

COMET Centre (K1)

VASCage-C	
Centre for Promoting <i>Vascular Health in the Ageing Community</i>	
Main location	Innsbruck (Tyrol)
Other locations	Vienna, Salzburg
Research programme	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 Vascular Ageing and Clinical Stroke Research .
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)	Selected scientific partners (max. 5)
1. AOP Pharmaceuticals AG	1. Medical University of Innsbruck
2. Band Therapeutics, LLC	2. University of Innsbruck
3. Biognosys AG	3. Medical University of Vienna
4. Bruker Biospin GmbH	4. University Hospital Salzburg
5. exceet electronics GmbH	5. Medical University Graz
6. EVER Neuro Pharma GmbH	Selected international partners ¹ (max. 5)
7. Iprona SpA	1. King's College London (UK)
8. Novartis Pharma GmbH	2. INSERM Paris (France)
9. Siemens Healthcare GmbH	3. University Hospital of Erlangen (Germany)
10. Tirol Kliniken GmbH	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 NN, CSO Prof. Dr. Stefan Kiechl , CFO Mag. Manuela Bock-Bartl
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¹ Partners with headquarters outside Austria