



Strengthening EPPCN

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10 Years

20 meetings

? members

Overview

- **Brief overview of working group's report**
- **Focus on the key recommendations**
 - membership
 - introducing co-chair role
- **Break out to discuss**
 - smaller groups (25 mins)
 - Feedback/group (15 mins)
- **Time for to discuss areas identified in Rome but not covered by the working group (25mins)**
- **Outcomes from today**
 - clarity on membership and co-chair issue
 - actions on the further items



Three key areas

- **EPPCN Terms of Reference**
- **Membership**
- **Governance**



EPPCN terms of reference

EPPCN will:

- Strengthen communication between communications officers in the Member States;
 - Share best practices and maximize benefit in the Member States
- Offer constructive communications advice on long-term strategic issues to CERN Council based on consensus decisions made by the network
 - Prepare and implement communication activities based around the results from the LHC, and on future colliders.
 - Propose, implement and monitor strategies designed to foster long-term support for fundamental sciences related to CERN's mission, and in support of the European strategy for particle physics.

EPPCN membership

“In order for EPPCN to be effective, member state EPPCN representatives should be communications professionals with delegated authority to represent the national coordinating organisation or who perform a co-ordination role at the national level.”

EPPCN should request that CERN Council reaffirm this position.



EPPCN governance

Co-chair role. Why required?

To support our aims: to provide advice on **“long-term strategic issues”** and to **“implement and monitor strategies designed to foster long-term support for fundamental sciences”**.

The role of the co-chairs would be to:

- Organise and set the agenda for each meeting
- Chair EPPCN meetings
- Represent EPPCN and its views
- Oversee the creation of working groups within EPPCN as required
- Organise specific/additional meetings as required



Questions for break out discussion

1. Should EPPCN strengthen the language around membership?
2. Do we want to appoint co-chairs on the basis outlined?
3. By what process should we appoint them/timeframe?



Raised in Rome ... but not covered by working group

EPPCN focus This has centered on LHC but particle physics has broadened (future colliders, other regions, labs...). Discuss co-ordination with other groups such as Interactions, APPEC (Astroparticle), etc. and relationship with IPPOG

Improved ways to share information across the group. Ideas to discuss next meeting at CERN: create subgroups (on what basis?); tools to share information; shared calendar/planning, monthly phone conference?

Identify strategic, long-term, topics for EPPCN to focus on. In 2019 there will be an update of European Strategy for Particle Physics. Should EPPCN start to work on related communication issues.

