

# FCC Collaboration Status

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# Science for Peace

CERN was founded in 1954 with 12 European Member States

## 24 Member States

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

## 10 Associate Member States

Brazil – Croatia – Cyprus\* – India – Latvia – Lithuania –  
Pakistan – Slovenia\* – Türkiye – Ukraine

## 4 Observers

Japan – USA – European Union – UNESCO

\* Associate Member State in the pre-stage to Membership

Data as of 31 December 2024

Chile and Ireland are to become CERN Associate Member States.



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

Employees:  
**2704** staff,  
**1181** graduates and fellows  
Associates:  
**12 406** users, **1401** others

## ~ 50 Cooperation Agreements

Albania – Algeria – Argentina – Armenia – Australia – Azerbaijan – Bahrain – Bangladesh – Bolivia – Bosnia and Herzegovina  
Canada – Chile – Colombia – Costa Rica – Ecuador – Egypt – Georgia – Honduras – Iceland – Iran – JINR – Jordan  
Kazakhstan – 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 – South Africa – Sri Lanka – Thailand – Tunisia – United Arab Emirates – Uruguay – Vietnam

# A laboratory for people around the world

## Distribution of all CERN Users by the location of their home institute

Geographical & cultural diversity  
Users of 110 nationalities  
23.7 % women



### Member States (7675)

Austria 88 – Belgium 142 – Bulgaria 49 – Czech Republic 250  
Denmark 50 – Estonia 27 – Finland 88 – France 856 – Germany 1260  
Greece 101 – Hungary 84 – Israel 75 – Italy 1657 – Netherlands 174  
Norway 88 – Poland 363 – Portugal 110 – Romania 110 – Serbia 42  
Slovakia 72 – Spain 448 – Sweden 103 – Switzerland 409  
United Kingdom 1029

### Associate Member States (631)

Brazil 141 – Croatia 35 – Cyprus\* 12 – India 158 – Latvia 22  
Lithuania 21 – Pakistan 35 – Slovenia\* 29 – Türkiye 151 – Ukraine 27

### Observers (2330)

Japan 229 – United States of America 2101

\* Associate Member State in the pre-stage to Membership

Data as of 31 December 2024

### Cooperation Agreements (1770)

Albania 7 – Algeria 1 – Argentina 17 – Armenia 28 – Australia 31 – Azerbaijan 2 – Bahrain 10 – Canada 203 – Chile 58  
Colombia 25 – Costa Rica 8 – Cuba 3 – Ecuador 4 – Egypt 22 – Georgia 36 – Hong Kong 17 – Iceland 3 – Indonesia 8 – Iran  
18 – Ireland 11 – JINR 305 – Jordan 2 – Kazakhstan 8 – Kuwait 2 – Lebanon 12 – Madagascar 1 – Malaysia 1 – Malta 3  
Mexico 66 – Montenegro 4 – Morocco 22 – New Zealand 1 – Nigeria 1 – Oman 1 – Palestine 1  
People's Republic of China 472 – Peru 3 – Philippines 1 – Republic of Korea 184 – Saudi Arabia 4 – South Africa 73  
Sri Lanka 7 – Taiwan 49 – Thailand 17 – Tunisia 3 – United Arab Emirates 14 – Vietnam 1

# FCC Feasibility Study

Bottom-up approach  
in the community

**EU Projects**  
NN

**Collaboration Building**  
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**Study Support Unit**  
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Resources: Sylvie Prodon  
Secretariat: Julie Hadre, Jeanette Kotzian

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Guy Wilkinson

**Physics programme**  
Matthew McCullough, Frank Simon

**Detector concept**  
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Felix Sefkow

**Physics performance**  
Patrizia Azzi, Emmanuel Perez,  
Michele Selvaggi

**Software and computing**  
Gerardo Ganis, Brieuc François

**Accelerators**  
Tor Raubenheimer  
Frank Zimmermann

**FCC-ee accelerator design**  
Christian Carli, Frank Zimmermann

**FCC-ee technical implementation**  
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**FCC-ee injector**  
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**FCC transfer lines**  
Wolfgang Bartmann

