

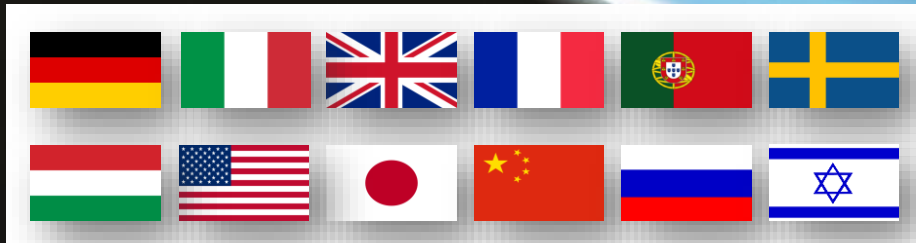
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## Status of WP4

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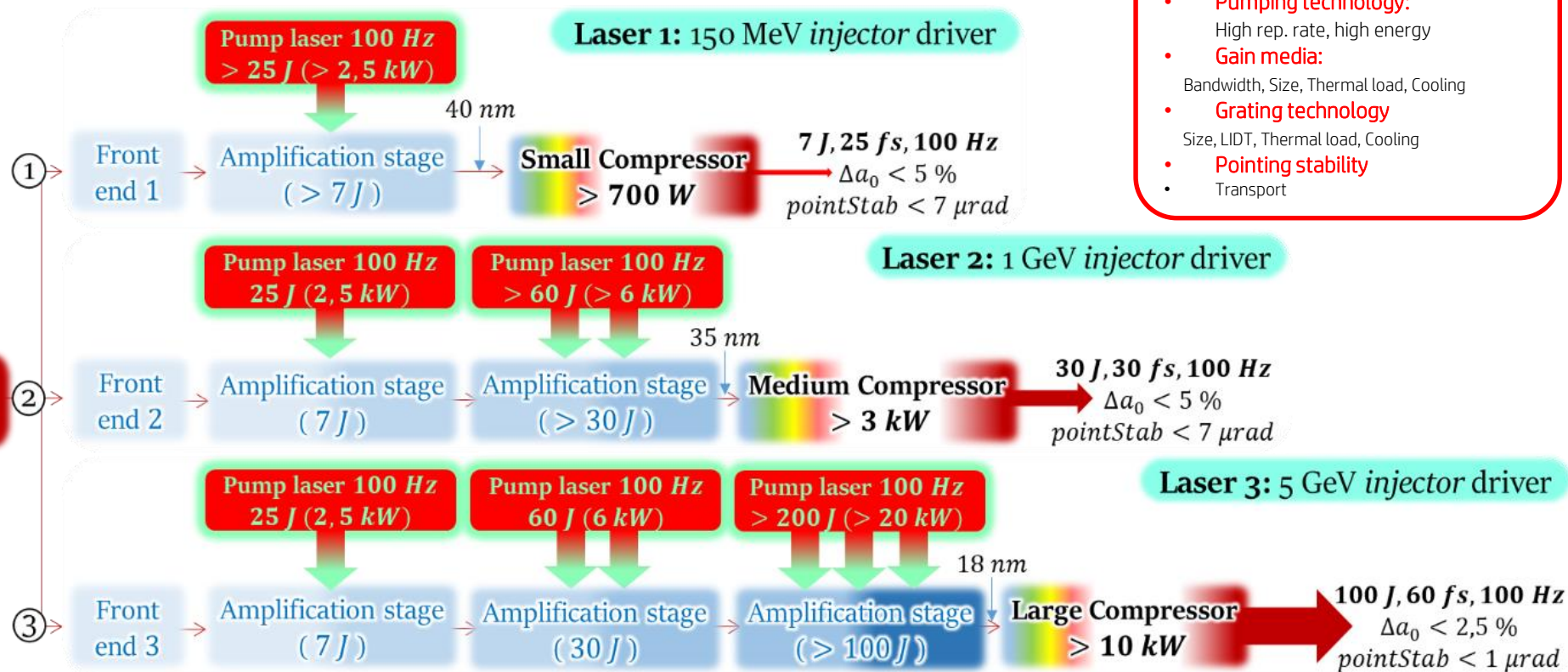
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- Main EuPRAXIA laser features
- Needed key developments
- Next phase
- Conclusions

The current EuPRAXIA laser design<sup>1</sup> relies on mature Titanium Sapphire industrial technology to deliver average and peak power as required by the project.

