

CERN Council Report – brief and most recent news

- ***FCC feasibility study:*** MidTerm report released in Feb 2023 → Final report to be completed in March 2025 (including financial funding planning)
- ***Update of European strategy for Particle Physics:*** Input from community by March 31, 2025, Summer Open Symposium June 23–27, 2025, Conclusion in June 2026
- ***Experimental program in EC3N Facility:*** Approval of SHiP proposal
- ***CERN-US collaboration:*** strong statement of intent on collaboration with CERN if FCC is approved
- ***First private donor contribution to CERN project:*** Next-Generation Triggers Project from Eric and Wendy Schmidt Fund (~\$50M)
- ***Science Gateway:*** 247 756 visitors (from CH 53764) since 8 October 2023 (day of opening to the public) [1 year of operation) > 350k visitors, before Science Gateway, CERN used to host ~ 150k visitors/year]
- ***Russia-Ukraine war:*** Waive the financial contribution of Ukraine to CERN for 2024 (and 2023, 2022), Termination of ICAs for Belorussia and Russia institutions from June and November 2024, respectively
- ***Enlargement process:*** Estonia new MS, Brazil new Associate MS (first from the Americas)
- ***HL-LHC preparation:*** following developments from Accelerator and status of upgrades of ATLAS/CMS detectors
- ***CH at CERN:*** Personnel and Financial Contributions for 2022 and 2023 in attachments
- ***Topics coming up :*** LHCb and ALICE upgrades for HL-LHC; selection of Council president, ESPPU secretary, and DG selection, review of Final FCC feasibility report