

**CERN** and Portuguese Industry

Trends and future developments

## Intro



The National Innovation Agency (ANI) manages national funding and tax incentive programmes for R&D, EU programmes (Horizon Europe) and other support measures to collaborative initiatives between Academia and Industry.

I am the Portuguese Industrial Liaison Officer (ILO) for **CERN, F4E/ITER and ESRF** (since 2019); previously also for ESO and SKAO; informally for ELI, ET, FAIR.

Recently, started collaborating with the TIARA consortium, as member of the "ASc&T Industry Permanent (AIP) Forum"

















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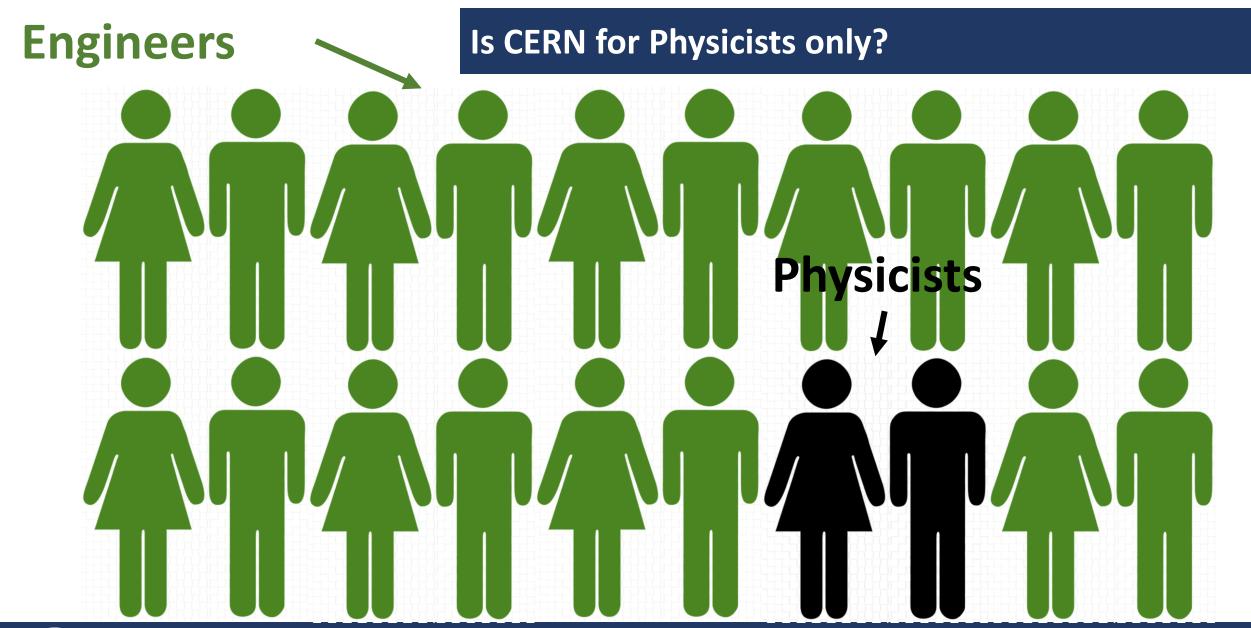
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## The FCT CERN Trainee scheme

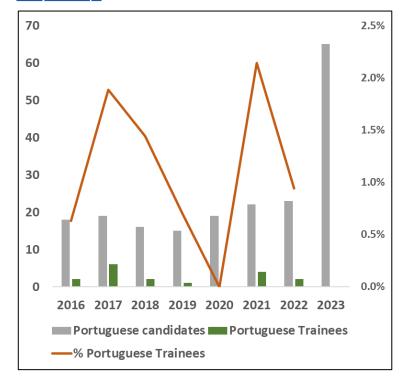
- Wide target: BsCs, MsCs, PhDs, from many backgrounds;
- 1 year studentship, extendable to 2y;
- 4 hosting Orgs: CERN, ESO, ESA, EMBL;
- Since 1996, 300+ students benefited (almost 200 @CERN);
- Scheme discontinued in 2019.





