

The European Strategy for Particle Physics: Organizational aspects, WG1



- Under Article II of its Convention, CERN's mission is to provide for international collaboration in the domain of fundamental research in particle physics and cosmic rays, and to execute this task through two activities: the construction and operation of accelerator-based laboratories and the organization and sponsoring of international co-operation in particle physics in and outside the laboratories.



Council and Director General

- As an intergovernmental Organization, CERN is governed by two bodies: The Council, supreme decision-making body, and the Director-General, Chief executive officer.
- In its capacity as supreme decision-making body the Council has the authority and responsibility of deciding on all aspects of CERN's mission, i.e. the construction and operation of the lab or the organization and sponsoring of international cooperation in the field of particle physics. As the Organization's Chief executive officer, the Director General is responsible for the preparation and execution of Council's decisions, and for the management of the Organization.

Director General and Scientific Secretary of European Strategy Sessions of Council



There are 3 aspects in the European Strategy:

- Setting up the strategy (1.5 year process): Council → Scientific (Strategy) Secretary plus strategy secretariat (SPC chair, ECFA chair, representative of National labs) → preparatory group, (as now)
- Implementing the strategy: Council → Director General, who coordinates the European aspect of the strategy and implements the CERN laboratory part
- Monitoring the implementation : Strategy secretariat assists DG in reporting and Council in monitoring the implementation