

## COMET Centre (K1)

<b>VASCage-C</b> <b>Centre for Promoting <i>Vascular Health in the Ageing Community</i></b>	
<b>Main location</b>	Innsbruck (Tyrol)
<b>Other locations</b>	Vienna, Salzburg
<b>Research programme</b>	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 <b>Vascular Ageing</b> and <b>Clinical Stroke Research</b> .
<b>Planned realisation and outcomes</b>	
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.	
<b>History of establishment</b>	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.
<b>Selected company partners</b> (max. 10)	<b>Selected scientific partners</b> (max. 5)
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. AOP Pharmaceuticals AG</li> <li>2. Band Therapeutics, LLC</li> <li>3. Biognosys AG</li> <li>4. Bruker Biospin GmbH</li> <li>5. exceet electronics GmbH</li> <li>6. EVER Neuro Pharma GmbH</li> <li>7. Iprona SpA</li> <li>8. Novartis Pharma GmbH</li> <li>9. Siemens Healthcare GmbH</li> <li>10. Tirol Kliniken GmbH</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Medical University of Innsbruck</li> <li>2. University of Innsbruck</li> <li>3. Medical University of Vienna</li> <li>4. University Hospital Salzburg</li> <li>5. Medical University Graz</li> </ol>
	<b>Selected international partners</b> <sup>1</sup> (max. 5)
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. King's College London (UK)</li> <li>2. INSERM Paris (France)</li> <li>3. University Hospital of Erlangen (Germany)</li> <li>4. Ionis Pharmaceuticals Inc. (US)</li> <li>5. Prolacta Bioscience Inc. (US)</li> </ol>
<b>Duration of the COMET Centre</b>	April 2019 – March 2027 (8 years)
<b>Staff employed at the Centre</b>	47,5 FTE (thereof 31,75 scientists)
<b>Management of the Centre</b>	CEO Dipl.-Ing. Matthias Ullrich, CSO Prof. Dr. Stefan Kiechl, CFO Mag. Manuela Bock-Bartl
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<sup>1</sup> Partners with headquarters outside Austria