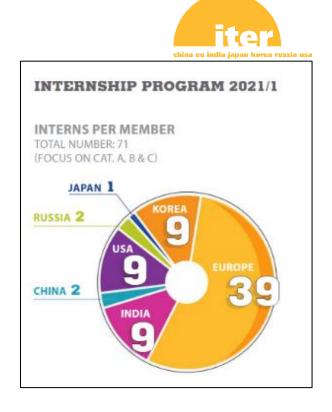
# CERN

# **Technical Students/Interns – CERN programme**



- 10-fold\* increase in Portuguese candidates for CERN Tech Students programme in 2023;
- First-ever 2 Portuguese Interns at ITER.

In December 2022, I emailed the coordinators of 100+ MsCs in all Portuguese universities, asking to share information with students about CERN and ITER internship opportunities





- Students WANT to go to CERN
- FCT does not seem to have plans to reactivate the domestic trainee programme
- ANI studying alternatives to help filling that void in offer

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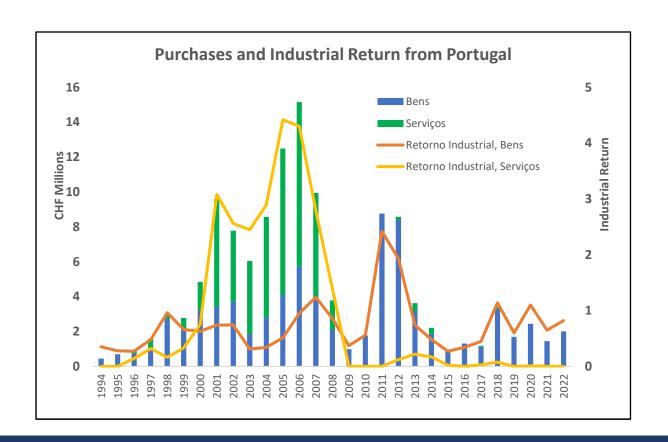
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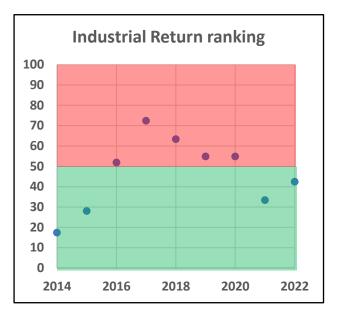








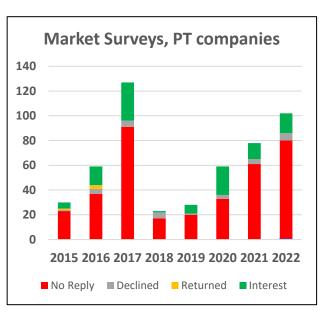






- Portuguese industry's performance at CERN has varied between outstanding and average over the past 30 years;
- Outstanding performance during LHC construction, due to Efacec, ISQ, A. Silva Matos, Setrova;
- Mostly poorly balanced over the past 10 years.

# Recent Industrial activity trend - UP





#### **DARKSIDE** Cryostat structure





- Increased interest from Industry since 2018;
- Very few competitive contracts won, but several near-misses (ranked 2<sup>nd</sup>) for high-value contracts;
- Slight improvement for 2023, with 2 (maybe 3) winning bids so far.



# Cascading effects of CERN in Portuguese Industry

#### **FUSÃO NUCLEAR**

# Fusão nuclear: ISQ assina contrato de 16 milhões de euros para o projecto ITER

O reactor de fusão nuclear ITER está a ser instalado em Cadarache, no Sul de França.

