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# Cherenkov Telescope Array Observatory CTAO

## Update on the participation of Switzerland in CTAO ERIC



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# 1. Relationship between CTAO (ERIC) and Switzerland

**2015/2019:** CTAO in the « Swiss Roadmap for Research Infrastructures » (Funding projection 8 MCHF)

**2020:** Possible scale of contribution confirmed by the Parliament (8 MCHF over 4 years)

**2021:**

- Setting-up of the Swiss CTAO Collaboration (CTAO-CH)
- Identification of the in-kind contributions of Switzerland to the construction of CTAO ERIC (ACADA; DPPS; off-site data center; etc.)
- Establishment of various support measures by SERI to enable the delivery of the in-kind contributions.

**2022:**

CH requested accession to CTAO ERIC as Founding Observer



## 2. Next steps

- CTAO ERIC to be established in 2023. The Founding Observer status of Switzerland shall be valid until end of 2026.
- The participation of Switzerland in CTAO ERIC has been examined by SNSF in the frame of the process towards the Swiss Roadmap for research infrastructures 2023  
***Outcome is positive -> transition to full membership shall be proposed within the upcoming ERI dispatch 25-28***
- ***Breaking news: On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December, Swiss Parliament approved a legal change that facilitates accession of Switzerland to research infrastructures based on the ERIC legal framework.***