

# CERN and Estonia

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CERN process progress:

- Application file creation and submission to CERN – Sep 2018
  - CERN council approval of Task Force visit – Oct 2018
  - Task Force visit in Tallinn – Dec 2018
  - Task Force report to Council – Mar 2019
  - Estonia accepted as candidate for accession – Mar 2019
- Contract negotiations – ongoing...
  - Estonian cabinet is briefed about contract – Oct/Nov 2019
- Estonia accepts contract with CERN – ~Dec 2019
  - Ratification by parliament – Spring 2020

# Current state

Estonian state budget plan for 2020-2023 has CERN funds secured



**Elon Musk** ✓  
@elonmusk

Am considering taking Tesla private at \$420. Funding secured.

Currently some tension inside ministry in backroom talks between CERN and ESA, hopefully just some random jitters

Meeting with minister of innovation and export on 14<sup>th</sup> of October to discuss final details of CERN Accession plans advantages and risks

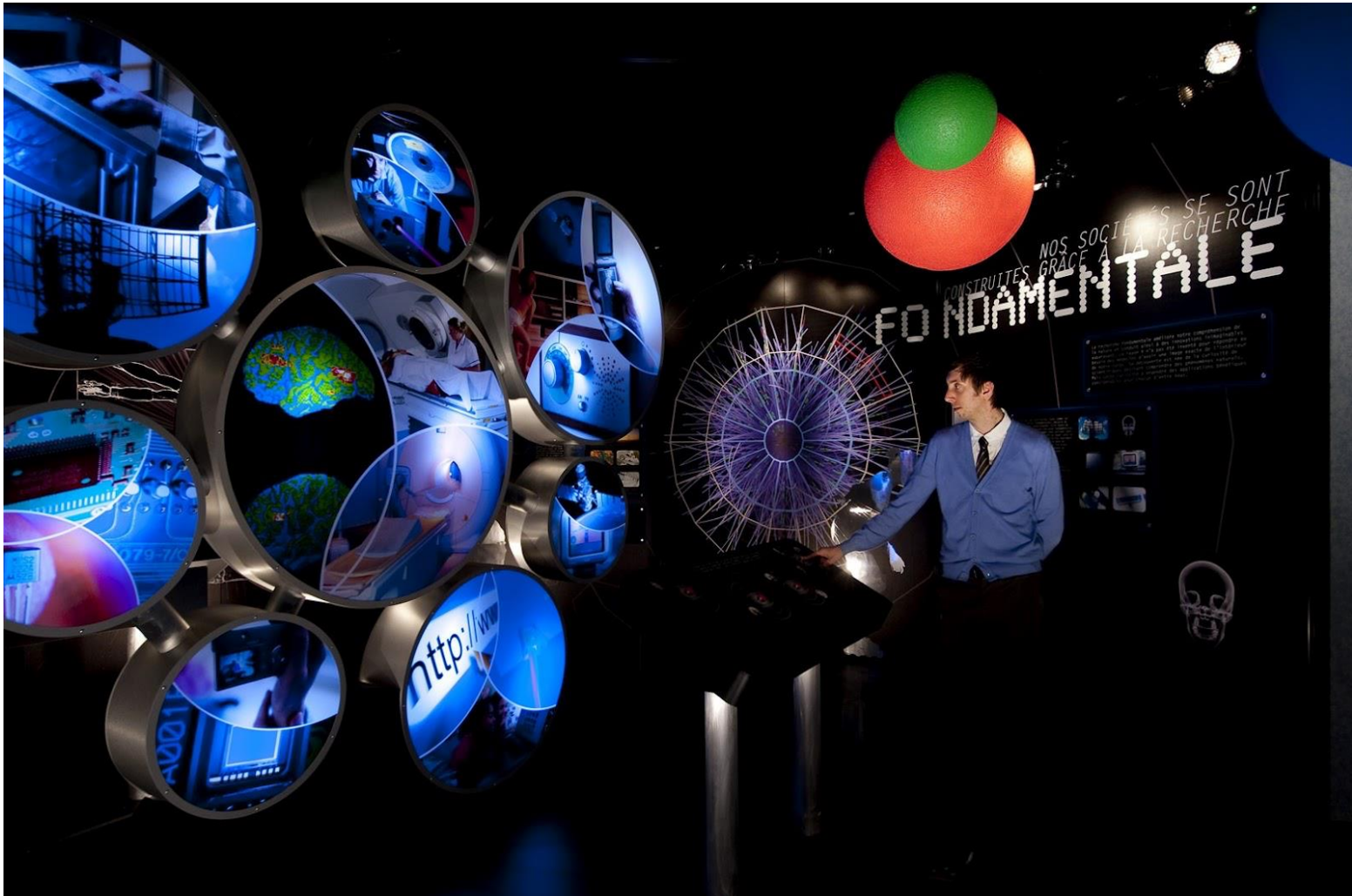
Hopefully we'll have final go-ahead within a month!

Recent chat with Prime Minister confirms he is still very much pro-CERN so support from highest level is there!

# Main considerations



CERN EXPO is coming to Tartu in a month! 22.11.19 – 22.03.20



# Nuclear

As a side topic, Estonia is reconsidering going nuclear in its goals to get to a climate neutral goal by 2050

Contemplations are mostly on IV generation plants

Expertise is really lacking, but we did send a number of younglings to study abroad in 2007, re-attracting them back now

Any competencies in related fields are becoming more and more important. As an example, CERN probably knows quite a lot about radiation safety

