Next steps, high-lighting some main issues, with a:

- bias towards what is needed to develop a LC project at CERN
- bias towards what is needed to make (also) an SRF based machine an option at CERN, less worked out than for CLIC
- one can keep the LC starting technology open but CE/site optimisations will diverge in detail for the layouts



- CE and costing
- Decision on baseline(s) and options to present (E,L)
- Timeline(s) & run-plans
- Presentation of physics cases emphasis on energies beyond the ttbar threshold
- Address questions from Prep. Group

This year and (via LCWS in October) until ESPP completion

- Consolidate site studies, preparing for more detailed studies beyond (environmental)
- Crossing angle and IP layout refined and revisited
- ITN progressing
- R&D for all technologies and R&D plans for upgrades further developed
- Further physics studies and in general questions/studies requested by Prep. Group

Strategy follow up, 2026 and beyond (resource limitations)

- Optimize/define initial configuration of a LC at CERN (energy/lumi., RF and RF power, tunnel diameter, ATF, pre-series as funding allows, etc), based on ESPP outcome
- CE and costing studies, including environmental studies
- Engineering Design for initial machine
- Physics and detector studies
- Upgrade R&D programmes

