### **Introduction to CERN**

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## How did the universe begin?

We reproduce the conditions a fraction of a second after the Big Bang, to gain insight into the structure and evolution of the universe.

# Giant detectors record the particles produced at the four collision points



Greece participates in the ALICE, ATLAS and CMS experiments



### Large Hadron Collider (LHC)

- 27 km in circumference
- About 100 m underground
- Superconducting magnets steer the particles around the ring
- Particles are accelerated to close to the speed of light

### The Worldwide LHC Computing Grid (WLCG)



Used to store, distribute, process and analyse data. 1 million processing cores in about 160 data centres and 42 countries.

More than 1000 Petabytes of CERN data stored world-wide.

### Upgrade to the High-Luminosity LHC is under way

The HL-LHC will use new technologies to provide 10 times more collisions than the LHC.

It will provide greater precision and discovery potential.

It will start operating in 2027 and run until 2040.





## Scientific priorities for the future

Implementation of the recommendations of the **2020 Update of the European Strategy for Particle Physics**:

- Fully exploit the HL-LHC
- Build a Higgs factory to further understand this unique particle
- Investigate the technical and financial feasibility of a future energy-frontier 100 km collider at CERN
- Ramp up relevant R&D
- Continue supporting other projects around the world

#### Science for peace CERN was founded in 1954 with 12 European Member States

#### 23 Member States

Austria – Belgium – Bulgaria – Czech Republic Denmark – Finland – France – Germany – **Greece** Hungary – Israel – Italy – Netherlands – Norway Poland – Portugal – Romania – Serbia – Slovakia Spain – Sweden – Switzerland – United Kingdom

**3** Associates Member States in the pre-stage to membership Cyprus – Estonia – Slovenia

6 Associate Member States Croatia – India – Lithuania – Pakistan – Turkey – Ukraine

#### 6 Observers

Japan – Russia – USA European Union – JINR – UNESCO



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CERN's annual budget is 1200 MCHF (equivalent to a medium-sized European university)

As of 31 December 2020 Employees: **2635** staff, **756** fellows

Associates: **11 399** users, **1687** others

#### More than 50 Cooperation Agreements with non-Member States and Territories

Albania – Algeria – Argentina – Armenia – Australia – Azerbaijan – Bangladesh – Belarus – Bolivia Bosnia and Herzegovina – Brazil – Canada – Chile – Colombia – Costa Rica – Ecuador – Egypt – Georgia – Iceland Iran – Jordan – Kazakhstan – Latvia – Lebanon – Malta – Mexico – Mongolia – Montenegro – Morocco – Nepal New Zealand – North Macedonia – Palestine – Paraguay – People's Republic of China – Peru – Philippines – Qatar Republic of Korea – Saudi Arabia – Sri Lanka – South Africa – Thailand – Tunisia – United Arab Emirates – Vietnam

### A laboratory for people around the world

Distribution of all CERN Users by the country of their home institutes as of 31 December 2020

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Geographical & cultural diversity Users of **110 nationalities** ~ 23% women

#### **Member States 6632**

Austria 82 – Belgium 122 – Bulgaria 37 – Czech Republic 221 Denmark 35 – Finland 79 – France 794 – Germany 1185 Greece 138 – Hungary 67 – Israel 63 – Italy 1388 Netherlands 166 – Norway 78 – Poland 272 – Portugal 80 Romania 99 – Serbia 35 – Slovakia 66 – Spain 325 Sweden 96 – Switzerland 329 – United Kingdom 875

Associate Member States **27** in the pre-stage to Membership Cyprus 11 – Estonia 26 -Slovenia 16

Associate Member States **390** Croatia 38 – India 151 – Lithuania 13 – Pakistan 35 Turkey 124 – Ukraine 29

Observers **3071** Japan 211 – Russia 1021 – United States of America 1839



#### Other countries 1279

Algeria 2 – Argentina 15 – Armenia 10 – Australia 23 – Azerbaijan 2 – Bahrain 2 – Belarus 26 – Brazil 108 Canada 196 – Chile 22 – Colombia 15 – Cuba 3 – Ecuador 4 – Egypt 14 – Georgia 35 Hong Kong 20 – Iceland 3 – Indonesia 7 – Iran 13 – Ireland 6 - Kuwait 2 – Latvia 6 – Lebanon 17 Malaysia 4 – Malta 3 – Mexico 49 – Montenegro 5 – Morocco 18 – New Zealand 11 – Oman 1 People's Republic of China 334 – Peru 2 – Puerto Rico 2 – Republic of Korea 132 – Singapore 3 South Africa 57 – Sri Lanka 8 – Taiwan 50 Thailand 16 – United Arab Emirates 2

## CERN's technological innovations have applications in many fields

#### CERN is the birthplace of the World Wide Web



And there are many more examples Medical imaging, cancer therapy, material science, cultural heritage, aerospace, automotive, environment, health & safety, industrial processes.

## CERN's technological innovations have important applications in medicine and healthcare



Technologies applied at CERN are also used in PET, for medical imaging and diagnostics.

Accelerator technologies are applied in cancer radiotherapy with protons, ions and electrons.



Pixel detector technologies are used for high resolution 3D colour X-ray imaging.

CERN produces innovative radioisotopes for nuclear medicine research.



# CERN trains the next generation of physicists, engineers and technicians

>3000 PhD students are registered at CERN.

 600 PhD theses are completed each year.
 300 undergraduate students in Summer programmes.

~800 fellows in research and applied physics, engineering and computing.

~200 Technical and Doctoral Students in applied physics, engineering and computing. CERN organises schools for undergraduates and postgraduates, in all regions.

### CERN opens a world of career opportunities



## Our education programmes reach thousands of teachers and students from around the world each year

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5 summer students during 2019
882 teachers in Teacher Programmes since 1998
54 teams in BL4S competition since 2014
665 students participating in S'Cool LAB

Teachers from > 40 countries participate in National and International Teacher Programmes

> 6000 students use S'Cool Lab, for hands-on physics experiments > 1000 students propose an experiment to carry out at CERN in the Beamline4Schools competition

22 students from each Member State shadow researchers in the High-School Student Internship Programme

### CERN engages with citizens across the globe

151 000 visitors on guided tours of CERN in 2019, from 95 countries (> 60% come from more than 600 km away). On-site and travelling exhibitions in 15 countries, with >1 million visitors. Open Days during Long Shutdowns: two days in 2019, 75 000 visitors, 2800 volunteers.



During the COVID-19 pandemic, several outreach and education activities moved online: virtual talks by CERN guides for schools and general public; educational resources; social media "lives" from LHC experiments and other facilities. 

### Thank You! Σας ευχαριστώ!