



# CERN Heritage Committee

## Background and Objectives

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# Background

- Proposal by James Gillies, Anita Hollier and Emma Sanders in March 2017 to manage CERN's heritage in a more coherent and structured manner through the establishment of a **CERN Heritage Committee**
- Establishment of CERN Heritage Committee approved by the Enlarged Directorate in April 2017 → **delay in implementation due to competing priorities**
- **CERN History Days** on 1 and 2 February 2018 → input from experts
- **First meeting of Committee on 10 May 2019**

# Mandate and scope

- **Advisory body** reporting to the Director-General
- Overseeing all aspects of the **preservation of CERN's heritage** and use of the such heritage in education, communications and outreach
  - Identifies resources to be confided to the appropriate repository
  - Provides advice on selection criteria to determine what should be preserved, defines priorities, makes recommendations, and coordinates/oversees activities
  - Identifies and reports on risks to the preservation or communication of CERN's heritage
- **No operational budget** but can make requests linked to proposed activities
- Members appointed for **three years** (renewable once)

# Objectives today

- Establish **overview of status** in different areas
- **Discuss priorities** and challenges → basis for **action plan**
- **Organize** the future work of the Committee and the interaction among members → need for flexible modalities for engagement and decision-making when needed

# Next steps

- At least two meetings a year → propose to have **next meeting in September**, to maintain momentum, and possibly have a third meeting at the end of the year on an exceptional basis (making up for lost time....!)
- Compile **prioritized action plan** → proposal before Committee in September, with a view to presenting it to the Director-General in October/November and start implementation thereafter (maybe December meeting?)
- Reflect on including **CERN Heritage Project in CERN & Society Portfolio** based on priorities identified in action plan, to ensure (to the extent possible) funding for implementation