A set of three laser chains are considered, to drive the injectors at 150 MeV and 1 GeV, and the accelerator at 5 GeV.



- MAIN CHALLENGES**
- **Pumping technology:**  
High rep. rate, high energy
  - **Gain media:**  
Bandwidth, Size, Thermal load, Cooling
  - **Grating technology**  
Size, LIDT, Thermal load, Cooling
  - **Pointing stability**
  - Transport



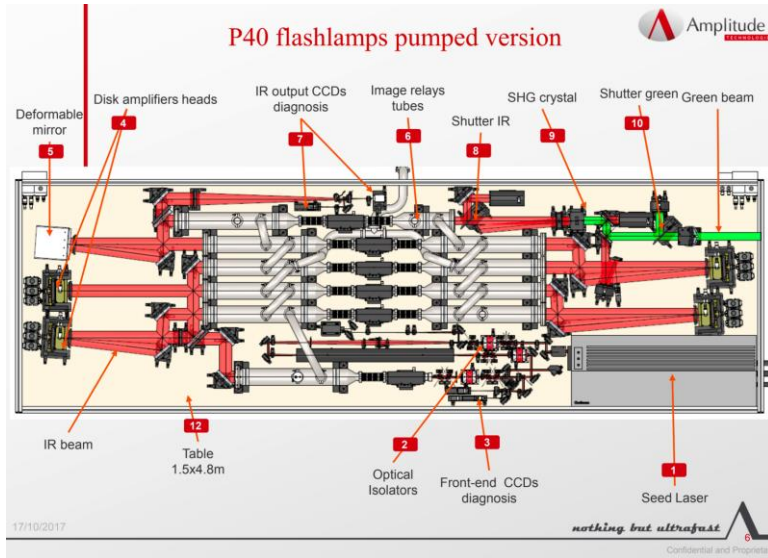
Promising developments based on diode pumping technology are in progress at EuPRAXIA industrial and research partners, progressively matching requirements

## Amplitude P60

Flashlamp pumped Nd:YAG  
Design: 60 J @ 10 Hz, 532 nm

Conversion to DPSS fully designed

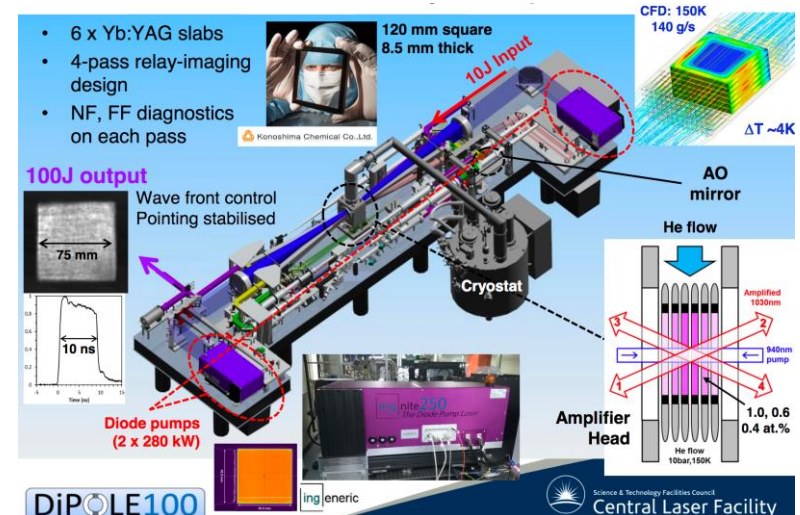
- Expected rep. rate 50 Hz
- Cost of diode still an issue – currently 5x compared to flashlamps.
- Expected to decrease in 5-10 yrs.
- Maintenance free operation for 25-30 yrs.



