

*Projects canSERV and AgroServ selected for funding by the European Commission*

## **MIRRI will take part in two more European projects to provide cutting-edge services for cancer research and for a sustainable agroecological transition**

**Braga (Portugal), 26 January 2022** – The **Microbial Resource Research Infrastructure (MIRRI)**, a pan-European research infrastructure that brings together over 50 scientific institutions, from 11 countries, has announced today it will be participating in the projects “canSERV – Providing cutting edge cancer research services across Europe” and “AgroServ – Integrated services supporting a sustainable agroecological transition”, both of which have been selected for funding from the European Union’s Horizon Europe research and innovation programme.

The project canSERV aims at making cutting-edge and customised research services available to the cancer research community EU-wide, enabling innovative R&D projects and fostering precision medicine for patients’ benefit across Europe. By connecting, coordinating, and aligning existing oncology and complimentary research infrastructures (RIs) and providing services in a synergistic way transnationally, canSERV will capitalise on the critical mass of experts and cutting-edge services offered by canSERV RIs and their extended network. The project is coordinated by BBMRI-ERIC, and MIRRI is represented in the consortium by its partner organisation MUM/UMinho (Portugal).

The project AgroServ, in turn, aims at providing access to innovative, customized and integrated research services to the European research communities to advance knowledge on agroecosystems, increasing our understanding on the risks and threats due to global changes and fostering the development of new agroecological practices, taking into account the socio-economic benefits for society, and the sustainability of rural communities. The project is led by AnaEE and CNRS, and MIRRI is represented in the consortium by its partner organisations BCCM-MUCL (Belgium) and CIRM-INRAE (France).

According to its Executive Director, Luís Soares, “MIRRI is very pleased and proud to take part in the projects canSERV and AgroServ, adding to its participation in two other Horizon Europe-funded projects, BY-COVID and ISIDORE, which have been granted last year by the European Commission”. He also says that “these participations demonstrate both the scientific excellence and the versatility of MIRRI, which is capable of bringing added-value to top-level projects in fields as diverse as Health, Agro-Food or Environment”.

Rosa Aznar, the Chair of MIRRI’s Interim National Coordinators Forum, adds that “taking part in the projects canSERV and AgroServ will allow MIRRI to further extend its collaboration with other cutting-edge research infrastructures, in order to explore complementarities and synergies on the provision of innovative, high-quality services to the worldwide scientific and entrepreneurial communities. By joining forces, we can provide better solutions and deliver more value on tackling global and societal challenges, thus allowing us to better accomplishing our mission as an innovation-oriented research infrastructure”.



### About MIRRI:

The **Microbial Resource Research Infrastructure (MIRRI)** is the pan-European distributed Research Infrastructure for the preservation, systematic investigation, provision and valorisation of microbial resources and biodiversity. It brings together 50+ microbial domain Biological Resource Centres (mBRCs), culture collections and research institutes from ten European countries and one associated country, namely: Belgium, France, Greece, Italy, Latvia, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal (headquarters), Romania, Russia and Spain. MIRRI serves the bioscience and the bioindustry communities by facilitating the access, through a single point, to the broadest range of high-quality microorganisms, their derivatives, associated data and services, with a special focus on the domains of Health & Food, Agro-Food, and Environment & Energy. By serving its users, by collaborating with other research infrastructures and by working with public authorities and policy makers, MIRRI contributes to the advancement of research and innovation in life sciences and biotechnology, as well as for a sustainable, competitive and resilient bioeconomy. More information and contacts: [www.mirri.org](http://www.mirri.org) | <https://www.linkedin.com/company/microbial-resource-research-infrastructure/> | [info@mirri.org](mailto:info@mirri.org)



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