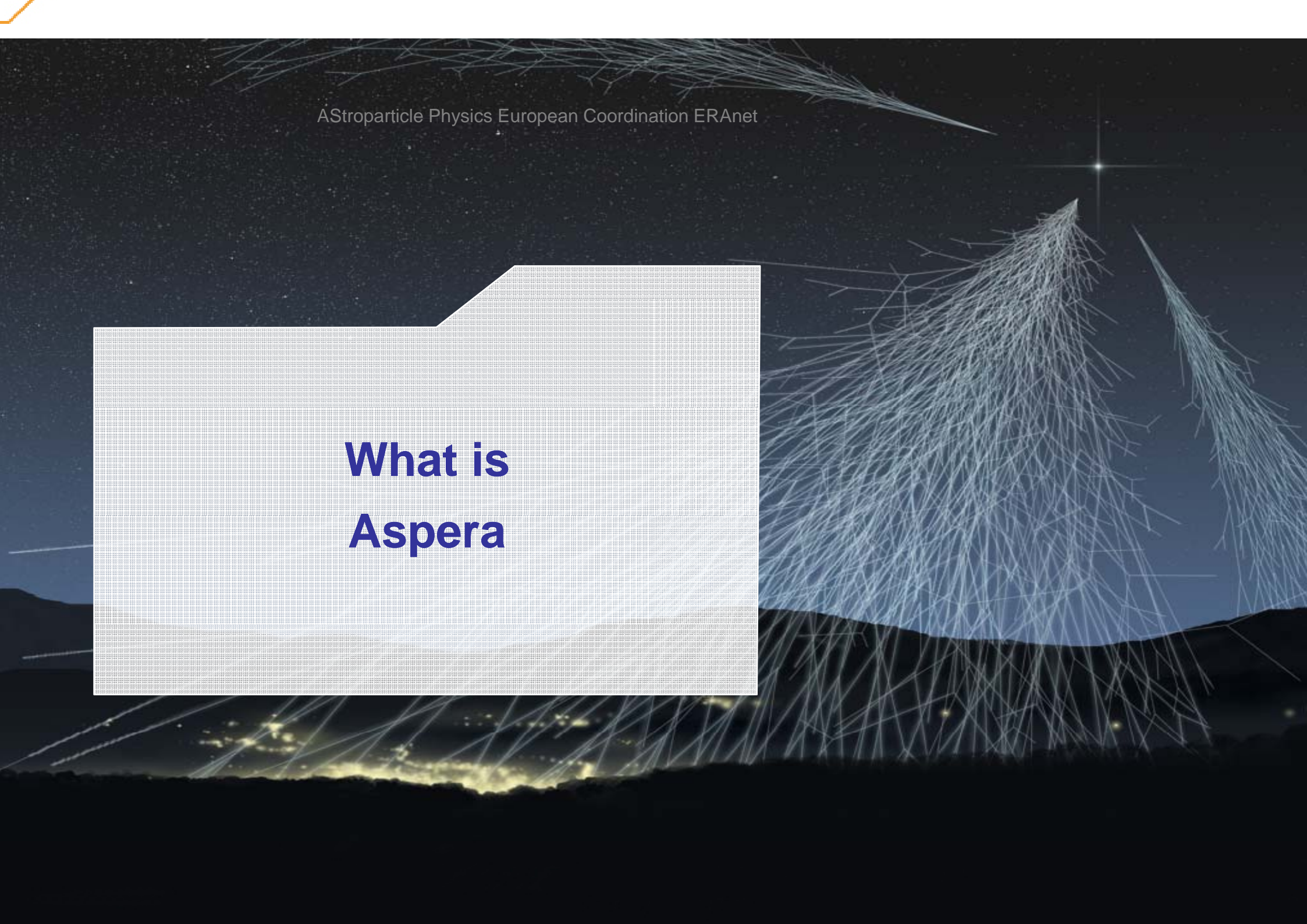


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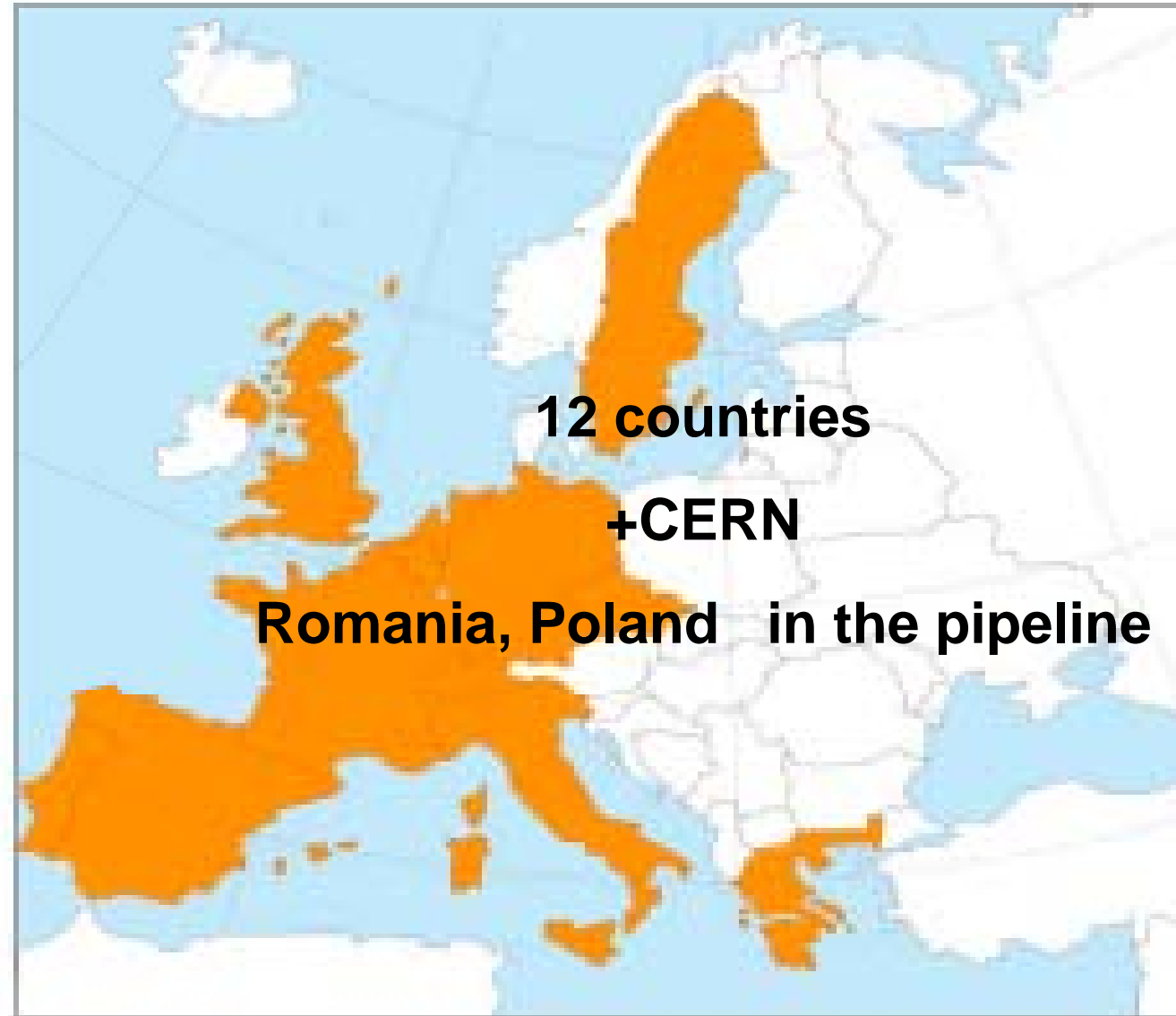
# ASTroparticle Physics European Coordination ERAnet

« Per aspera ad astra »

ASPERA is a European network of national government agencies responsible for coordinating and funding research in astroparticle physics.

ASPERA is funded by the European Commission at the level of 2.5 Million € over a three years period. It started in July 2007.

ASPERA arises from the existence of APEC (Astroparticle Physics European Coordination).



