

# Slovenian Info Day

## Horizon Europe Widening Programme

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## iMM at a glance



Biomedical research institute of excellence, conducting basic, translational and clinical research with the mission of improving human life.

708  
People

553  
Researchers

155  
Technical &  
Administrative



# Lisbon Academic Medical Centre

Faculty of Medicine  
University of Lisbon

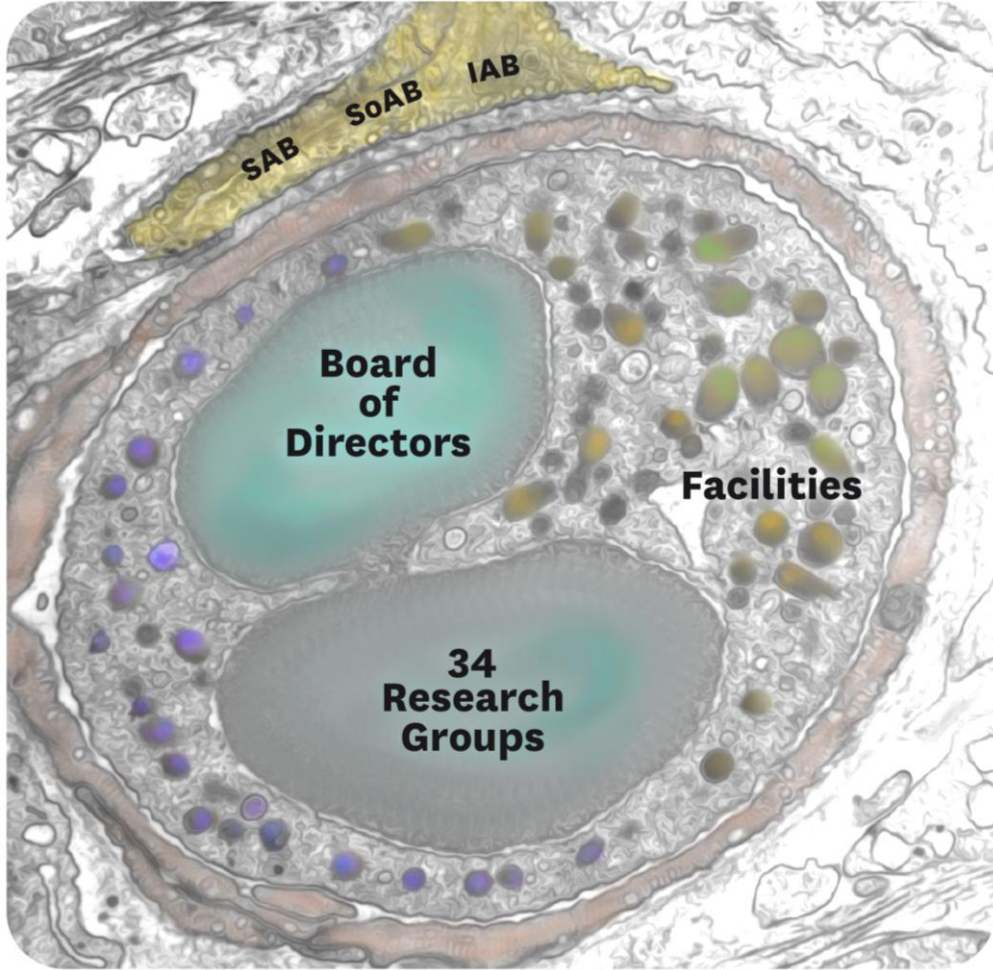
Hospital Santa Maria

iMM





# A collaborative system “Cell-like”



Biobank  
Bioimaging  
Comparative Pathology  
Flow Cytometry  
Rodents  
Zebrafish  
Information Systems

