# COMET: K1 Centre

## Austrian Center for Digital Production

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## Research programme

- Virtualisation of product design, process planning and control, orchestration of production networks, flexible and reconfigurable automation, machine-to-machine communication, socio-economic impacts of digital production

## Planned realisation and outcomes

The fourth industrial revolution will require manufacturing companies to support a seamless integration of all process steps including automation, control and documentation. Therefore, the envisaged centre will cover all process steps ranging from acquisition to delivery: The virtualisation of product and production systems allows for a comprehensive product specification and a reliable process planning. The (further) development of design automation accelerates not only the design process but also the work planning. Standardised protocols for machine-to-machine communication support the implementation of flexible and reconfigurable automation systems, which by the support of flexible and intelligent clamping and tool systems are effective also for small lot sizes and facilitate fully automated operations. Digital platforms and networks for production allow the dynamic formation of virtual smart factories enabling low tier manufacturers to provide a combined and therefore value-added service.

## History of establishment

The Institute of manufacturing technology at TU-Wien supports to a continuously growing extent the innovation-based improvement of productivity in discrete manufacturing. By joining forces with R&D-partners in IT, design automation and mechanical engineering informatics, a team covering a broad range of expertise, could be et-up. The so-formed consortium will be able to address comprehensively the upcoming challenges of industry 4.0.

## Selected company partners (max. 10)

1. Hoerbiger
2. TTTech
3. EMCO
4. EVVA
5. ProAutomation
6. Liebherr
7. bs model shop vienna
8. Welser
9. OeKB
10. Fried v. Neuman

## Selected scientific partners (max. 5)

1. TU-Wien
2. v-research
3. Univ. Wien
4. WU-Wien
5. Secure-Business Austria

## Selected international partners (max. 5)

1. ETH-Zürich
2. KIT - Karlsruhe
3. politecnico Milano
4. Federal Mogul
5. Nemak

## Duration of the K1 Centre

COMET K1 4th Call: Jan 2017 – Dec 2020 (4 years, 1st funding period)

## Staff employed at the Centre

81 FTE (thereof 63 scientists)

## Total cost

COMET K1 4th Call: EUR 17.3 Mio (4 years, 1st funding period)

## Management of the Centre

**Chairman Strategy Board:** Univ. Prof. Dr. techn. Friedrich Bleicher, Institute for Manufacturing Technology, Head

**Managing Directors:** Dr. Christoph Pollak, Christian Schuckert

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1 Partners with headquarters outside Austria