## DIPOLE<sup>(2)</sup> 100

DPSSL cryogenic HE cooling system  
100 J @ 10 Hz, @515 nm

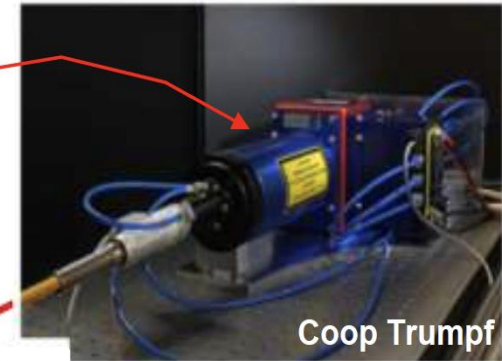
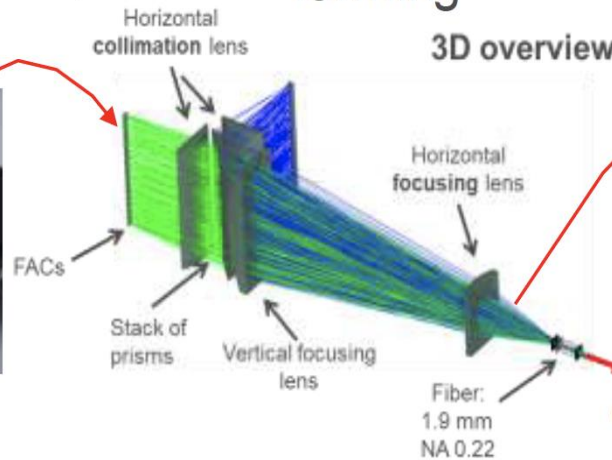
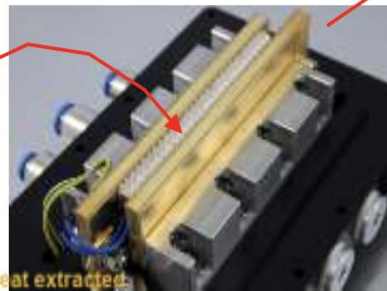
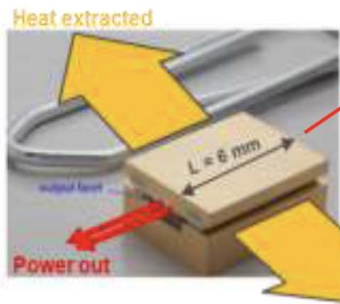
Planned developments: 10J @ 100 Hz



<sup>2)</sup>P. Mason et al., Kilowatt average power 100J-level diode pumped solid state laser," Optica 4, 438-439 (2017)

## FBH brilliant high duty cycle pump: small-series prototype

White paper 100 Hz pump trials to assist EuPRAXIA system design (STFC, LLNL, HZDR, FBH), supported by the Institute of Quantum Optics, Friedrich-Schiller-University, Jena in Germany



130W from 1.2mm  
Peak: ~ 245 W  
60% efficiency  
2x brighter than bars

1...20% DC  
1...100ms  
Passive cooling

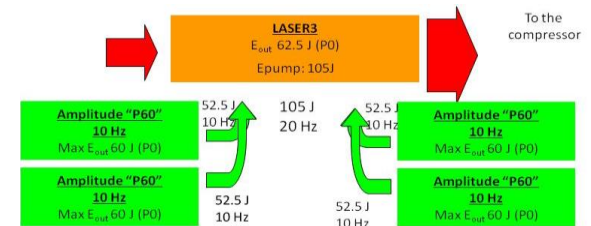
6 kW 60% efficiency  
 $M^2 \sim 300 \times 300$

1.4 MW/cm<sup>2</sup>-sr  
50% efficiency  
 $M^2 \sim 700$

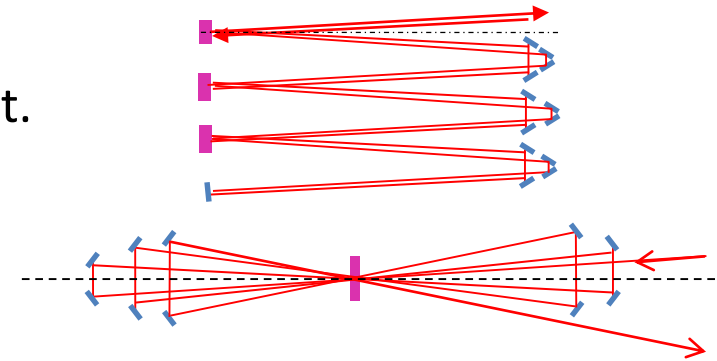
**6 units delivered to Max Born Institut, Berlin; 2 in build**

