



JASPERS Networking Platform

Second Extreme Light Infrastructure (ELI) pillars workshop

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Location: **EIB Brussels Office**
Rond-Point Robert Schuman, 6
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Description of the workshop

The purpose of this workshop is to bring together the main stakeholders from the three ELI-pillar countries for a joint event focused on the current status of the ELI project. It will be an opportunity for the different national authorities as well as representatives from the European Commission concerned by the projects to share experience as well as potential issues ahead of the start of operations of the ELI facilities.

The event is the second ELI workshop organized by the JASPERS Networking platform. The [first workshop took place in May 2015](#) , as the first phases of the construction of the ELI facilities were ongoing. The focus at the time was on issues related to procurement, development of research activities, construction bottlenecks, progress of ELI DC and preparation of the second ELI construction phase.

This second event will instead focus around the preparation for operational activities of the ELIs. Several important topics are under scrutiny and discussion; institutional organisation of the ELI (access on a national level, European level and open access), set-up the ELI ERIC; financing of operational expenditure, handling of IP rights, and spin-offs and secondary undertakings, like science parks.

For the different ELI pillars it will be the opportunity to present and share information on the progress of the projects and the final stages of implementation and preparation of research activities. For the national authorities it will be the opportunity to meet their counterparts in the other ELI countries and present the approach for financing of activities. As a key participant in the workshop, the ELI DC will present and discuss progress towards the establishment of ELI ERIC and other relevant issues, including proposed strategies for common open access policies, technology transfer and organisational activities.

The workshop is by invitation only and is targeted to relevant authorities in Member States dealing with the ELI projects, in particular the Managing Authorities and the Intermediate Bodies.

The workshop will cover the following sessions:

Status of ELI Pillars

This session will see representatives from each ELI Pillar presenting the current status of construction and implementation of equipment. Topics like development of research and scientific equipment and activities, recruitment issues and plans, as well as any further issues for start of operations will be discussed.

Role of national authorities in the ELI project

Representatives for the different intermediate bodies will present their roles in the project, the organisational setup of the authorities involved, procedures for monitoring of the national ELI projects and national plans for financing of operational activities of the ELI.

ELI Delivery Consortium

The ELI Delivery Consortium (ELI DC) has a key role in the preparation and delivery of the ELI ERIC. This session will focus on an overview of the current status and any issues in relation of the activities of ELI DC and the road map to the ERIC. The suggested organisational setup will be explained, including the planned interaction with the ELI Pillars, the ELI members and national authorities after start of operations of the ELI ERIC. The development of joint open access policies will also be highlighted.

European Commission (DG Research and JRC)

As all the ELI pillars are approaching the final stages of implementation, the secured financing of the ELI pillars beyond the initial operational phase is being discussed. Main contributions are expected from the different national research budgets and from the members of the ELI ERIC. Additional sources of financing are also being exploited, as complement.

DG Research (RDI unit), will inform participants about its role during the operational phase of this ESFRI project, as well as potential sources of financing for operational measures and associated legal constraints for such financing.

JRC will share its knowledge and give examples of best practise for establishing spin-offs resulting from research activities and challenges and points to consider when establishing science parks adjacent to research infrastructures.

In addition, representatives from the DG Regio's geographical desk for the ELI countries will be present in the audience to further contribute to the discussions.

Each session will be followed by a Q&A, giving the opportunity to ask questions to the speakers.

Conclusions and follow-up of the workshop

The concluding session will summarise the results of the workshop and discuss the need for continuous similar meetings on a regular basis. Ideally such seminars could be arranged under the lead of ELI DC, in its role as coordinator, focusing on different themes issues common to the different ELI pillars and stakeholders.

Final Agenda

11 September	
12:30 – 13:00	Registrations and welcome coffee
13:00 – 13:45	Opening remarks and introduction to the workshop <i>Eugenia Kazamaki Ottersten, Massimo Marra and Michael Schaller, JASPERS; Carlo Rizzuto, ELI DC</i>
13:45 – 14:45	Session 1 – Status update of the ELI Pillars and emerging issues ELI Nuclear Physics (20 min), <i>Mr. Viktor Zamfir</i> ELI Attoseconds (20 min), <i>Mr. Lorant Lehrner</i> ELI Beamlines (20 min), <i>Mr. Roman Hvězda</i>
14:45 – 15:00	Q&A session
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee break
15:30 – 15:50	Session 2 – ELI Delivery Consortium <i>ELI DC, Carlo Rizzuto</i>
15:50 – 16:50	Session 3 – National authorities in the ELI project <i>Romania: National Authority for Scientific Research, Mr. Ciprian Preda, State Secretary (20 min)</i> <i>Hungary: National Research, Development and Innovation Office, Mr. Zsolt Fülöp (20 min)</i> <i>Czech Republic: Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports, Mr. Lukas Levak (20 min)</i>
16:50 – 17:20	Q&A session
18:00 – 20:00	Informal Networking get-together @ Le Grand Central, Rue Belliard 190
12 September	
9:00 – 9:30	Welcome coffee
9:30 – 10:00	Session 4 – European Commission <i>DG REGIO, Ms. Katja Reppel, Deputy Head, Smart and sustainable growth unit</i> <i>DG Research, Mr. Paul Tuinder, RDI unit</i>
10:00 – 10:30	Session 5 – EIB (InnovFin) <i>EIB Financing instrument for RDIs, Ms Laura Busato (Advisor, Innovation Finance Advisory Division)</i> Q&A session
10:30 – 11:40	Session 6 – JRC <i>Generating, protecting and commercialising Intellectual Property Rights, Ms. Elena Andonova, JRC</i> <i>Best Practices for the set-up and management of Science and Technology Parks, Mr. Alessandro Fazio, JRC</i> Q&A session
11:40 – 12:40	Plenary/panel discussion, conclusions and next steps
12:40 – 14:30	Lunch and Networking