

# COMET – Competence Centers for Excellent Technologies

COMET Competence Centers conduct application-oriented cutting-edge research at the highest level. They operate especially in those fields of research, which are of strategic importance for the Austrian economy. Furthermore, they elaborate solutions for the key issues of the future.



## The COMET Programme

The unique characteristic of COMET is the research programme drafted jointly by science and economy. This programme has an added value compared to an accumulation of individual projects. The ultimate aim of the COMET Programme lies in the building of **new competences** as well to strengthen excellent cooperative research through **internationalisation**.

The bundling of those competences with adequate human resources in a single centre is to set new research impulses for pioneering issues as well as to encourage technology transfer and therefore to strengthen the capacity of innovation for the companies. In this sense, COMET is playing a key role in the task of strengthening Austria as a research and business location.

The COMET Programme is financed by the federal government, the federal states, the participating companies and research organisations. The responsible owners are the Federal Ministry for Climate Action,

Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology (BMK) as well as the Federal Ministry for Labour and Economy (BMAW). COMET is processed by The Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG).



## The COMET Target group

COMET addresses research facilities and companies of all sectors and sizes.



## The COMET Network

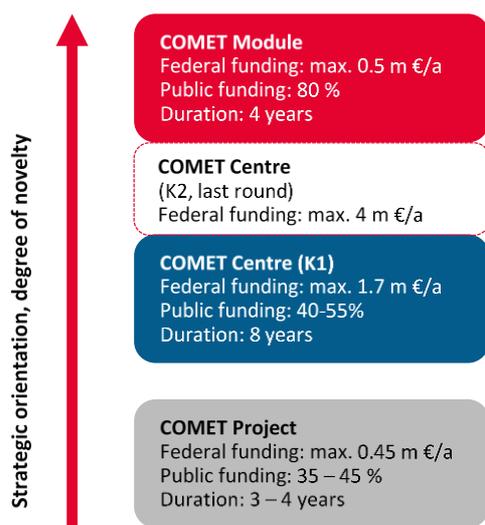
COMET - Competence Centers for Excellent Technologies initiate new product, process and service innovations. Thus, the capacity of innovation of companies is significantly improved. The Competence Centers are of great importance for the education of both the next generation of scientists and entrepreneurs. You can find the current COMET network on our [website](http://www.ffg.at/comet).

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## The three COMET Programme Lines

The COMET Programme consists of three programme lines, which are staggered with regard to strategic orientation, degree of novelty, size of the consortium, duration and funding intensity. The programme lines are thematically open, each project however has to have a clearly defined topic. All programme lines (COMET Centre, COMET Project, COMET Module) are characterised by a high level of research competence and linkage to science with simultaneous high implementation relevance in the corporate sector.



### The 3 Line-Model enables partners...

- › ... to open up new and particularly high-risk fields of research for COMET Centres through COMET Modules (at least 1 scientific partner and 3 company partners)
- › ... to build-up competences and human resources in a physical COMET Centre (at least 1 scientific partner and 5 company partners)
- › ... to enter the COMET Programme within the consortium of a COMET Project (at least 1 scientific partner and 3 company partners)

Further information can be found on our [website](#). The [COMET team](#) will be happy to answer any further questions.