


# ACCU Activities

## 2020 edition

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# What is ACCU?

- **Advisory Committee of CERN Users (ACCU)**
- The forum for discussion between CERN Management and the representatives of the CERN Users community (the Delegates) to review the practical means taken by CERN for the work of Users of the Laboratory
- There is a website where you can read the mandate: <https://accu.web.cern.ch/>
- There are 1 or 2 Delegates from each Member State (2 Delegates from the large Member States), 1 Delegate from each of the Associate Members, 4 Delegates from non-Member States (NMS), and 2 from CERN. The 4 NMS Delegates don't represent a country but should come from the Users' community in a specific region. The Chairperson of ACCU is elected from among the Delegates of the Committee.
- I am the Swedish delegate 

# ACCU Meetings

- ACCU meetings are held **four times per year**.
- The meetings are closed but agenda, minutes and uploaded presentations are open and are accessible by anyone (with exceptions)
  - <https://indico.cern.ch/category/1058/>
  - The meetings have minutes, so you can check everything we discuss
- The meetings of ACCU are attended by a member of the Directorate, often the Director General, by the Head of the Users' Support, who also acts as ACCU Secretary, as well as by other members of the CERN Management and Departmental Representatives. A representative of the CERN Staff Association also attends the meetings.

# Topics discussed in ACCU meetings

- There are many topics discussed by ACCU:
  - Health care
  - Housing
  - Travel, Mobility, and Transport
  - Environment
  - CERN Restaurants
  - ...
- <https://accu.web.cern.ch/node/27>

Up to you! If there is anything you think we should be discussing, or something you have questions for, let me know!



# BUT this is 2020

ACCU

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Parent category

Advisory Committee of CERN Users

Managers

- Michael Hauschild
- Petra Pamblanco

December 2020

01 Dec ACCU - 130th Meeting ← NOT YET!

September 2020

15 Sep ACCU - 129th Meeting

June 2020

09 Jun ACCU - 128th Meeting

March 2020

10 Mar ACCU - 127th Meeting - CANCELED ← COVID

# June meeting

- Covid-19 dominated the meeting: Cleaning and disinfection, Personal protective equipment and
  - New course: COVID-19 - Health & Safety Measures at CERN / Mesures d'Hygiène et de Sécurité au CERN
- CERN was in safe mode → discussion on restart plan
- Delays in schedules, change of plans in renovation works
- Posted workers and A1 (social security) certificate
  - <https://usersoffice.web.cern.ch/social-security>
- The term of the ACCU chairperson, Dragoslav-Laza Lazić (Serbia), was ending after a third two-years term. Up for election were Laza, and Cristina Biino (Italy)
  - Cristina Biino was elected as next ACCU chairperson

# June meeting

- New websites:
  - <https://usersoffice.web.cern.ch/>
  - <https://accu.web.cern.ch/>
- Discussion Update on Internal Taxation certificate change (ongoing)

# September meeting

- Again covid-19 centered
- Presentation on CERN visit service (<https://visit.cern/welcome>):
  - **Virtual visits and virtual talks: is Sweden exploiting this possibility?**
- Service Desk back on site with full capacity, preferred way to open requests:
  - Service Portal, email, or 77777
- Suspension of the CERN car-sharing service until 2021, mobility center moved
- New kindergarten
- Users office updates
  - French cards which expired between 16 March 2020 and 15 June 2020 are automatically valid for an additional 6 months from the expiry date.



# September meeting

- Internal Taxation certificate
  - Relevant for those who receive subsistence/payments from CERN (team account)
  - Changed to comply with Switzerland/France tax laws
  - FAQ:
    - <https://cds.cern.ch/record/2665529/files/InternalTaxCertificateChange-FAQ.pdf>
- Also, general procedures are available in the Admin. e-Guide (e.g. how to fill the tax declarations)
  - <http://admin-eguide.web.cern.ch/en/procedure/income-taxation-overvie>

# What's next?

- Next meeting to happen next week
- Probably largely Covid-centered again
- Any topic to bring from the Swedish community?
  - Let me know!
- Before you go!
  - I have a little survey for you!
  - <https://forms.gle/hpfaTMEnuvHPSUeV9>