**FCC-hh design**  
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Manuela Boscolo, Fabrizio Palla

**Technical Infrastructures**  
Jean-Paul Burnet  
Klaus Hanke

**Integration**  
Jean-Pierre Corso

**Geodesy & survey**  
Hélène Mainaud Durand

**Electricity and energy management**  
Jean-Paul Burnet

**Cooling and ventilation**  
Guillermo Peon

**Cryogenics systems**  
Laurent Delprat

**Computing and controls infrastructure,  
communication and network**  
Pablo Saiz

**Safety**  
Thomas Otto

**Operation, maintenance, availability,  
reliability**  
Jesper Nielsen

**Transport, installation concepts**  
Roberto Rinaldesi

**Host State processes and civil engineering**  
Timothy Watson

**Administrative processes**  
Friedemann Eder

**Placement studies**  
Johannes Gutleber

**Environmental evaluation**  
Johannes Gutleber

**Tunnel, subsurface design**  
John Osborne

**Surface sites layout, access and  
building design**  
A. Mayoux

**Organisation and financing models**  
Florian Sonnemann

**Project organisation model**  
NN

**Financing model**  
Florian Sonnemann

**Procurement strategy and rules**  
Anders Unnervik

**In-kind contributions**  
Anders Unnervik

**Operation model**  
Verena Kain

# The FCC Approach to Global Collaboration

- FCC Collaboration being formed through a **global, two-way and integrative process**, while being **geographically balanced** and **topically complementary**.
- Open to **areas beyond conventional accelerator R&D** (environment & sustainability; education & training; knowledge transfer to society; & public engagement) and in areas that are **non-core activities** for CERN (e.g. geology, geodesy, logistics & materials science).
- Prepare foundations for contributions via **national laboratories, institutes and universities** and for **industrial R&D**.
- CERN engaged in **discussions with potential major partners** as part of the FCC Feasibility Study for such a global project being hosted at CERN.

# FCC Global Collaboration Working Group (FGC)

- Engage with the participants - **national laboratories, institutes and universities** as well as **industry** in the MS, AMS and NMS - to carry out the following mandate:
  - Encourage an **expanded membership**.
  - Explore **opportunities** for future prospective participants.
  - Support new participants in **application process**.
  - Assist the new participants in defining **areas of collaboration**.
  - Conclude relevant **agreements**.
  - Facilitate the **integration** process.
  - Facilitate interest in **CERN non-core areas** - geology, geodesy, logistics, materials science.
  - Prepare the foundations for R&D and contributions by **industry**.
  - Liaise with **national contact persons** and **forums**.

# FCC Engagement Meetings

## Overview

- Extended forums with interested countries to discuss collaboration with FCC.
- Topics:
  - Introduction to FCC.
  - Presentation of FCC physics, experiment, detector, accelerator and global collaboration.
  - Presentations from the country scientific community.

*lets* **COLLABORATE!**



***Much interest continues to be expressed by participating countries and the FCC looks forward to stronger / deeper involvement in the follow-up.***

## Meetings

- Mexico (mini meeting on accelerator)
  - June 2021
- Republic of Korea
  - September 2021
- Pakistan
  - September 2021
- Portugal
  - November 2021
- Estonia
  - March 2022
- Greece
  - January 2023, June 2023
- **India**
  - September 2024
- Engagement Meetings with **Canada, Lithuania and Thailand** to take place

# Status of the FCC Global Collaboration

**Increasing international collaboration is a prerequisite for success:**

→ links with science, research & development and **high-tech industry** will be essential to further advance and prepare the implementation of the FCC

