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### Welcome!

We have all had to adapt to unprecedented circumstances caused by the global pandemic.

We have all adopted new ways of working and there are lessons to be learned from this.

As we look forward to emerging out of the situation, what can we learn in order to advance?







### What's coming?

Three important, new initiatives

25 by '25

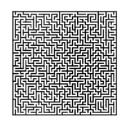
Graduate Programme Review

Telework Review

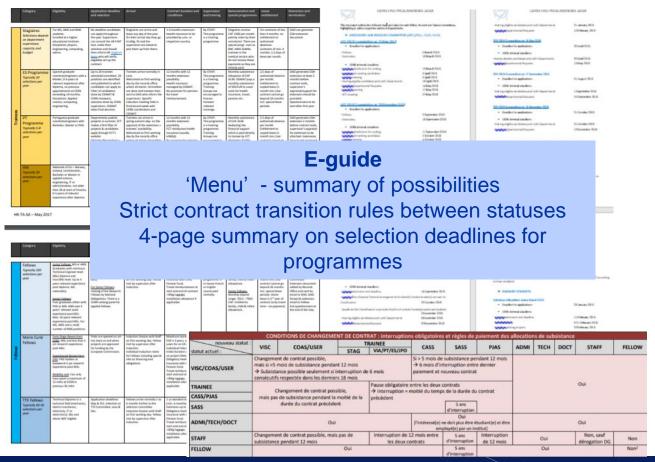




# Graduate recruitment focus: a labyrinth for internal & external stakeholders



#### Hiring a graduate - what are my options?



#### I am a graduate applicant, where do I fit in?









### The compelling case for change

#### **Member State Returns**

Unbalanced returns; Unbalanced talent pipeline

#### Complexity

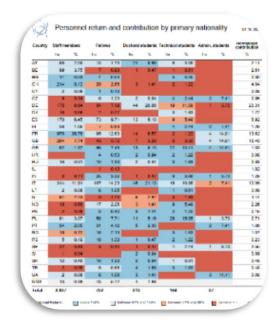
Too many programmes & possibilities with overlapping/similar identities

#### Loss of attraction

Too slow; Too vague; Too complex

#### **Inequities in treatment**

Perceived disparities in financial situation



it's that time again... it only happens twice a year!







### The journey so far

Preliminary study ED April 2019: first ideas

Extensive consultation: 12 DHs/DH teams, Staff Association, The Nine, Legal Service, Users Office, **Project leaders** 

May 2019 - May 2020

User requirements: 10 Departments HSE IR Sector Pension Fund End users Benefits package with FAP and HR-CB

Benchmarking (private companies, institutes) Proposal refinement

**Proposal** to match requirements

→ Concertation with Staff Association on-going

→ Target implementation 2022





### **Concretely: 3 graduate MPE programmes**







### **Early Career Professionals**

WHAT: Real work opportunity for developing skills on-the-job

WHO: Very recent graduates from technician to Master level

#### **Research/Project Grads**

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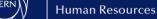
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#### **Fellows**

WHAT: Post-doctoral positions in particle physicists

WHO: Top ranked particle physicists with PhD

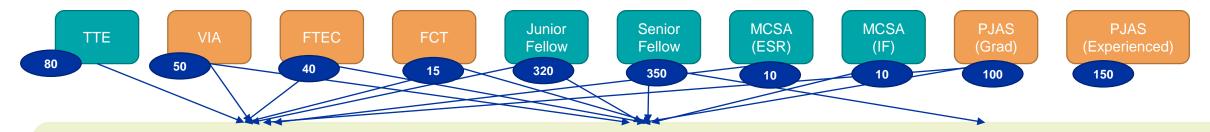




#### **Employed Members of Personnel**

**Associated Members of Personnel** 

### **Mapping**









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TTE, Junior fellows, recently graduated PJAS, MSCA (ESRs) Some Trainees (FTEC, VI, FCT)

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Senior Fellows MSCA (IFs)

Some PJAS & national Trainees

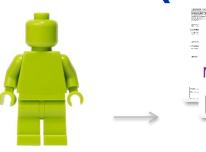
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### Process (as-is)



**Future Supervisor** 

Identifies need

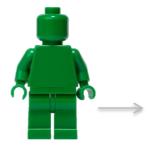




Department

Verifies budget and proposals

DPO

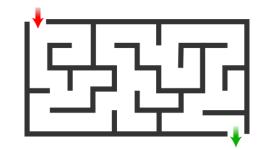


HR

Supports selection process Publication of general fellow descriptions (JR/SR) **Limited sourcing** 



**Candidates** 



FELLOW? VIA? FCT? FTEC? TTE? **INFN-COAS?** PJAS?





