## COMET Centre (K1)

**VASCage-C**  
**Centre for Promoting Vascular Health in the Ageing Community**

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<td>Vienna, Salzburg</td>
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<td>Research programme</td>
<td>VASCage-C combines the expertise of top scientists and leading companies to improve vascular health and prolong the healthspan in the ageing community. Thematic priorities of VASCage-C are <strong>Vascular Ageing</strong> and <strong>Clinical Stroke Research</strong>.</td>
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### Planned realisation and outcomes
VASCage-C intends to develop innovative products and to implement them as well as promising existing technologies (e.g. NMR) into clinical routine. Examples for planned R&D activities are new therapies (e.g. aptamer), intriguing biomarker concepts (e.g. imaging) and precision medicine (e.g. e-rehabilitation). Translation into routine patient care builds on outstanding clinical and epidemiological expertise, the alliance with several large hospitals and broad access to patients and an own Austria-wide clinical trial platform. Public health priorities of VASCage-C are ambitious prevention programs and ample knowledge transfer to the public.

### History of establishment
VASCage-C is a new K1-Centre based on the successful K-Project VASCage and the strong expertise in stroke medicine and research in Austria.

### Selected company partners (max. 10)
1. AOP Pharmaceuticals AG
2. Band Therapeutics, LLC
3. Biognosys AG
4. Bruker Biospin GmbH
5. exceet electronics GmbH
6. EVER Neuro Pharma GmbH
7. Iprona SpA
8. Novartis Pharma GmbH
9. Siemens Healthcare GmbH
10. Tirol Kliniken GmbH

### Selected scientific partners (max. 5)
1. Medical University of Innsbruck
2. University of Innsbruck
3. Medical University of Vienna
4. University Hospital Salzburg
5. Medical University Graz

### Selected international partners ¹ (max. 5)
1. King’s College London (UK)
2. INSERM Paris (France)
3. University Hospital of Erlangen (Germany)
4. Ionis Pharmaceuticals Inc. (US)
5. Prolacta Bioscience Inc. (US)

### Duration of the COMET Centre
April 2019 – March 2027 (8 years)

### Staff employed at the Centre
47.5 FTE (thereof 31.75 scientists)

### Management of the Centre
CEO Dipl.-Ing. Matthias Ullrich, CSO Prof. Dr. Stefan Kiechl, CFO Mag. Manuela Bock-Bartl

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¹ Partners with headquarters outside Austria

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