

# **Report on the Heavy Ion Town Meeting for the European Strategy Group**

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# Update on the European Strategy for Particle Physics and the European Strategy Group

## The European Strategy Group (ESG)

The remit of the ESG is to establish a proposal for an Update of the medium and long-term European Strategy for Particle Physics, for approval by the Council. It is proposed that the proposal will take the following elements into account:

The Update of the European Strategy for Particle Physics shall in particular aim at:

enhancing the visibility of existing European particle physics programmes;

increasing collaboration among Europe's particle physics laboratories, institutes and universities;

promoting a coordinated European participation in global projects and in regional projects outside Europe;

encouraging knowledge transfer to other disciplines, industry, and society.

# The European Strategy Group (ESG)

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# Town Meeting June 29, 2012

## CERN

CERN Council has formed the European Strategy Group ESG to update the long range plan for particle physics in Europe. As part of this process the ESG preparatory group has been formed.

This ESG preparatory group has made an outline for the strategy document that foresees a section on relativistic heavy ion collisions focussing on

- soft probes, flow and hydrodynamic response of the medium
- hard probes and quarkonia
- future opportunities for colliders (LHC, RHIC, NICA) and fixed target experiments (FAIR, SPS)

Upon request of members of the ESG preparatory group, we organize this one-day town meeting to collect from the European physics community input for this section on relativistic heavy ion collisions. We solicit input from individuals, informal groups of physicists, experimental collaborations, communities for future facilities and also from laboratories, national committees etc. Contributions can be made by submitting abstracts to this web site. These will be scheduled for short oral presentations during the town meeting on 29 June at CERN.

**Dates:** 29 June 2012 (08:00-18:00)

**Timezone:** Europe/Zurich

**Location:** CERN  
Room: Council Chamber

**Chairs:** Blaizot, Jean-Paul  
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<http://indico.cern.ch/event/HItownmeeting>

# Conclusions of the Town Meeting: Relativistic Heavy Ion Collision

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## Content

On Friday 29 June 2012, a town meeting was held at CERN to collect input on the section of relativistic heavy ion collisions in the update of the European Strategy for Particle Physics. The meeting featured short presentations of existing and planned future heavy ion experiments at the CERN LHC, the Brookhaven RHIC, the CERN SPS, the FAIR facility in Darmstadt and the JINR in Dubna. In addition, the meeting provided a forum in which individual scientists and groups could contribute with short comments and statements. The meeting counted 237 registered participants that covered all experimental and theoretical activities in the field. The meeting concluded with an open 2-hour discussion of the priorities in the field. The following text summarizes the consensus view of the scientific community on the priorities of the field, as expressed by the participants of the town meeting.

For all contributions as well as a schedule of the Cracow meeting see:

<http://espp2012.ifj.edu.pl>

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## Abstract files

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# Major recommendations

- 1. The top priority for future quark matter research in Europe is the full exploitation of the physics potential of colliding heavy ions in the LHC.*
- 2. At lower center of mass energies where the highest baryon densities are reached, advances in accelerator and detector technologies provide opportunities for a new generation of precision measurements that address central questions about the QCD phase diagram.**
- 3. The complementarity of LHC and RHIC is an essential resource in efforts to quantify properties of the Quark-Gluon Plasma.**
- 4. Dedicated investments in theoretical research are needed to fully exploit the opportunities arising from the upcoming precision era of nuclear research at collider and fixed target energies.**

# Statement from NuPECC regarding the LHeC and ALICE

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The Large Hadron electron Collider project, LHeC, at CERN has important implications for high-energy nuclear physics. High-energy electrons colliding with high-energy heavy ions will probe the gluon density at extremely small momentum fractions, where theory predicts gluon saturation effects. High-precision measurements of the nuclear parton distribution functions will furthermore provide a useful baseline for separating initial state effects from those produced by the quark-gluon plasma in central nucleus-nucleus collisions at the LHC.

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# NUPEEC statement cont'd

In its 2010 Long Range plan, in the section on "Phases of Strongly Interacting Matter", NuPEEC listed as its top priority "Support for a comprehensive physics programme with proton-nucleus and nucleus-nucleus collisions at several energies and upgrades of the ALICE detector". At a recent Town Meeting, the heavy ion community has re-stated this program as its top priority for the coming years. The community thus has well defined plans of experiments at the LHC that carry on at least until 2025, which is the time needed to fully exploit the potential of the accelerator and the experiments, on which the Nuclear Physics community has already made a major 20-year effort.

Support for R & D to complete a technical design report for the LHeC was also included among the recommendations in the Long Range plan, but with lower priority. From the point of view of the Heavy Ion community, the LHeC could thus be seen as an interesting option in the future, if the necessary critical mass of people could be assembled. The recent proposal to use Point 2 (where the ALICE experiment is located) as the interaction region for the LHeC is not supported, if installation were to start before 2025, because it is incompatible with the top priority of the Long Range plan.