AFC selection



FTEC selection



VIA selection



FCT selection



**Future Supervisor &** selected candidate



**Future Supervisor** 

Screens & interviews candidates

quantity > quality





















### Process (to-be)



#### **Future Supervisor**

Identifies need and writes
Short Description

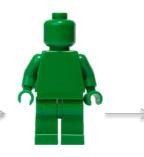




Guidelines on writing Short descriptions



**Department DPO**Verifies budget and proposals



**HR**Partners in selection process
Publishes meaningful

groupings of jobs
(link to short descriptions)

Actively sourcing candidates



Future Supervisor & selected candidate



**Candidates** 

Support & Challenge



At least 4 x year "selection moment" + flexibility as required





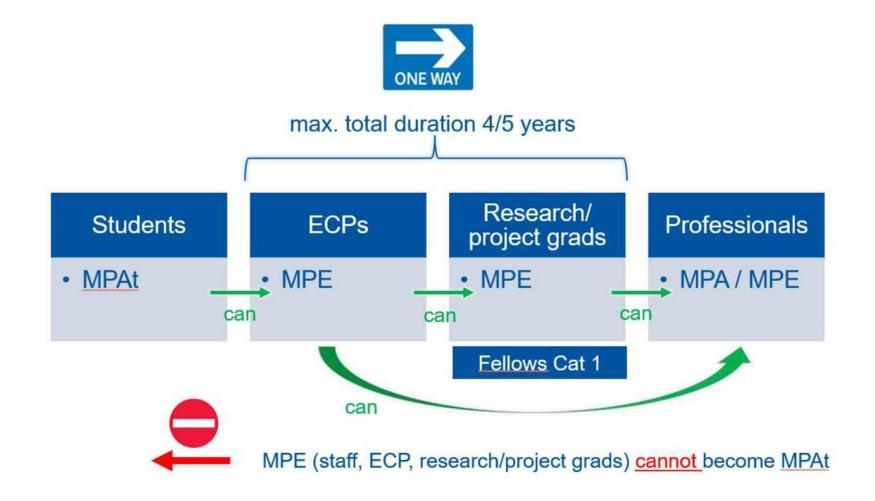
#### **Future Supervisor**

Screens & interviews candidates who applied in their field of expertise quality > quantity





### **Status transitions**



### Addressing the compelling case

#### 1. Member State Returns

✓ Diverse talent pipeline which we can steer with conscious decisions on (A)MS bias

#### 2. Complexity

✓ Three programmes with clear identities entirely managed by CERN

#### 3. Loss of attraction

✓ Faster, simpler and flexible recruitment processes

#### 4. Inequities in treatment

✓ Elimination of disparities as same conditions for similar work (MPEs)





## Thank you!

Any questions?





















Louise Carvalho, D&I Programme Leader

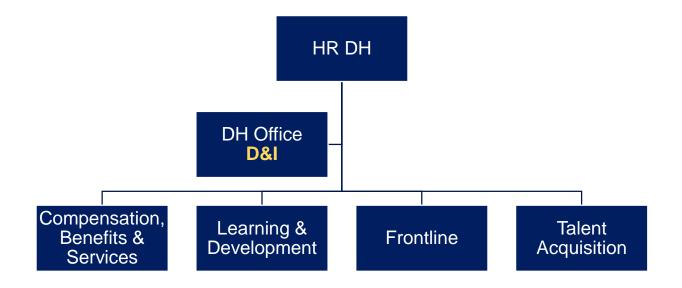
### **The Diversity & Inclusion Programme**



Louise Carvalho
D&I Programme
Leader (50%)
Legal Adviser (50%)



Kristine Kotte-Eriksen D&I Analyst (100%)



### 25 by '25 - Why now?

As an <u>International Organisation</u>, we need to reflect the diverse communities of our Member States

"The particle physics community commits to placing the principles of equality, diversity & inclusion at the heart of all the physics community's activities."

