

Serving European Science



Europe's Intergovernmental Research Organisations

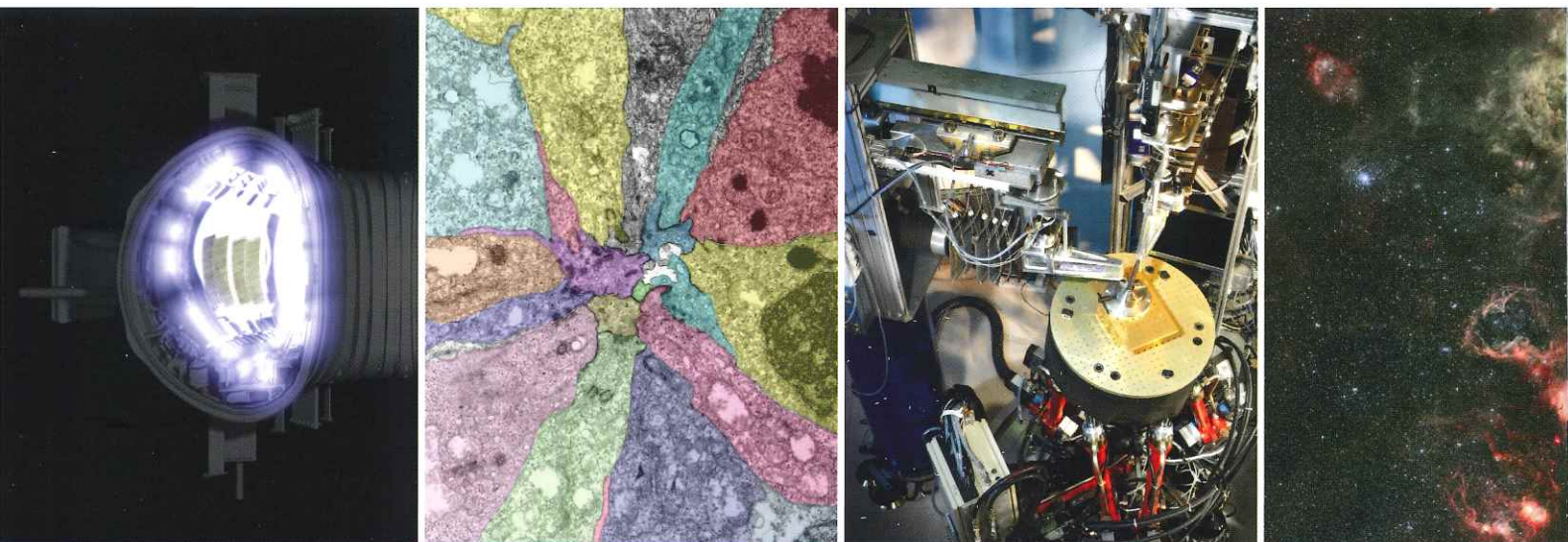
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Science transcends borders. EIROforum fosters international cooperation in science through the strength and reputation of its seven distinguished partners.

EIROforum partners are intergovernmental research organisations – CERN, ESA, EMBL, EFDA, ESO, ILL and ESRF – covering disciplines ranging from particle physics, space science and biology to fusion research, astronomy, and neutron and photon sciences.

The partner organisations have a truly European governance, funding and remit, and in many cases share a global engagement. They are world leaders in basic research, as well as in managing and operating large research infrastructures and facilities.

The EIROforum collaboration is helping European science reach its full potential through exploiting its unparalleled resources, facilities and expertise. By working together, each organisation exceeds its individual impact and stimulates Europe's ambition for scientific and technological excellence across national borders.



