



BBMRI.at biobanks among the first with collections meeting CEN/TS requirements

Biobank Graz and MedUniWien Biobank declare the quality of their collections and samples and display them in the online BBMRI-ERIC Directory and national BBMRI.at Catalog of Biobanks and Collections.

Using the "Self Assessment Survey" – an online tool jointly developed by BBMRI-ERIC QM Experts and BBMRI.at – all BBMRI.at biobanks have started to evaluate their collections with respect to the CEN/TS requirements.

The first collections which meet the requirements of corresponding CEN/TS are now displayed in the BBMRI.at Catalog ([open>>](#)). More are on the way.

Two BBMRI.at biobanks are among the first five biobanks within BBMRI-ERIC which having reported their survey results to BBMRI-ERIC to publicly declare the quality of their sample collections. They will soon be highlighted in the BBMRI-ERIC Directory.

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BBMRI-ERIC heralds a new era in biobanking – European biobanks declare the Quality of collections and samples
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BBMRI-ERIC Quality Service encouraged the biobanks to comply with the highest quality requirements available. BBMRI-ERIC Quality Expert Working Groups currently involve 106 experts and researchers from 20 Member and Observer States and the WHOIARC.

Provide solutions to better meet sample quality requirements, BBMRI-ERIC set up 5 different Quality Expert Working Groups to develop Self-Assessment Surveys (BBMRI-ERIC SAS) based on the pre-examination processes published by CEN/Technical Specifications (CEN/TS by ceau).

Outcomes 9 Self-Assessment Surveys (SAS) based on the requirement of published CEN/TS. The BBMRI-ERIC SAS provides a complimentary tool to biobankers to 1) implement quality requirements and 2) assess their performance.

How it works: Biobanks fulfilled the criteria of the BBMRI-ERIC SAS will receive recognition by being flagged in the BBMRI-ERIC Directory. Hence, BBMRI-ERIC promotes those biobanks that are able and willing to give access to high quality samples/data. An added value and service for both biobanks and their customers.

Access BBMRI-ERIC SAS

- BBMRI-ERIC website
- Request form
- Pre-conditions
- Email contact
- Provide link to SAS

Assessment of Compliance

- Biobank internal use
- Biobanks submit report to BBMRI-ERIC
- Compliance assessment to respective CEN/TS

Flagged Biobank - Collection

- The collection meets the requirements of CEN/TS
- Mark the collection / biobank in the directory

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