- ESPP 2020 update

Gender Equality
Plans
EC requirement
for Horizon Europe
2020

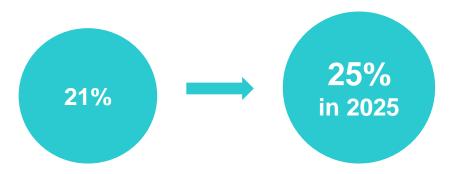
Companies with more diverse management teams have 19% higher revenues due to innovation.

- BCG 2018

### 25 by '25 strategy

#### **GENDER** target

Goal: 25% women MPEs by 2025



With particular focus on women in STEM

#### **NATIONALITY** indicator

**Goal: more balanced MS return** 



With particular focus on under-represented MS

### 25 by '25: a SMART target

Targets accelerate the process

Leadership-led

Measured CERN-wide, collaborative

"Excellence" remains top priority

Any measured improvement = success

### 25 by '25: Sample Actions Menu

#### Sample implementation actions

Include diversity-positive actions in MERIT & promotion exercises

Retain the diversity ratio from the longlist to the shortlist

Mandatory learning: harassment prevention

Expand spouse / family integration measures

"Aide Memoire" - tips for inclusive hiring

Re-launch "blind recruitment" pilot

Embed inclusive language in VNs and job titles

~ Evaluate not only a diverse candidate's potential for excellence, but the potential for excellence of a diverse team ~

### 25 by '25 Next Steps

2021

1. ED **Endorsement** and Commitment

2. DH to designate diverse **focal point(s)**Q2

3. Department - tailored "Fitness plans" ready Q2 – Q3

4. IR & HR: 25 by '25 **Comms** Strategy Q2 - Q3

5. Regular **reporting**, adjusting, & engage the **Experiments**2021 to 2025

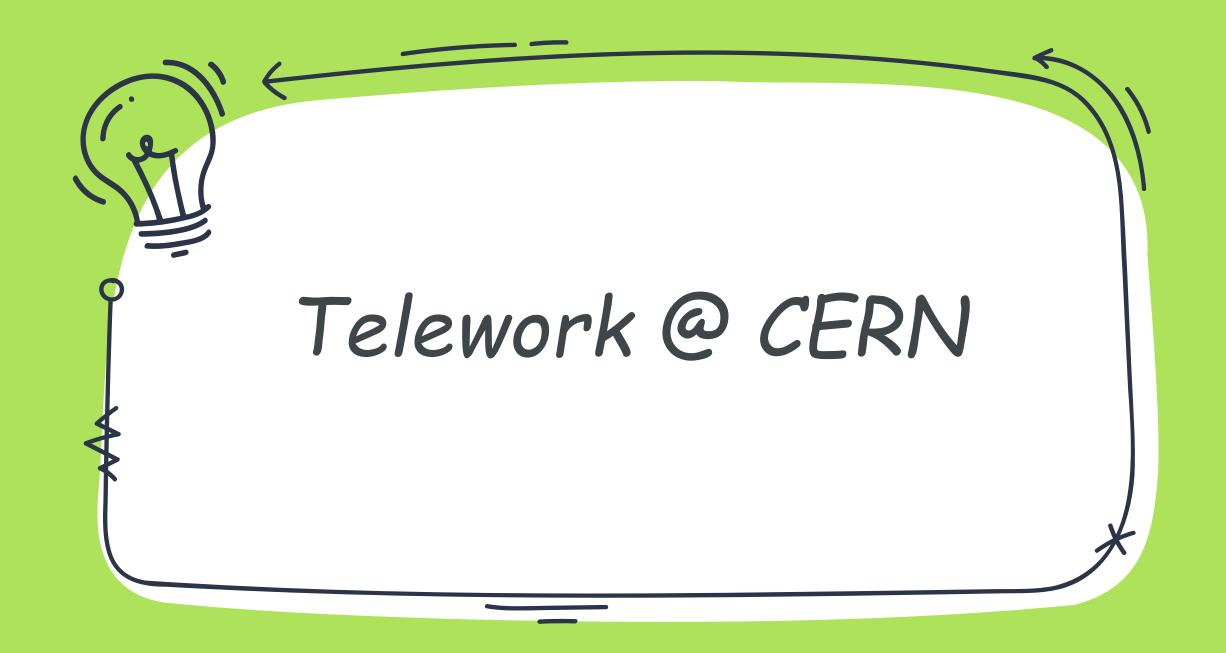
#### **Department Kick-off meetings:**

- 4 completed
- 3 this week
- More scheduled Apr / May

**→** 2025



Thank you! Any questions?



