



# CERN Belgian Teacher Programme

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In partnership with Belgian universities and communities

For about 20 years, CERN has organized National Teacher Programmes that bring together secondary-school physics teachers from all its Member States, Associated Member States, and selected Non-Member States. Through lectures, on-site visits, exhibitions, and hands-on workshops, participants are introduced to cutting-edge particle physics, enabling them to return to their countries as ambassadors who inspire the next generation of physicists, engineers, and IT specialists.

While some Belgian teachers have had the opportunity to take part in the French-language Programme, the Dutch-language Programme, or more recently the SSVI Teacher Programme, **the 2026 edition will be the first official national programme since 2013**. It represents a unique opportunity to discover CERN together with physics teachers from across Belgium.

## The programme

The programme will combine lectures on physics, accelerators, detectors, computing, and other topics with guided tours, workshops, and social activities. The detailed programme is available at <https://cern.ch/betp26>.

	Sun 12	Mon 13	Tue 14	Wed 15	Thu 16	Fri 17
Morning		Lectures	Lectures	Tours	Lectures	Lectures
Afternoon	Travel from BE	Tours	Workshop	Geneva visit	Tours	Travel to BE
Evening	Welcome	Reception	Film screening	Official dinner	Reception (TBC)	

## Who can apply, and how to apply ?

- The programme is primarily open to **secondary-school physics teachers**, as well as university academics involved in training secondary-school physics teachers.
- Applicants must work for a school / university **recognised by one of the three linguistic communities**.
- There are **24 seats**, distributed as follows: 14 for the Flemish Community, 9 for the French-speaking Community, and 1 for the German-speaking Community (reflecting the diversity of the Belgian population).
- For practical reasons, the entire programme - including presentations and visits - will be **conducted in English**. However, participants are welcome to communicate in any language they share.
- Selected teachers **must participate in the full programme**; partial participation is not possible.
- Selected teachers **must obtain authorization from their school or institute** prior to the programme.
- Selected teachers **must secure adequate funding** (self-funded or supported by their school or other sources) to cover travel and approximately 550 CHF / 600 EUR for accommodation and meals at CERN. CERN will provide all educational activities, as well as the official dinner and one reception.
- Candidates must **apply electronically at <https://cern.ch/betp26> before 1 February 2026**.
- **Selection will be carried out by partners at Belgian universities** active in science-education.
- **Selection decisions will be communicated before end of February 2026**.

## Practical information

- **Travel to Geneva:** [Geneva can be reached](#) by plane, by train (with connection in Paris or Lyon), or by car.
- **Reaching CERN:** [CERN is located](#) about 30 minutes away by public transport from both Geneva Airport and Geneva's main train station.
- **Parking:** free parking will be available for the entire duration of the programme.
- **Accommodation:** Participants will stay in single rooms with private bathrooms at the [CERN Hostel](#) (62 CHF/night, breakfast not incl.). Meals can be taken at [CERN Restaurants](#). The official dinner is offered.
- **Safety:** A few of the visited areas are not accessible to pregnant women or to persons with reduced mobility.

## Contact information

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