

## P82: BBMRI.at #3 – Austrian Biobanking and BioMolecular resources Research Infrastructure & partner for research using biological samples

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### Introduction

BBMRI.at – the Austrian Node of BBMRI-ERIC - comprises all public medical universities of Austria and the University of Veterinary Medicine with their biobanks, and the University of Vienna bringing in legal expertise. Since its foundation in 2013 BBMRI.at has established a highly collaborative biobanking community in Austria stimulating and supporting biobanks to advance. In BBMRI-ERIC, BBMRI.at has become a visible, essential and driving, part in many fields e.g. quality management, data management, and stakeholder engagement. However, the environment in which BBMRI.at and biobanks are operating is constantly changing and this demands to address emerging needs and further developments relevant for biobanking.

### Material & methods

The BBMRI.at management committee developed a new program for the next 5 years which is funded by the Austrian Ministry of Education, Science and Research (2023- 0.752.780).

### Results/findings

BBMRI.at continues where it has core competences, e.g., in quality management with cross-audits and development of standards at ISO/CEN, or in data quality and digital whole slide imaging, but also addresses new topics, e.g., environmental sustainability and comparative medicine (human-animals) & one health. Stronger focus will also be put on data integration/harmonization/access, and (data-related) legal issues, two very current, dynamic and relevant topics.

### Discussion/conclusion

The activities of BBMRI.at shall ensure Austrian biobanks are well prepared to address upcoming user needs, and that both the biobanks and BBMRI.at are positioned as valuable, competent and responsible collaboration partners within the research community. With its work BBMRI.at will also serve the European BBMRI-ERIC biobanking community.

### Keywords

quality, standards, one health, sustainability, data, legal, digital imaging