## Main recent activities

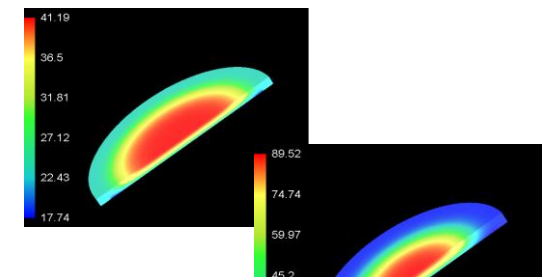
Definition of **pump sources arrays** for the various amplification stages, based on available (SCLF DIPOLE / Amplitude P60) and perspective technologies



Design of **amplifier stages layout** (both for transmission and reflection amplifiers); evaluation of required footprint. Pump delivery /timing schemes for Extraction During Pumping

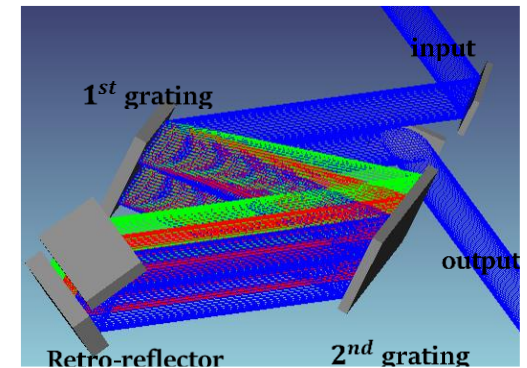
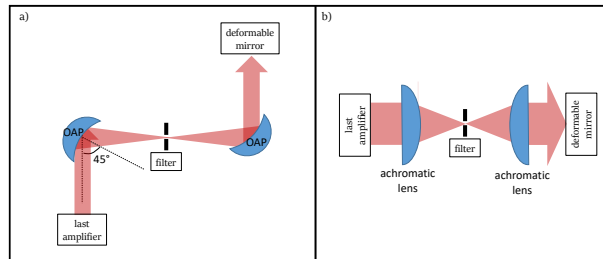
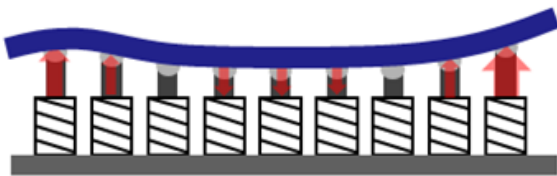
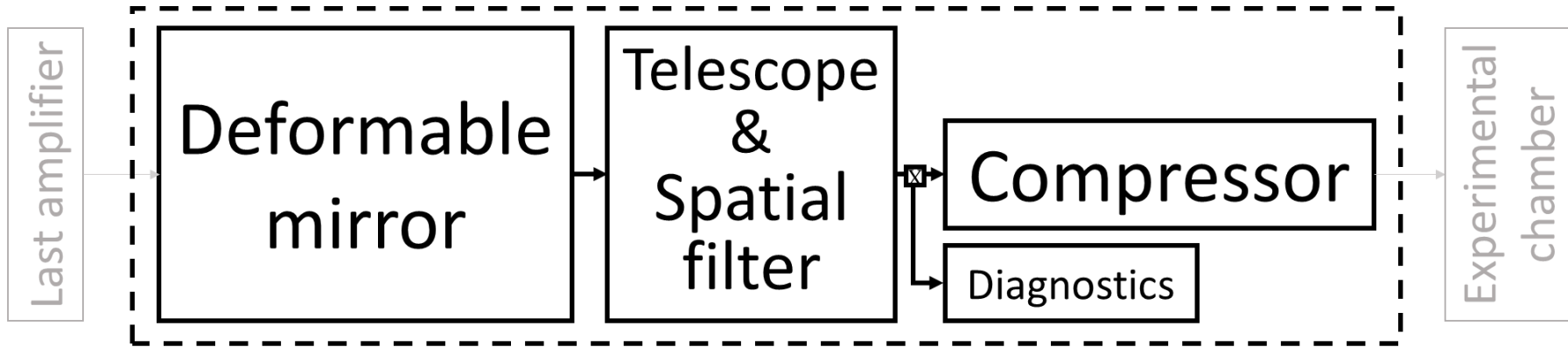


Optimization/simplification of **amplifier design** (reduction of number of stages/passes) and trade-off on thermal design



\*) Water cooled Ti:Sa amplifier under development at ELI-HU (After V. Cvykov *et al.*, Opt. Lett, **41**, 3017, 2016)  
 \*\*) Fluid (D<sub>2</sub>O) cooled Nd:YAG laser, 20 kW CW pump power, D<sub>2</sub>O (After X. Fu *et al.*, Opt. Express, **22**, 18421 (2014)  
 \*\*\*) Fluid (Siloxane) cooled Nd:YLF laser, 5 kW CW pump power (After Z. Ye *et al.*, Opt. Express, **24**, 1758 (2016)

Main challenges: large optics, **mechanical stability**, **cooling of gratings**, beam quality control ...