### Evolution of telework at CERN

2001 Work From Home pilot

WFH policy 1 day for staff

anywhere, Staff-Fell TW policy max 2 days,

extensive T

Tomorrow.





### Pulse survey feedback on telework

"Teleworking since March 17<sup>th</sup> saved me about 90 hours in the car and 3500km driving" "It has been demonstrated that many personnel are able to telework effectively, they can be trusted to do so, and CERN's systems are sufficient to support it."

#### Free text comments:

- X Overall request to make teleworking easier and more frequent after COVID-19
- X Extension of telework after COVID-19 for MPAs
- × Productivity remains overall same while teleworking
- X The maximum of 1 telework day a week should be changed after COVID-19
- X Flexible working hours should remain possible after COVID-19

Nearly <u>70%</u> of those who responded to the question 'What do you think CERN can learn from this situation?', had an answer related to teleworking\*



### CERN managers' experience (during COVID-19\*)

TW is productive
More than 80% of
managers evaluated
their team
performance as
productive or very
productive.

Communication was challenging
Managers indicated that CERN should provide more support and training for supervisors on how to manage remotely.

Strong call for a fitting TW policy

Managers think we should not revert to the standard TW policy, but find a happy medium.



### Our managers overwhelmingly support:

extending TW to MPAs (78%), having one digital approval process (95%) increasing TW time (85%)



## What's next?

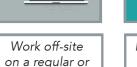
Telework is part of our offer for flexibility

### WORK-LIFE

lexibility

#### AT CERN





 Open to staff members and fellows, and to MPAs subject to prior agreement with employer/institute

temporary basis

- Nature, frequency and compatibility discussed with supervisor
- No contractual or financial consequences

**EDH Absence request** 



#### Reduce working week by up to 20 hours

- Open to staff members and fellows
- Min. period 1 month
- Duration and scope discussed with supervisor
- Guaranteed during 12 months following birth or adoption of a child
- Specific contractual and financial consequences listed on HR website

Part-time work request



#### Benefit from additional leave short/long-term

- Open to staff members with certain exceptions
- Save up to 22 additional days of leave a year
- More flexibility with a weekly, yearly, or long-term basis
- Monthly financial contribution

EDH Saved leave scheme subscription



### Adjust working schedule by up to 1 ½ hours

- Start/end working day earlier/later than CERN's reference hours
- Contractual working hours and 1-hour lunch break to be respected
- Compatibility discussed with supervisor
- No contractual or financial consequences

Request from supervisor

Thinking about retiring? Check out the solutions for a smooth transition:

PRP & PTP

### A hybrid approach

- CERN campus remains the focus of work
- On-site presence of at least 60%; up to 40% TW
- · A flexible policy, inclusive and supportive, based on trust and empowerment
- · One telework type, one supervisor approval, in EDH
- Accessible also to MPAs (in connection with their institute's agreement)
- Applicable for tasks compatible with remote work
- · Not an entitlement; to be used responsibly and fairly by manager and MoP alike

### A data driven approach

Data show that we can be more flexible, more productive, and have happier and more engaged staff,

all at the same time.





### **Coming up**

### Next HR public meeting in June, inter alia:

- Personnel Statistics,
- update on MERIT,
- introducing the Gender Pay Gap analysis,
- more news on 5YR,
- ... and more!

### See you then!





















2018

#### Council

2019

#### **Preparation Phase**

• "to commence the next five-yearly review process in 2019, for conclusion by Council decision-making in 2021."

- · Preliminary data gathering for reports.
- Preliminary discussions with external stakeholders (OECD, consultants).
- Summarize outcome of previous five yearly reviews.

2020

March: TREF

May: TREF

June : FC/Council

October: TREF

- Factual information & clarification
- Report on recruitment markets for staff members
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- Decision
- Management's proposal identifying the financial and social conditions to be reviewed:
- Obligatory conditions (basic salary, stipend, subs. allow.)
- Optional conditions

 Factual information and clarification oral report on data collection process

2021

March: TREF

May: TREF

October : TREF

November: TREF (1 or 2 meetings)

December: FC/Council

2022 Implementation

- Written report on data collection of optional conditions
- Written report on data collection of obligatory conditions
- FAS progress report
- Information
- Management proposals
- Discussion
- Management proposals

• Decision on final Management proposals