

LDG Update

- LDG remit and composition
- Accelerator R&D progress
- LDG contribution to strategy
- Closing remarks











LDG Remit

- Remit as mandated by CERN Council
 - Facilitate informal dialogue among the Directors of the LNLs and CERN
 - Provide direct input to the European Strategy for Particle Physics
 - Liaise with the European Commission and national funding agencies, research institutes and universities, ensuring that LNLs speak with a single voice
 - Maximise the regional and national benefits of investment in fundamental research and in CERN
 - Keep abreast of the activities ... being undertaken in laboratories outside CERN's Member States, and of other coordinating groups in particle physics and related fields, and foster dialogue with them
 - Draw up and maintain a prioritised accelerator R&D roadmap towards future large-scale facilities for particle physics
 - Coordinate the accelerator R&D activities on the roadmap, with the aim of strengthening cooperation and ensuring effective use of complementary capabilities





LDG Composition from 2025

- Laboratory representatives
 - J. D'Hondt (Nikhef, NL)
 - P. Gianotti (LNF, IT)
 - J. Clarke (DL, UK)
 - N. Colino (CIEMAT, ES)
 - F. Gianotti (CERN)
 - B. Heinemann (DESY, DE)
 - New DESY rep in 2025
 - S. Farrington (RAL, UK)
 - E. Previtali (LNGS, IT)
 - F. Sabatie (IRFU, FR)
 - M. Seidel (PSI, CH)
 - A. Stocchi (IJCLab, FR)



- Standing observers
 - P. Sphicas (ECFA Chair)
 - M. Lamont (CERN Directorate)
 - J. Mnich (CERN Directorate)
 - H. Montgomery (SPC Chair)
- Secretary
 - E. Tsemelis (CERN)
- Extended LDG members
 - G. Bisoffi (RF) + P. Macintosh
 - W. Leemans (LPA) + R. Patahill
 - S. Stapnes (Muons) + D. Schulte
 - J. D'Hondt (ERL) + M. Klein

- P. Vedrine (HFM)
- C. Bloise + M. Titov (Sust. panel)





'Regular' LDG activities

- Accelerator R&D roadmap delivery reaching mid-point excellent progress on many fronts, new funding and involvement secured
- Laboratories are engaged in construction of accelerators and detectors for late-2020s projects worldwide
 - HL-LHC, EIC, LBNF/DUNE, Hyper-K, Darkside, LEGEND, many others
- Many major infrastructure projects under way outside HEP
 - Neutron sources, light sources, nuclear physics, gravitational waves, computing, etc etc.
- Excellent LDG forum in BNL earlier in the year
- Topical activities around European Strategy Update
 - LDG chair and membership participating in definition / setup of the strategy update process
 - Working group on 'assessment of sustainability of infrastructures' progressing well, coordinating with ICFA
 - Mid-term review of accelerator R&D programme scheduled for February
 - Will inform and support the work of the accelerators part of the strategy process



- Purpose of the R&D Roadmap
 - Speed up progress through better coordination
 - Identify new mid-term science opportunities
 - Provide information on feasibility / cost / timescales to next strategy
 - Decision in 2022 to maintain a broad front of short- / long-term R&D 🔽
- Where are we today?
 - Impressive and accelerating progress across all five work areas
 - Limited in many areas by resources, but not by ingenuity or technical barriers • If you want faster progress, insert more coins (but people are finding ways...)
 - Starting to establish clear timelines for R&D leading to next major facilities
 - May need to consider the breadth / focus of R&D activities in the coming years
 - Decisions to focus resources on key topics for future facilities may be needed
- Links with strategy process
 - Strategy addresses what should be done, but must reflect upon what can be done
 - Questions of timelines, technologies, feasibility, resources cannot be avoided
 - Essential that the PP community has a well-formed understanding of the challenges and trade-offs in process to build the next infrastructures







R&D Review

- Mid-term review, w/b February 24th, at CERN
 - In-depth review over three days, carried out by independent panel of experts
 - Panel report will form basis of submission for 31st March deadline
 - We anticipate that each panel / collaboration will also submit their own more detailed input
 - Examination of R&D for future machines will be by the PPG accelerator working group
 - But likely draw upon the engagement of the review panel for the next steps
 - Chaired by N. Holtkamp with two expert reviewers identified in each area
- Questions to be addressed by the review panel
 - 1. In relation to the goals and objectives of the 2022 Accelerator R&D Roadmap, is the progress and current status of R&D appropriate and sufficient?
 - 2. Are the plans for the remainder of the R&D period from 2025-26 adequate and have necessary decisions been taken to set priorities?
 - 3. Are the current organisational structures for R&D effective?
 - 4. Has the readiness of the key technologies been established at the present time, and at an appropriate future date for the application?
 - Anticipate a 'traffic light level' analysis of importance and maturity of technologies
 - 5. Are the plans presented by the panels for future topics and the next stages of R&D appropriate and well-justified?





LDG Strategy Inputs

Key information from LDG laboratories

- Review of R&D achievements, commentary on future prospects
 - What can be achieved, how long will it take, what resources and organisation are needed?
- How can labs work together to ensure effective delivery of next major infrastructure at CERN?
 - And what lessons have we learnt from current projects?
- What will the European HEP investments outside CERN look like?
- How can we support / ensure sustainability of future projects?
 - This is now a technical, not philosophical / policy question
- What issues exist around skills, training, mobility, careers, facilities?
- Anticipated formal inputs to strategy
 - Summary of R&D review and recommendations
 - LDG collective view on sustainable delivery of future projects
 - Report of the subgroup on environmental sustainability
 - Individual inputs from laboratories
 - As part of, and in addition to, national inputs
 - Individual inputs from the accelerator R&D areas







- Some reflections as a departing lab director...
- LDG finds itself with a crucial role
 - Oversight of the R&D that underpins the future programme
 - Route to inform the PP community / strategy on technology and feasibility
 - The voice of the laboratories in our future planning for delivery
- The next phase in our field
 - The next machine will be a global project, requiring focus by all
 - Science 'giga projects' will attract close scrutiny of schedule, resources, sustainability – but also the wider benefits for science and society
 - Large labs are already far down this road with non-PP infrastructures at the multi-GCHF scale
 - Strategy must lead to a robust delivery plan for our priority infrastructures, connecting and utilising our laboratories across Europe (and the world)

LDG-ECFA cooperation

- Thanks to Jorgen / Lenny / Karl for bringing these two worlds into closer contact
- Has become an important relationship, essential for the next strategy and beyond
 - Please continue to work together!



