



ITALY-AUSTRIA PROJECT TO DEVELOP INNOVATIVE THERAPIES FOR CARDIOVASCULAR RESEARCH

ICGEB TRIESTE: TOGETHER WITH THE MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF INNSBRUCK, EURAC RESEARCH, BOLZANO AND THE CARINTHIA UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES LAUNCH THE INTERREGIONAL PROJECT PROMOTION EUROPEAN TERRITORIAL COOPERATION

PRESS RELEASE

WEDNESDAY, 16 DECEMBER 2020, AT 2 PM, THE ITALY-AUSTRIA INTERREGIONAL EU FUNDED PROJECT - INCARDIO – WILL BE OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED

Through a project targeted at research partners, researchers, students, medical doctors and health professionals, the ICGEB Cardiovascular Biology laboratory in **Trieste**, the EURAC Research - Institute for Biomedicine, Biology of Cardiac Health and Disease Group, **Bolzano**, the University Department of Visceral, Transplant and Thoracic Surgery, **Innsbruck**, and CUAS Engineering and IT in **Klagenfurt**, AUSTRIA, with Associated Partners, **Hospital** of Bolzano, Cardiology, **University** of Trieste, Medical Sciences, Surgery and Health, and the Merano Hospital, **Cardiology** come together to create a **virtual centre for excellence**, combining multidisciplinary expertise.

"ICGEB is pleased to initiate this new project to develop innovative therapies for cardiovascular disease," said **Serena Zacchigna**, **Project Leader** and Head of the ICGEB Cardiovascular Biology lab. "Despite medical advances over the last few decades, cardiovascular diseases remain the number one cause of death in the EU and we believe that joining forces and expertise is key to develop innovative therapies and bring them to patients." The Cardiovascular Biology lab has established skills in R&I capacities in the field to drive the development of innovative technologies and therapeutic concepts pivotal for this project.

Collectively, the project combines the **multidisciplinary expertise** to explore the activity of **compounds capable of modulating cardiac function**.

The Medical University of Innsbruck MUI will be developing training and knowledge exchange methodologies in the fields of ischemia-reperfusion and organ transplantation. EURAC Research will be driving the pilot actions including the search for novel cardioprotective factors and molecules controlling cardiac rhythm, and CUAS, will be responsible for the creation of a competence centre and a virtual platform for data exchange. The partnership represents pluriennial experience in Interreg projects. The web site unique to the project is: **www.incardio.eu**

The project has received funding for over 1.1 million Euro and will run for two years. **INCardio** is Funded by the FESR and Interreg V-A Italia – Österreich 2014-2020.

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