



WELCOME TO CERN

CERN is the world's biggest laboratory for particle physics.

CERN Prevessin Our goal is to understand the most fundamental particles and laws of the universe.



What is the universe made of?

We study the elementary building blocks of matter and the forces that control their behaviour





How did the universe begin?

We reproduce the conditions a fraction of a second after the Big Bang, to gain insight into the structure and evolution of the universe.

How do we do it?

- We build the largest machines to study the smallest particles in the universe
- We develop technology to advance the limits of what is possible
- We perform world-class **research** in theoretical and experimental particle physics





Large Hadron Collider (LHC)

- 27 km in circumference
- About 100 m underground
- Superconducting magnets steer the particles around the ring
- Particles are accelerated to close to the speed of light

Giant detectors record the particles formed at the four collision points



The LHC produces more than 1 billion particle collisions per second





The detectors measure the energy, direction and charge of new particles formed.



They take 40 million pictures a second. Only 1000 are recorded and stored.



The LHC detectors have been built by international collaborations covering all regions of the Globe.

The Worldwide LHC Computing Grid (WLCG)



and analyse data.

1 million processing cores in about 170 data centres and 42 countries.

More than 1000 Petabytes of CERN data stored world-wide.

CERN has a diverse scientific programme



Fixed-target experiments, which include searches for rare phenomena

Contribution to the Long Baseline Neutrino Facility in the USA (LBNF)

There are many unanswered questions in fundamental physics

Including

95% of the mass and energy of the universe is unknown. Is there only one Higgs boson, and does it behave exactly as expected?

Why is the universe made only of matter, with hardly any antimatter?

Why is gravity so weak compared to the other forces?





Scientific priorities for the future

Implementation of the recommendations of the **2020 Update of the European Strategy for Particle Physics**:

- Fully exploit the HL-LHC (2030-2041)
- Build a Higgs factory to further understand this unique particle
- Investigate the technical and financial feasibility of a future energy-frontier 90 km collider at CERN
- Ramp up relevant R&D
- Continue supporting other projects around the world

COLLABORATION



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

2 Associate Member States in the pre-stage to membership _{Cyprus – Slovenia}

8 Associate Member States

Brazil – Croatia – India – Latvia – Lithuania – Pakistan Türkiye – Ukraine

4 Observers

Japan – USA – European Union – UNESCO



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

As of 31 December 2023 Employees: 2666 staff, 1002 graduates Associates: 12 370 users, 1513 others

Around 50 Cooperation Agreements with non-Member States and Territories

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



Spain @ CERN





>70% personal (staff) académico





Spain has made large contributions to LHC detector construction



Spain historical contribution from Spanish companies and institutions, example of the CMS and ATLAS detectors

Spanish Institutes have been also very proactive on the Nuclear Physics domain, contributing to several initiatives in n-ToF and ISOLDE e.g. IDS, TAL, MINIBALL, T-REX, etc. and in THEORY

CERN Inditex, ES



Spain is collaborating on forefront High Field Magnet technology involving Spanish Industry







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Spain flag pointing the in-kind contribution for HL-LHC Project (2.4% of the in-kind)

- Spain also actively participates in European Grid activities
- Spain contributes in-kind to the HL-LHC project by supplying the Nested orbit correctors
- Spain is a strong partner of the High Field Magnet R&D program launched by CERN in a tripartite CERN-CIEMAT-CDTI (~30.4 MCHF)
- Spain is collaborating on Technologies for lon Therapy centres

TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION

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CERN's technological innovations have applications in many fields

CERN is the birthplace of the World Wide Web



And there are many more examples Medical imaging, cancer therapy, material science, cultural heritage, aerospace, automotive, environment, health & safety, industrial processes.

CERN's technological innovations have important applications in medicine and healthcare



Technologies applied at CERN are also used in PET, for medical imaging and diagnostics.

Accelerator technologies are applied in cancer radiotherapy with protons, ions and electrons.



Pixel detector technologies are used for high resolution 3D colour X-ray imaging.

CERN produces innovative radioisotopes for nuclear medicine research.



EDUCATION & TRAINING

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CERN's training, education and outreach programmes



> 15 000 teachers participating in dedicated programmes since 1998

CERN opens a world of career opportunities



PhD and Technical students leaving CERN

CERN Science Gateway



CERN's new education and outreach centre for all publics aged 5-plus.

Nb of visitors 10/23 to 9/24 361 379 Immersive exhibitions, education labs, events and shows.

IdeaSquare



2021-2022-2023 in a nutshell

Although the physical doors to IdeaSquare were closed in 2021 due to COVID restrictions, we were open for virtual activities throughout that year and into early 2022. We finally reopened completely in March 2022, and astonishingly returned to (and even enhanced!) our pre-pandemic numbers.

651

students in

+40%

increase in the number of

to the 2019-2020 period

+75%

occupancy rate since I2

reopened after COVID

+40%

weekends in 2023

occupancy rate at the

CERN departments/

prototyping facilities

groups using I2

collaborating institutions compared

2022

students in

2021 (virtual students because

of the pandemic)

551

students in

2023





In the last **3 years**, the number of external institutions we collaborate with rose from **36 to more than 50**. Welcoming so many multidisciplinary students from these establishments gives I2 a unique intercultural approach that endows our ideas with amazing potential. Today, IdeaSquare's room capacity is about to reach its limit.

Since collaboration requests are growing, shouldn't we consider building an extension?





+2,300 students so far



CERN staff involved in educational activities

Fun facts

+42,700

cups of hot beverages

57% black coffee (including

consumed:





European projects

Total events

Education programmes

prototypes developed addressed

2 ongoing projects (ATTRACT + Crowd4SDG)

Events

+200

student projects/

⁵RN +10

participants on FPGA prototyping courses

20 CERN projects

prototyped at

IdeaSquare

Special (

events

200

societal challenges

espresso) 22% (tea)

11% hot milk (hot chocolate)

10% coffee with milk (including cappuccino)

+201,200 total cups of hot beverages since I2 opened

+2 types of wildflowers unexpectedly grew at our front door