Participating to ASPERA

[www.aspera-ec.eu](http://www.aspera-ec.eu)

## PEC membership

- At the outset (2001) it comprised the national funding agencies of France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands and the UK.
- Since then Spain, Belgium, Portugal, Greece, Switzerland and Poland have joined
- Aims to Continue to extend EU and Non-EU in Europe
- Eligibility: Funding Agencies (decision making body, having a national coordinating role)

## PEC aims

- Promote and facilitate **co-operation** within the growing European Particle Astrophysics community
- Develop and promulgate **long term strategies** for European PA, offering advice to national funding agencies or institutions, ESF, and EC and other
- Assist in improving **links and co-ordination** between European PA and the scientific programmes of organisations such as CERN, ESA, and ESO
- Express their **collective views on PA in appropriate**



## ApPEC operates

- strategically through its Steering Committee
- operationally with the wider academic community through its Peer Review Committee

## Steering Committee (SC)

- **France:** M.Spiro, S.Katsanevas, J.Zinn-Zustin,  
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**CERN:** D. Schlatter

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**Determination of status of European research funding related to astroparticle.**

**Definition of astroparticle physics roadmap.**

**Linking of existing infrastructures (*Underground labs, CT, GWA etc.*), project new ones**

**Explore the formal and legal possibilities of transnational institutions in Europe (*along models ranging from EGO and ESRF to CERN*)**

**Implementation of new European-wide procedures for the funding of large infrastructures.**

**Common electronic infrastructures, outreach and**

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**WP1**

Status in Research Funding  
G. Van Der Steenhoven

**WP2**

Roadmap  
A, Coates

**WP3**

European Wide Procedures  
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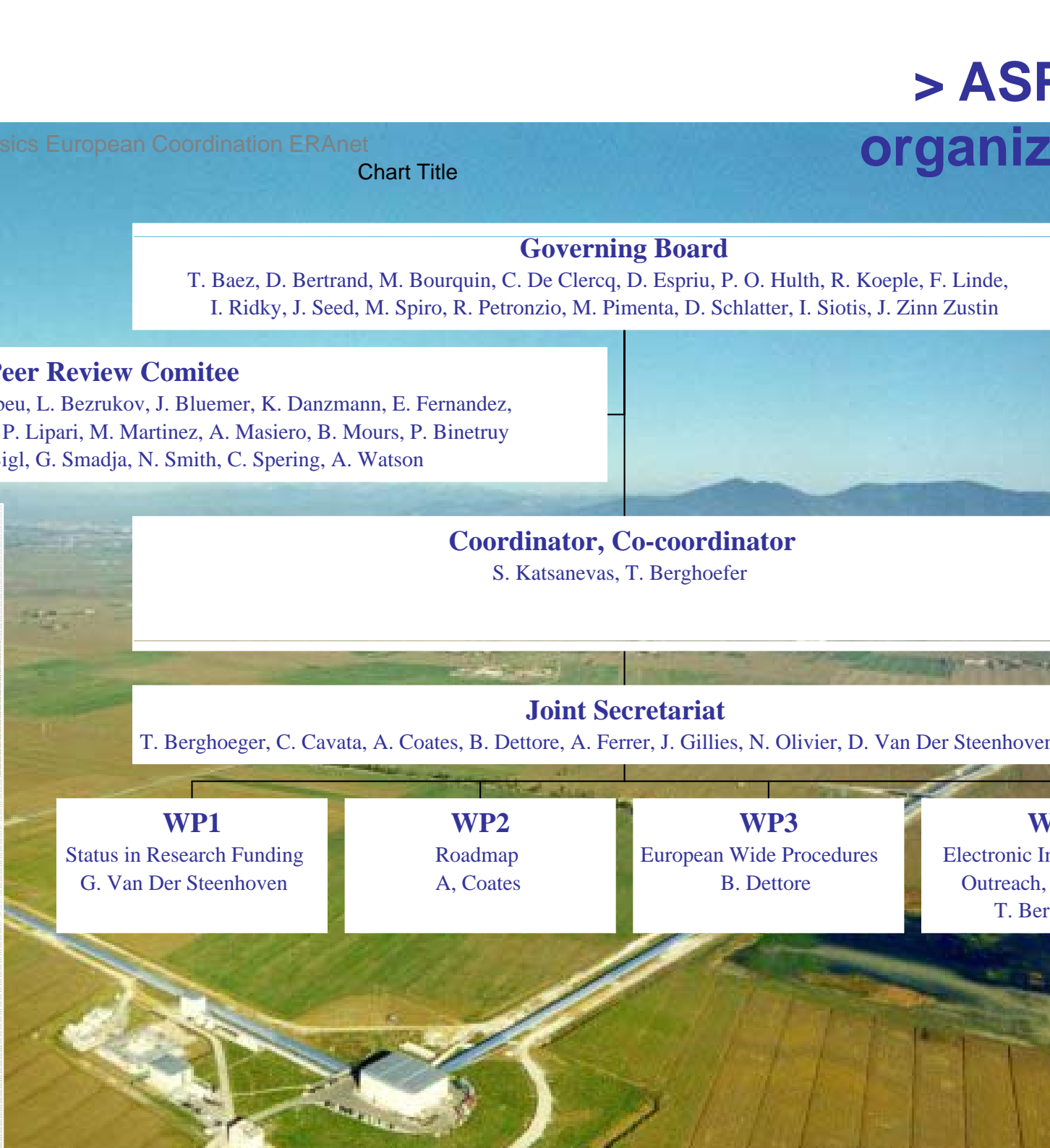
**WP4**