## 38 Participating Countries

Austria – Belgium – Brazil – Canada – Chile –  
Colombia – Czech Republic – Denmark – Estonia –  
Finland – France – Georgia – Germany – Greece –  
Hungary – India – Iran – Italy – Japan – Latvia – Malta –  
Mexico – Netherlands – Norway – Pakistan – Poland –  
Portugal – Republic of Korea – Romania – Serbia –  
Spain – Sweden – Switzerland – Thailand – Türkiye –  
Ukraine – United Kingdom – United States of America

162  
Institutes

38  
Countries  
+  
CERN



## INSTITUTION

University of Liège  
 PUC - Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile  
 SAPHIR Millenium Institute  
 Universidad Nacional de Colombia (UNAL)  
 Université Gustave Eiffel (Eiffel)  
 BRGM - Bureau de recherches géologiques et minières  
 Georgian Technical University (GTU)  
 University of Miskolc  
 UPES  
 INFN Sezione di Roma Tre  
 University of Malta (UM)  
 UAS, Universidad Autonoma de Sinaloa  
 CINVESTAV  
 Cracow University of Technology (PK)  
 Horia Hulubei National Institute for R&D in Physics and Nuclear Engineering (IFIN-HH)  
 INCDTIM - National Institute for Research and Development of Isotopic and Molecular Technologies  
 Thailand Center of Excellence in Physics  
 Topkapı Üniversitesi  
 Yozgat Bozok University  
 Akdeniz University  
 Institute for Scintillating Materials (ISMA)  
 Bogolyubov Institute for Theoretical Physics (BITP)  
 Kharkiv Institute of Physics and Technology (NSC KIPT)  
 V. N. Karazin Kharkiv National University  
 Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv (TSNUK)  
 Imperial College London (ICL)  
 UoM, The University of Manchester  
 Stony Brook University

## COUNTRY

Belgium  
 Chile  
 Chile  
 Colombia  
 France  
 France  
 Georgia  
 Hungary  
 India  
 Italy  
 Malta  
 Mexico  
 Mexico  
 Poland  
 Romania  
 Romania  
 Thailand  
 Türkiye  
 Türkiye  
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 Ukraine  
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 United Kingdom  
 United Kingdom  
 United States

28 Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) signed since previous Collaboration Board (June 2024)

# Statement of Intent – CERN & USA

**CERN and the US government** have released a **joint statement** concerning future planning for large research infrastructures, advanced scientific computing and open science.

CERN and the US intend to **enhance collaboration** in planning activities for **large-scale, resource-intensive facilities** with the goal of providing a sustainable and responsible pathway for the peaceful use of future accelerator technologies.

“Should the CERN Member States determine the FCC-ee is likely to be CERN’s next world-leading research facility following the high-luminosity Large Hadron Collider, **the United States intends to collaborate on its construction and physics exploitation**, subject to appropriate domestic approvals.”



CERN Director-General, Fabiola Gianotti (right), and Principal Deputy US Chief Technology Officer, Deirdre Mulligan, of the White House Office of Science and Technology (left) at the signing ceremony. (Image:US Department of State, Bureau of Oceans & International Environmental & Scientific Affairs)

Washington, D.C., 26 April 2024

# Statement of Intent – CERN & Canada



Signature of the Statement of Intent. CERN Director-General, Fabiola Gianotti, and His Excellency Mr Patrick Wittmann, Ambassador of Canada to Switzerland and Liechtenstein

