partners: BE, DE, ES, IT, TR, UK
<b>EPIC-CROWN-2</b>	Equine Polyclonal antibodies Immunotherapy against COVID-19/SARS-CoV2-VOC	Fabentech (FR)	5 partners: DE, EL, ES, FR
<b>iMPact</b>	Novel, orally available immune modulator MP1032 with anti-SARS-CoV-2 and anti-cytokine activity	MetrioPharm AG (CH)	4 partners: AT, CH, DE, NL
<b>COVend</b>	Biomarker and AI-supported FX06 therapy to prevent progression from mild and moderate to severe stages of COVID-19	Johann Wolfgang Goethe Universitaet Frankfurt-am-Main (DE)	18 partners: AT, BE, CH, DE, ES, FI, FR, IE, IT, LT, NL, PT, RO, SI,
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<b>FAIR AND OPEN DATA SHARING IN SUPPORT TO EUROPEAN PREPAREDNESS FOR COVID-19 AND OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES – Total EU funding: € 12 million</b>			
<b>BY-COVID</b>	Beyond COVID	European Molecular Biology Laboratory (DE)	53 partners: AT, BE, CH, CZ, DE, DK, EE, EL, ES, FI, FR, HU, IT, LU, NL, NO, SE, SI, UK
<b>RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES FOR RAPID RESEARCH RESPONSES TO COVID-19 AND OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASE EPIDEMICS – Total EU funding: € 21 million</b>			
<b>ISIDORE</b>	Integrated Services for Infectious Disease Outbreak Research	ERINHA - European Research Infrastructure on Highly pathogenic Agents (BE)	156 partners: AT, AU, BD, BE, BF, BG, CH, CZ, DE, DK, EL, ES, FI, FR, HU, IE, IL, IT, LV, ML, NC, NL, NO, PL, PT, RS, SE, SI, SK, SN, UK, ZA

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