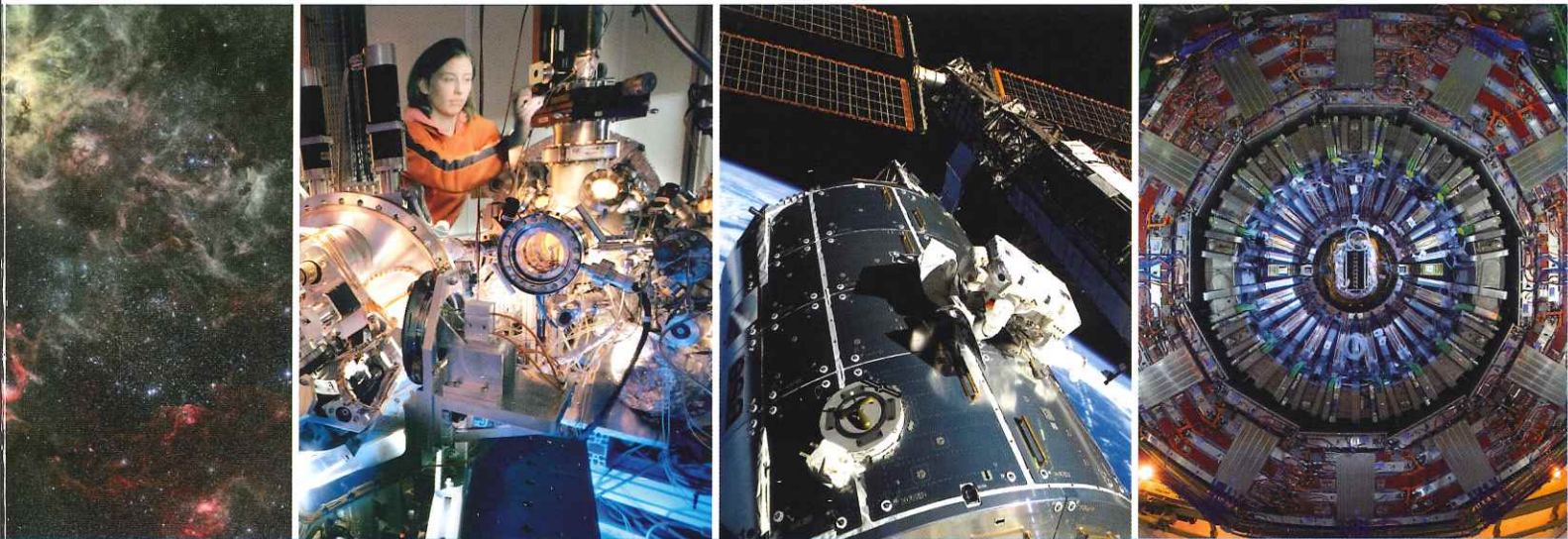
EIROforum operates on a rotating presidency starting on 1 July each year. Working groups coordinate activities and prepare bi-annual meetings of the EIROforum Council, which consists of the partner organisations' Directors General. The rotating EIROforum Presidency also provides the secretariat to the partnership.

EIROforum organises conferences and workshops on topics of common interest such as technology transfer and instrumentation, where scientists from within and outside the seven partner organisations exchange experience and best practices.

EIROforum partners are key players in the development of the European Research Area, pooling their unique expertise to ensure that European science provides an inspiration to others.

The EIROforum partnership focuses on three clear-cut objectives, to:

- **contribute** to the pursuit of the Lisbon Agenda together with members of the European Union and national governments
- **exchange** expertise among partnership members and industry, stimulate innovation and transfer of technology and foster researcher mobility
- **promote** inspirational science teaching and public engagement of science by communicating the subject's importance and fascination to a wide audience and encouraging young people to explore science.



EIROforum supports science education through the *Science on Stage* festival and the European science teachers' journal *Science in School*, which is freely available as printed copies in English and in over 25 European languages online. It also participates in events such as the bi-annual EuroScience Open Forum conferences and the European Union Contest for Young Scientists.

Publications and statements on science policy can be found online:

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## Cutting-edge scientific research and development:

- is the foundation of Europe's knowledge-based economy
- fuels the development of new applications for the benefit of society
- advances the frontiers of knowledge and technology
- brings nations together.

## Europe's intergovernmental research institutions:

- conduct and support world-leading research
- pool resources to enable large-scale research endeavours
- provide unique services and facilities to the scientific community
- promote scientific expertise by training and investing in Europe's scientists
- foster collaboration and networking with national and international partners
- showcase European scientific excellence and competitiveness.



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