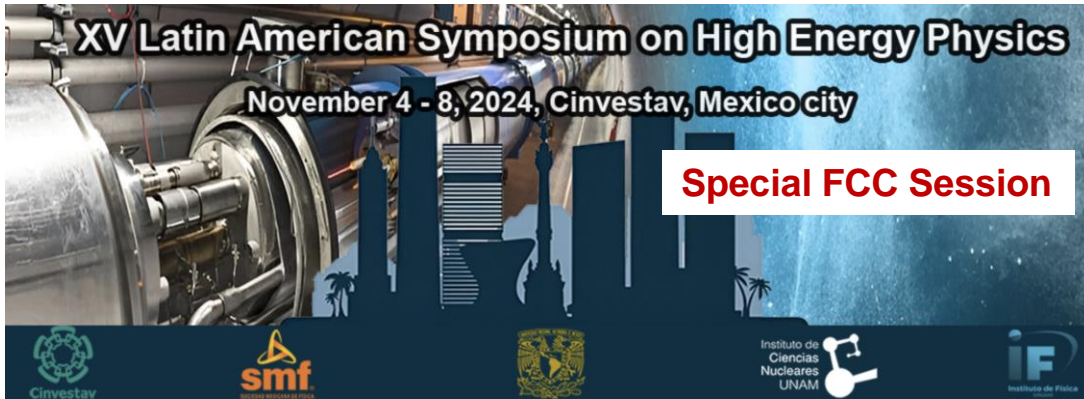
**March 2025**

**CERN and the Canadian government** have released a **joint statement** concerning **collaboration on future planning for large research infrastructure facilities**, and on **novel and advanced techniques and tools**.

CERN and Canada intend to **enhance collaboration** in planning of future projects, continue & expand cooperation on innovative detector, accelerator and computing technologies, **strengthen collaboration on FCC studies**, and promote joint efforts in developing advanced techniques and tools, such as artificial intelligence and quantum technologies.

*“Should the CERN Member States determine that the **FCC** is likely to be CERN’s next world-leading research facility following the High-Luminosity Large Hadron Collider, **Canada intends to collaborate on its construction and physics exploitation**, subject to appropriate domestic approvals.”*

# Latin America



Institute	Country
CBPF, Brazilian Center for Physics Research	Brazil
UFRN, Federal University of Rio Grande do Norte	Brazil
PUC, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile	Chile
Millenium Institute SAPHIR	Chile
UNAL - Universidad Nacional de Colombia	Colombia
CINVESTAV, Centro de Investigación y de Estudios Avanzados del IPN	Mexico
UADY, Autonomous University of Yucatan	Mexico
UGTO, Universidad de Guanajuato	Mexico
BUAP, Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla	Mexico
UCOL, University of Colima	Mexico
UAS, Universidad Autonoma de Sinaloa	Mexico

# Ukraine



Online Signing Ceremony with 5 Institutes from Ukraine (10 January 2025)

# Participation in FCC through MoU and Addenda

Join now

<https://fccis.web.cern.ch/join-now>

## STEP 01

### Memorandum of Understanding

Identify institution

Download MoU below

Supply signatory name and function in MoU

Print twice and have MoU signed by legal representative

Mail 2 signed copies to: FCC Secretariat, CERN, ATS-DO, L00100, 1211  
Geneva 23, Switzerland

MoU

## STEP 02

### Addendum

Identify area of work

Identify project contacts: one person at CERN and one person at  
participating institute

Download Addendum template

Elaborate Addendum

Provide Addendum for review and finalization to FCC Office

Addendum

## STEP 03

### Register Members

Register using FCC Collaboration member webform

Register

Current procedure at least until post FCC Feasibility Study structures are put in place.

# International Forum of National Contacts (IFNC)

With an emphasis on **Physics, Experiments and Detectors (PED)**, the IFNC engages with countries with **mature communities**, a **long-standing participation** in CERN's programmes and the **potential to contribute substantially** to the Organization's long-term scientific objectives to facilitate opportunities for national participation in the Feasibility Study and enlarge the HEP community of FCC.

- **Contact physics groups in a country**, typically from LHC or Future Colliders groups, requesting **to join as new institution**.
  - Discuss the physics case and the opportunities:
    - To study **R&D / Detector concepts** for FCC.
    - To expand the FCC Physics scope via the study of **physics case studies**.
    - To improve the **theoretical calculations** to exploit the FCC physics potential.
  - Help **form a national FCC group in each country**, with strong PED component, which can hold its national FCC meetings, including with the accelerator community (when possible).
  - Identify one or two **National Contacts** to exchange information between country and the FCC Management, across countries via IFNC meetings, and to strengthen/structure the national community.
  - Orient the new efforts towards the different FCC working groups.
  - Enlarge the list of **participating institutes and institute contacts (IFIC)** inside each country to create a sufficiently large community to ensure support and resources **for four experiments**.