Different technologies under evaluation to address main issues with higher repetition rate. Strategy includes **reduction** of the thermal load at high average power, **cooling** of residual heat and **control** of thermal effects on compression quality.

**Gold Coated Grating Cooling**  
(BK7 and ULE substrates)  
for allowing higher thermal load

Measured Surface Height Deviation (nm)

**Gold Coated Grating without epoxy resin (Photoresist-Free)**  
for lower thermal stress

**MD Gratings**  
Metal Dielectric Gratings

**Plymouth Grating Laboratory**

**MLD gratings**  
MultiLayer Dielectric Gratings.

The biggest one is 91cm x 42cm large

**MMLD Gratings**  
Metal MultiLayer Dielectric Gratings

- Prototyping of Ti:Sa amplifiers
- Addressing 100 Hz pump lasers developments
- Thermal management of compressor gratings
- Stability (pointing & more) and active control
- Driver pulse temporal shaping and synchronization
- Construction
- Integration Issues
- ...

**Please fill in excel file (Ralph's message on 28 June) if you can contribute to these items.**

**Rec12. Broaden the dialogue** to other WPs (e.g. WP2, WP5, WP14) to inform on design space, specifically on critical parameters (e.g. a0 vs power/focal area). **Effective interaction with WP2/3**

**Rec13.** Explore **feasibility of timing precision and jitter** requirements provided by WP2 and WP3, and how it can be verified at the target. **Work in progress at Desy**

**Rec14.** Develop a better understanding of **pointing requirements** and metrics, specifically how they are coupled to the facility. **Building DB of pointing performance at facilities**

**Rec15.** Develop a strategic **technology roadmap** that supports the overarching performance goals of EuPRAXIA. Get guidance on technology demonstrator vs science facility. Maintain perspective of technologies that can scale. **Work in progress – requires additional funding**

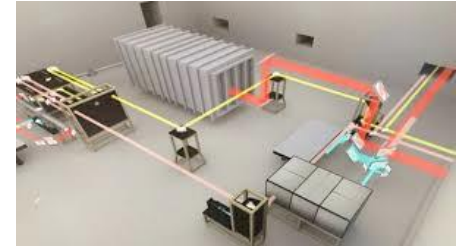
**Rec16.** Given the timescales on how much technology development is required, how long does it take, and when construction of a system could start, identify **risk reduction experiments** that add credibility to the feasibility of certain technologies. **Experiments identified**

**Rec17.** Develop a crisp risk matrix for each technology approach, **identify bottlenecks** and areas where risk reduction experiments are needed. Identify synergetic efforts between technology paths. **Set of bottlenecks identified and being explored**

**Rec18.** Use **technical readiness levels** for the integrated laser system concepts (not individual components) to assess and compare maturity of each solution. **In progress in collaboration with industry**

## D4.1 (M12) Benchmarking of existing technologies and comparison with EuPRAXIA requirements

Explore and identify promising technologies

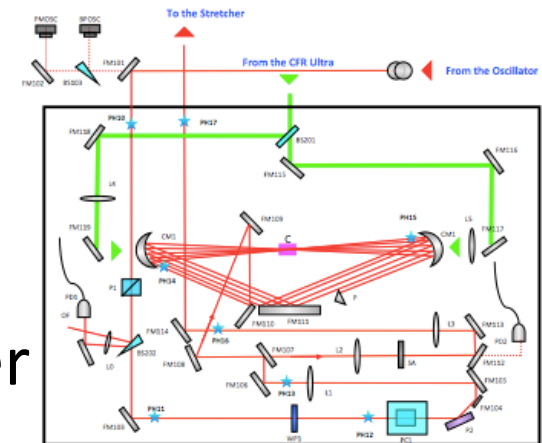


## D4.2 (M24) Preliminary laser design

To be developed with an eye to perspective industrial development

## D4.3 (M24) Preliminary design of transverse functions

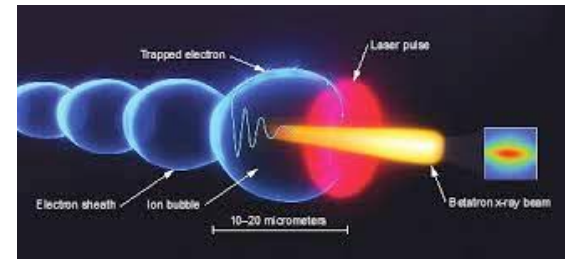
To account for final use of EuPRAXIA (user facility)