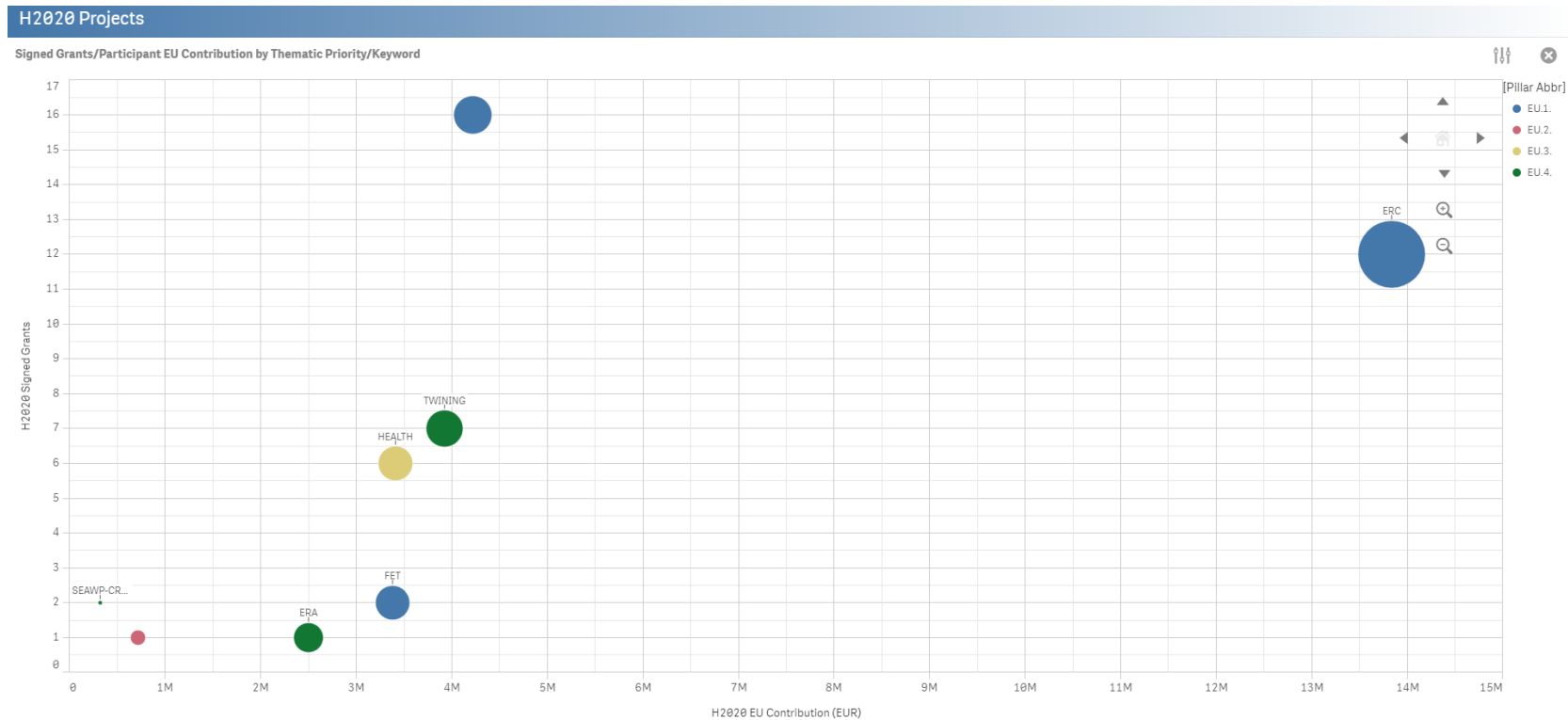
## TECHNICAL FACILITIES

## OPERATIONS & ADMINISTRATIVE FACILITIES

Technology Transfer Office  
Pre-Award  
Project Management  
Training Hub  
Purchasing & Procurement  
Safety & Compliance  
Communication  
Human Resources  
Accounting  
Legal

# iMM in the Horizon 2020

32,3M  
H2020





# iMM in the Twinning

iMM	2016	2017	2018	2020
Submitted	3	2	4	3
Approved	3	1	2	1
Overall approved	67	30	37	77
Overall % success	21	10	12	24



### EXCELLENCE

- Project objectives covering all aspects of the programme
- Detailed SWOT analysis
- Research scope not too wide nor too narrow
- Clearly identified gap in a research area
- Details on research project and scientific quality of all partners
- Integration in the business sector
- Proposed activities to ensure sustainability beyond the project

### IMPACT

- Defined KPIs and forecast
- Comprehensive D&C strategy and Open Access
- Exploitation strategy with innovation impact on a short-medium-long term
- Wider impact on a regional/national level (e.g. science policy stakeholders)
- Benefits for the high-performing partners
- Links to other relevant projects/networks
- Demonstrated added value in comparison to the other twinning proposals