# IFNC FCC PED Kick-off Meetings

## (*c.f.* FGC FCC Engagement Meetings)

### Overview

- **Forums with interested countries** to discuss collaboration with FCC on PED topics:
  - Introduction to FCC Feasibility Study.
  - Detailed presentations of FCC physics, experiments & detectors.
  - General information on accelerator and global collaboration.

### Recent Kick-off Meetings

- Nordic Countries (DK, NO, SE, FI)                      March 2021
- India (Bangalore)    November 2022
- Brazil (Rio de Janeiro)                                      March 2023
- Mexico (Mexico City)                                        November 2024
- Chile (Santiago)    January 2025
- Taiwan (Taipei)    May 2025
- + informal meetings

### On-going discussions

- With not yet deeply involved European countries.
- Argentina and Canada (Japan and China have a special status).

### Several other initiatives. Examples:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Joint **FCC France-Italy Workshop** in Venice in November 2024 **Joint FCC-France & Italy Workshop in Venice**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> annual **US-FCC Workshop at FNAL/Argonne** April 2025 [link](#) (48 institutes participated)
- **German meeting** on [Future Colliders@CERN](#) In May 2024 (150 participants, >10 institutes participating in FCC)

# FCC Experiment Collaborations

- **Expressions of Interest (EoIs) for subdetectors and detector concepts submitted to ESPPU (March 2025)**
- **Set up process after ESPPU in 2028-2029 for proto-collaboration formation**

The FCC Feasibility Study review committee recommends to work with the scientific community, institutes, laboratories and funding agencies to ensure support and resources for **four experiments**, facilitating the exploitation of the full scientific potential offered by the large investment in the FCC-ee facility:

- **Complete list of tasks** of the institutes in the **IFNC**.
- Iterate with National Contacts to gather latest information of possible **funding of the HEP teams**.
- Explore how the **countries/institutes position themselves** on the current and future potential **detector concepts**.

A **possible strategy** for building FCC experiment collaborations for the next five years (**for discussion**):

- **Start from EoI** for sub-detector and detector concepts in 2025.
- Assuming positive recommendation to push forward by around 2028 by the CERN Council:
  - Start setting up **FCC Committee (FCCC)** and **proto-collaborations**, probably around proposed proto-detector concepts following call for Conceptual Design Reports (CDRs).
  - Benefit from the formation of the **Detector R&D (DRD) collaborations**.
  - Find a scheme to **reduce the number of proto-collaborations** (e.g. merging) if more than 4 proposals.
  - Process could **converge by 2030-2031**.

# Concluding Remarks

## *Strengthening the FCC Collaboration*

Starting from the support of the **CERN Host States**, build the support of the **Member States, Associate Member States and non-Member States (including the Observer States)**.

- The successful realisation of the **LHC (and HL-LHC)** is testament to the **strong and consistent support** CERN received from its **Member States and Associate Member States**.
- CERN Council required significant support from **Non-Member States, including the Observer States**, before giving final approval to the LHC.
- **High-level events** similar to that with the US and Canada should be organized with strong statements of intent.

Set up **governance structure** that will encourage participation / contribution / commitment to the FCC.

- FCC requires **long-term engagement and support of participants** from CERN's Member, Associate Member & Non-Member States. As the project evolves further, it is crucial to refine and adapt the collaboration model to ensure the efficient allocation of resources and sustained momentum.

Continue building interest in the FCC by engaging with communities world-wide through the **FCC Global Collaboration (FGC) Working Group** and the **International Forum of National Contacts (IFNC)**.

Implement measures as proposed in the FCC-IS deliverable "**FCC Communication Plan**". <https://zenodo.org/records/10567956>



Thank you