## D4.4 (M36) Final requirements of laser system

To comfortably accommodate LWFA design and other laser based activities

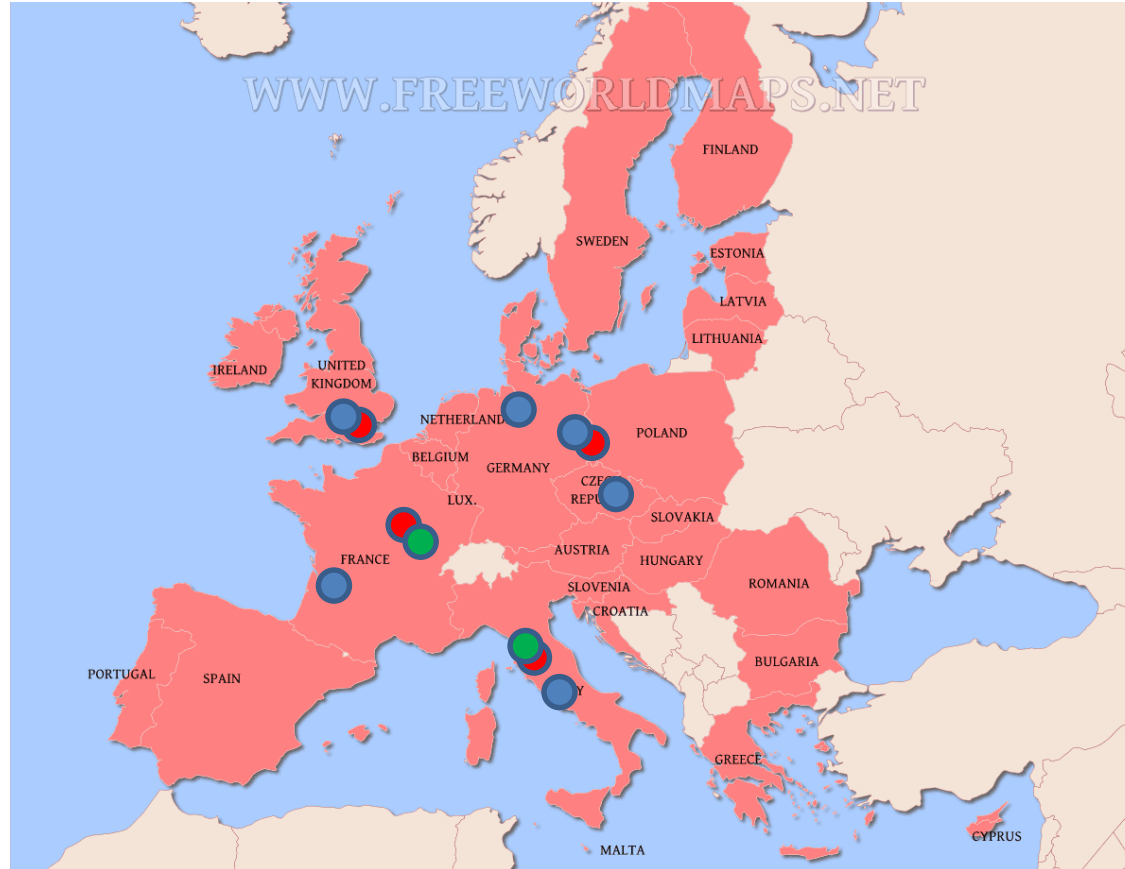


## D4.5 (M36) Control command design system

To enable turn-key-like operation of the laser system



A wide collaboration is ready to be involved to tackle open issues



- EuPRAXIA aiming at PW-kW laser system driver, well beyond current state-of-the-art;
- Design phase ongoing: preliminary design going technical;
- Also considering evolution towards higher repetition rate;
- Significant development activities and funding needed to solve standing technical issues;
- Now collecting proposals from contributing groups for next phase.

## 16 Participants



## 22 Associated Partners

(as of October 2016)