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The Governing Board (GB) responsible for the management decisions of the network and for approval of all documents.

The Joint Secretariat (JS) assures the day-to-day follow up of the program.

The Peer Review Committee (PRC) is responsible for the evaluation of the network's activities.



# ASPERA above all is 10 young and enthusiastic liaisons



- **Rob Van Der Meer** Netherlands
- **Carlos Pobes** Spain
- **Kim Dillmore** UK
- **Fausta Candigliotti** Italy
- **Nathalie Olivier** France
- **Didier Rouable** France
- **Severine Lebrun** France
- **Christine Ruelle** Germany
- **Laura Metzger** Germany

## > ASPERA 1st year: WP1 status of Astroparticle funding

**Find the level, method and calendar of astroparticle funding**

➤ Questionnaires, national days (4 already)

**Study formal status, financial rules of possible transnational pan-european infrastructures**

➤ Workshop in October in Berlin

**Benchmarking of Astroparticle Physics project evaluation methods**

**Study of the emergence of Astroparticle physics domain**



## >ASPERA 1st year: WP2 roadm

### ➤ Find milestones, budget and human resources of astroparticle projects

- Questionnaires for 7 thematic groups

### ➤ Roadmap Workshops

- Roadmap phase I the opportunities Valencia workshop,

- Roadmap phase II the possibilities , Amsterdam workshop

- Roadmap phase III, the priorities, in 2008

### ➤ Link Infrastructures

- Speak with one voice in EU fora, ESFRI roadmap => WP3

- Underground labs, Gravitational antennas, Cherenkov Telescopes,

- Rôle of Particle Physics labs ?