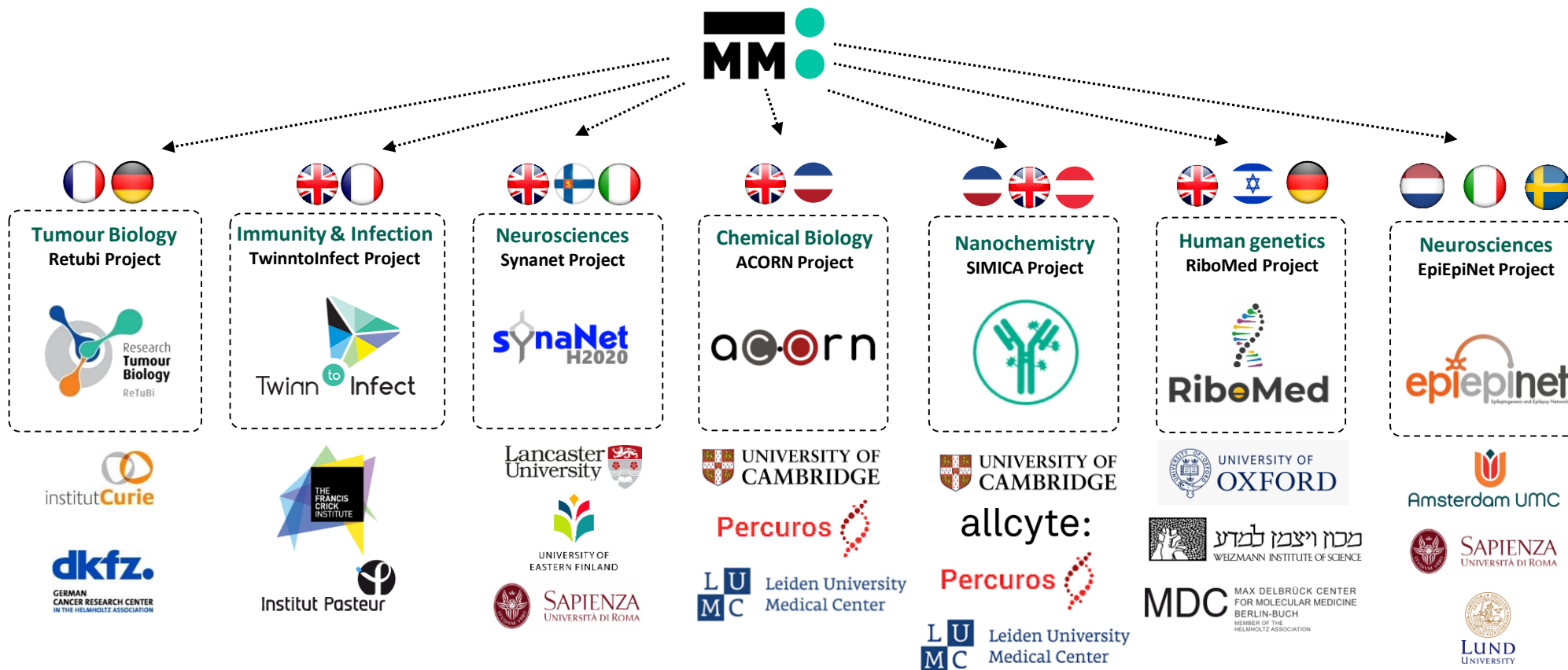


### IMPLEMENTATION

- Complementarity/interconnection of partners
- Gender aspects well-addressed
- Balanced distribution of tasks, resources and responsibilities
- Highly credible set of activities
- Well-defined risk assessment/mitigation plan
- Information on additional financial support



# iMM Twinning



## Contact

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# Rib<sup>e</sup>Med



Grant agreement n°: 857119

# Scientific focus

This twinning proposal (RiboMed) was set on the strategic vision of iMM to boost its community of young **RNA** researchers.

We believe the RiboMed twinning project is particularly timely to allow the recently settled young RNA researchers to thrive at iMM, placing the institute in Lisbon within the core of European laboratories that are producing frontier research on how **transcription and RNA processing shape and define the complexity of human disease**.



# Partner Institutes

University of Oxford, UK

Weizmann Institute of Science, Israel

Max Delbrück Center for Molecular Medicine in the Helmholtz Association,  
Germany





# Specific objectives of the RiboMed grant

Promoting joint research projects between iMM and the partner institutions

Nurturing a community of self-challenging and ambitious students and early-stage researchers at iMM

Raising national and international awareness of iMM

Consolidating the innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem at iMM



# Promoting joint research projects (WP1)

- Short-term staff exchanges (students and PIs from iMM to partners)
- joint lab retreats
- technical on-site visits (from iMM to partners)



# Nurturing early-stage researchers at iMM (WP2)

- Mentoring program
- Summer schools and training events
- Conference attendance award





# Raising national and international awareness of iMM (WP3,4)

- RiboMed Seminar Series at iMM
- Organization of international conference on RNA in disease
- Targeted dissemination and communication activities (WP4)



## Consolidating the innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem at IMM (WP5)

- Translation of basic findings into potential novel RNA biomarkers, RNA-based diagnostic assays and RNA therapeutic targets

