

# VIRGO Consortium

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## Research Areas



**Basic Research**

## At a Glance

- Status: **Active Consortium**
- Year Launched: **2011**
- Initiating Organization: **Dutch Life Sciences Health Sector**
- Initiator Type: **Government**
- Location: **Europe**

## Abstract

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The VIRGO Consortium focuses on providing the infrastructure for virus discovery and for advancing knowledge of viruses and the mechanisms of mutual virus-host interactions, which feed into the subsequent development of novel interventions, diagnostics, and prognostics at the levels of both individual patients and populations. It provides valuable leads for the development of novel antiviral drugs, vaccines, and other therapeutics; treatment regimens; and guidance as well as prevention strategies.

## Mission

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VIRGO aims at an improved understanding of major acute and chronic viral diseases, such as influenza, hepatitis, and acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS). These viral diseases constitute the majority of infectious diseases in the Netherlands and beyond. VIRGO studies the interaction between viruses causing these diseases and their hosts at a molecular level.

VIRGO aims to develop new approaches to interfere in the infection processes, for example, to prevent infection by designing new or improved vaccines, or improve clinical management of viral

infections with novel diagnostic tools. To achieve these goals VIRGO unites the top research institutes in the field in the Netherlands.

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## Financing

VIRGO is a public-private partnership of seven academic institutions, three research organizations, and 10 private-sector companies that has received part of the sector-wide €81 million FES grant awarded to the Dutch Life Sciences and Health sector. In addition VIRGO is supported by NGI (Health Cluster) and the Dutch Ministry of Health. Together with NEUROBSik, VIRGO forms the DRUGS cluster.

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