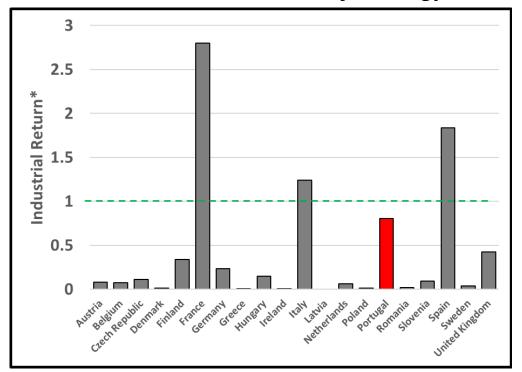
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Modelo do que será o reactor de fusão nuclear ITER, que ficará no Sul de Franca NELSON GARRIDO

#### Industrial Return\*, Fusion for Energy







- CERN has been a qualification ground for a few Portuguese companies, opening a new market – Big Science – for them.
- >€30M in Big Science contracts in past 15 years would have been unlikely without CERN membership

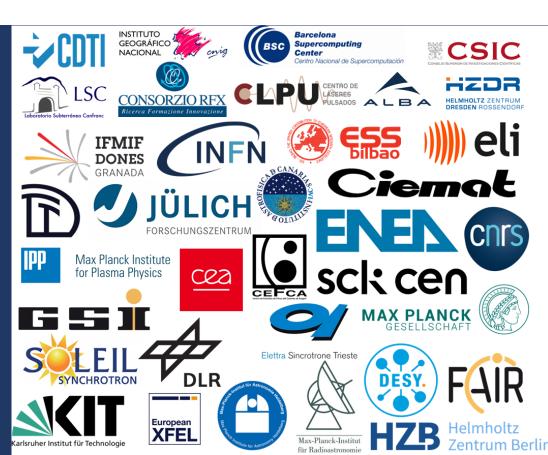
# **CERN** is the tip of a Big Science market iceberg







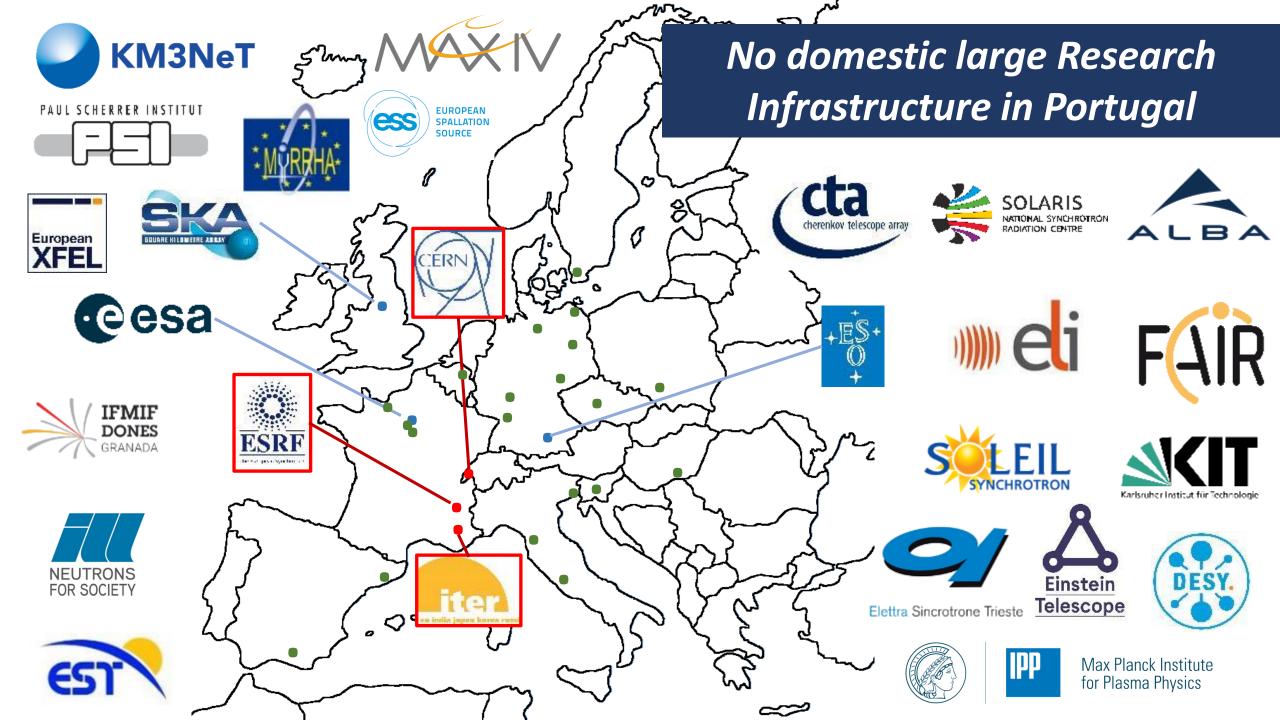






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# Leveraged investments from national streams (low)