Common evaluation and  
decision procedure for large  
structures

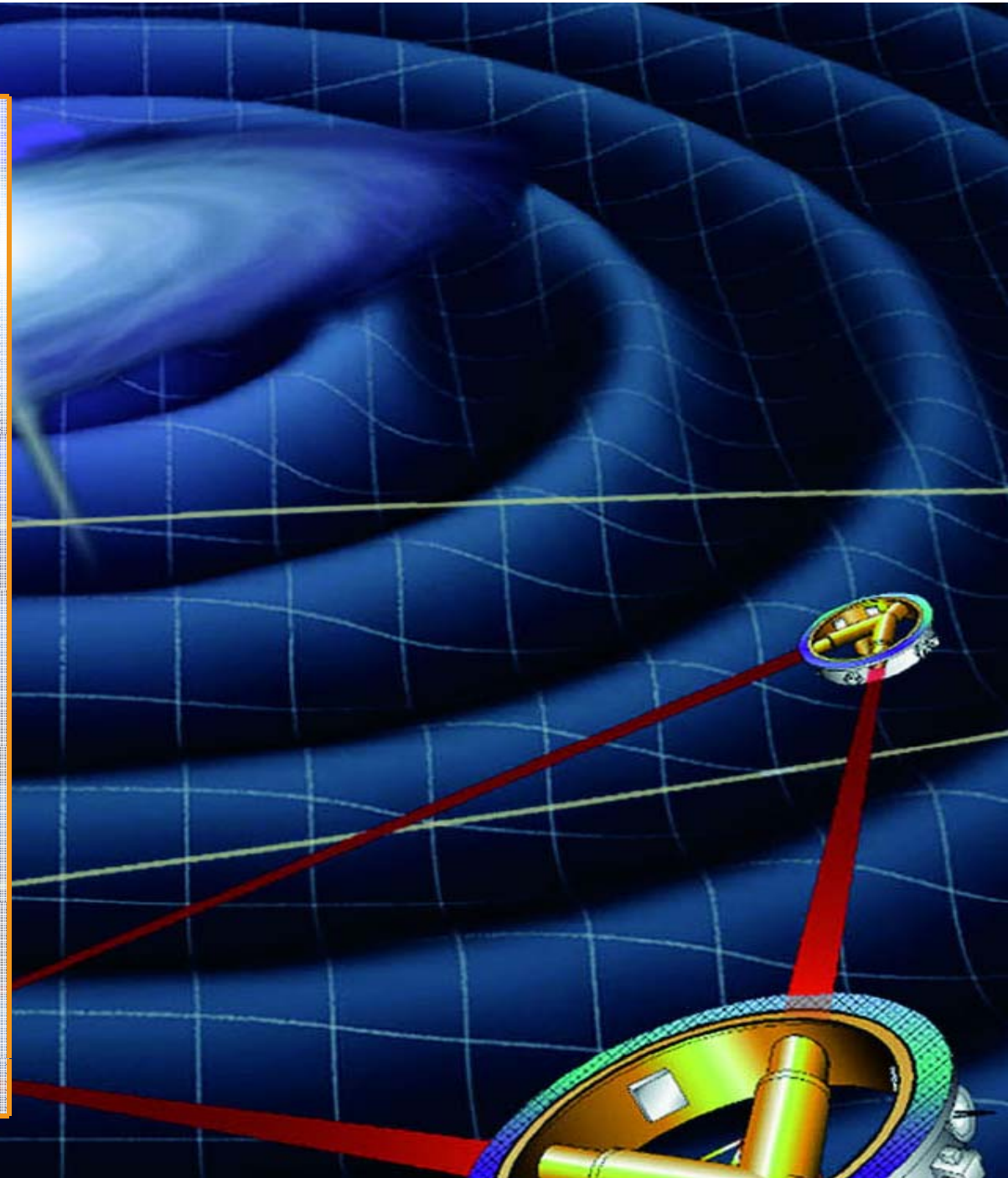
Partial alignment of budgets  
funding of large  
structures

Launch common calls for R&D  
computing

Coordinated help to theory

Common actions in outreach  
education

Inter synchronisation of  
national funding systems



# > WP4 ASPERA communication t

Website

•Aspera-eu.org

European wide press releases

Monthly Newsletter

Exhibition

Database of projects

Collaborative space



# Conclusions

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**Exciting times**

**Times of scientific return for high energy  
astroparticle physics observatories (CR,  $\gamma$ ,  $\nu$ )**

**Times of rapid increase of sensitivity in DM, DBD,  
GWA**

**Most technologies proven, some new exciting on the way**

**move from small experiments to mid-scale and large-  
scale infrastructures (though small is still beautiful)**

**needed to cover**

**on a European level (ApPEC/ASPERA)**

**and also worldwide**



# ASPERA is not an internal European affair, questions for the table

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**astroparticle infrastructures need worldwide coordination , and if what are the ways to proceed ?**

**site of deployment is always an important issue in Astroparticle infrastructures, it frequently implies national or regional interests. How was this dealt up to now, are there any ideas on how one should proceed in the future ?**

**What are the synergies that could be developed with other global agencies (NASA,ESA, CERN, ESO) , national particle physics labs (Fermilab, SLAC, Rutherford, Desy, Frascati,KEK) or astrophysics observatories.**

**Should large astroparticle infrastructures participate in a global distribution of large projects or is it too early ?**