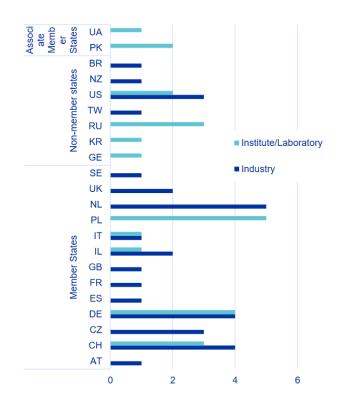
# **Collaboration Agreements for International Collaboration**

Country	Nb agreements
Spain	32
Poland	29
Portugal	18
Italy	13
United Kingdom	13
Germany	12
Greece	10
France	8
Switzerland	7
Hungary	3
Finland	2
Lithuania	2
Austria	1
Belgium	1
Czech Republic	1
Norway	1
Pakistan	1
Ukraine	1
Total	155

# **Collaboration Agreements for R&D and Projects**

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Country	CERN cash contribution	CERN in-kind	Institute	Total
ES	6,751	10,608	19,991	37,350
IT	11,347	4,781	16,323	32,450
GB	13,298	144	11,330	24,772
FR	5,603	1,139	5,863	12,605
CH	5,083	1,867	4,741	11,691
DE	3,776	350	3,458	7,585
PL	158	500	581	1,239
HU	0	438	751	1,189
AT	316	27	199	542
SE	286	0	0	286
GR	109	9	109	227
NL	187	0	0	187
NO	160	0	0	160
IL	55	0	54	109
FI	109	0	-2	107
LV	54	0	0	54
TR	0	25	22	47
PT	13	0	0	13
Total	47,305	19,888	63,421	130,613

#### **Licensing Agreements\* (KT)**



Joachim Mnich, FC Dec. 2021

Mike Lamont, FC Dec. 2021



In kCHF

- Lack of investment on leveraged collaborative agreements;
- Limited capacity to forge close links between Labs and Industry on in kind supplies.



# What can be done differently?

# Mindset Opportunity Leveraging

- CERN should be seen as an integral part of the national R&D&I ecosystem.
- CERN membership is a permanent reservoir of Industrial development potential.
- The more investment Portugal can mobilize domestically, the more its industry will benefit from CERN membership.
- CERN is the best launching pad for the Portuguese industry to the Big Science market.



# Aligning Industry, National Labs and EU Roadmaps

#### Human Resources

- Traineeships CERN\*-Industry (PT)
- Industry PhD Theses



Strategic Roadmaps-aligned projects (Labs+Industry)

#### In kind support

- Framed as CERN Collaborative Agreements (OR)
- Membership contributions to new Research Infrastructures



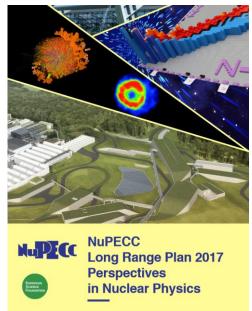














## **Pre-invite for National events**

Q4 2023 (tentative: November 28, Porto)

Partnering event between Industry and Research groups involved in the development of Big Science technologies.

Immediate objectives: development of PhD thesis proposals (2024 FCT call), building of consortia for R&D projects, other collaborative initiatives.

**Q1/2 2024** (tentative: Lisboa)

- EU Big Science Technology Roadmaps
- IFAST, AIDA, LEAPS, EUROFUSION (...)
- Portuguese Research/Engineering Laboratories

**Objectives**: Broadening the reach of Big Science organizations in the Portuguese R&D ecosystem, leveraging capacities for technological challenges.







