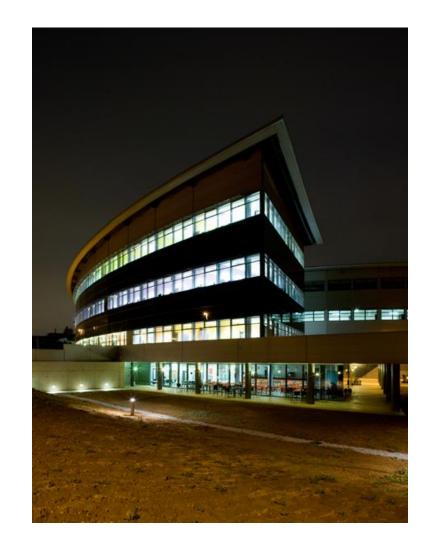


# **ALBA User Office Portal**

**European User Offices Meeting** 

November 4th, 2014

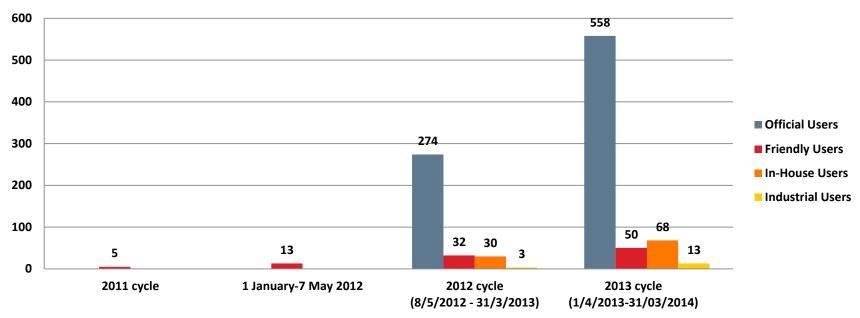




- About ALBA
- ALBA Workflow
- Management Information Systems (MIS)
- Technology
- Final Solution
- What's next



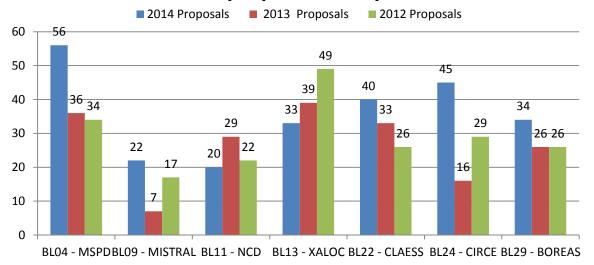
### Number of Users per cycle





# Call for proposals comparisons

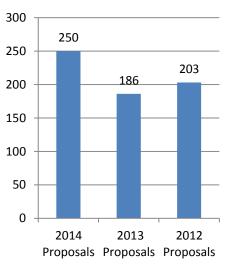
### **Call for proposals Comparison**



### **Pending Long Term proposals**

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BL13-XALOC	9
BL04-MSPD	3
BL09-MISTRAL	2
BL11-NCD	3
BL24-CLAESS	2

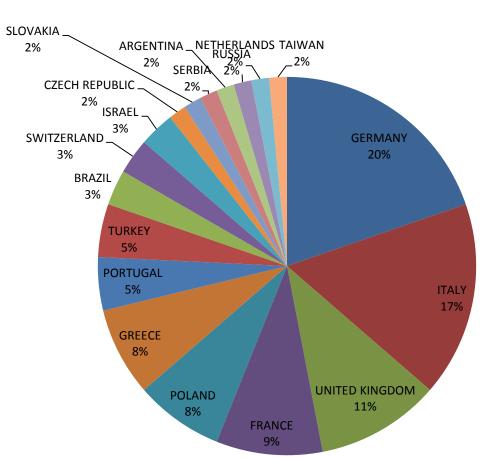
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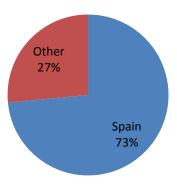




# Submitted proposals by nationalities: 2014 Call

### **Submitted Proposals (other nationalities)**

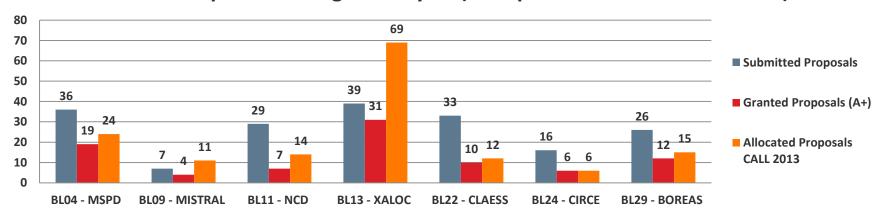




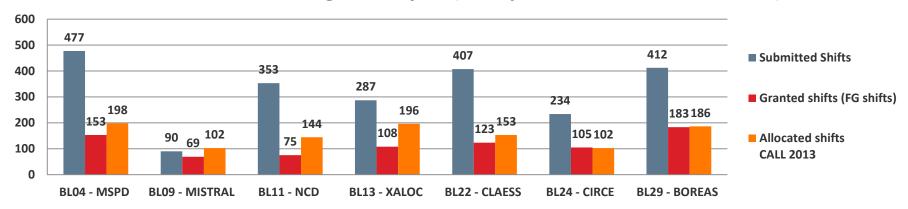


### **2013 Cycle Official Experiments**

### Official Proposals during 2013 Cycle (1st April 2013- 31st March 2014)



### Official Shifts during 2013 Cycle (1st April 2013- 31st March 2014)



Allocated proposals/shifts include proposals/shifts from previous cycles (long term or postponed experiments)

Experiment procedure

Proposal Submission

Evaluation Procedure

**Experiments** 

Reporting & Tracking

Other

### **Proposal Submission**

- User registration
- Laboratory management
- Proposal submission

### **Evaluation Procedure**

- · User Office Triage
- · Technical Review
- Scientific Review
- Safety Review
- · Final Grading

### **Experiment Management**

- Machine calendar
- Period management
- Shift schedule
- Proposal schedule
- User Tracking
- User Invitation

### **Support: Access Control**

### **Experiment Safety**

- User Declaration
- · Final Safety Flag
- Email Reminders
- Safety Declaration
- Safety Online Training

### Reporting

User Feedback

### Reporting

- Experimental Reports
- Publications

- Communication
- Distribution lists
- Statistics
- · User check list



# Management Information System (MIS) OFCENNBER 2011

How to fulfill this need?

06/2011 - 01/2012

02/2012 - 06/2012

07/2012 - 05/2013

06/2013 - 04/2014

05/2014 - TBD

PHASE 1

PHASE 2

PHASE 4

After the experiment PHASE 5

**Improvements** 

**User Registration & Proposal Submission** 

**Evaluation** Procedure

- User Office Triage
- **Technical Review**
- Scientific Review
- Safety Review
- Final Grading

- Shift Schedule (Phase 2)
- **User Tracking**
- **User Invitation**
- User Declaration
- Site Access
- Safety Training
- Safety Declaration
- Fmail Reminders & Notifications

- User Feedback (Phase 3)
- **Experimental Report**
- **Publications**
- Maintenance

- In house, friendly and industrial proposals and users
- Dorlet integration
- Statistics

**PHASES: THE ONLY POSSIBILITY** 

### RFC

- **Proposal Submission**
- **Evaluation Procedures**
- **User Invitations**
- User Declaration

### RFC

- Proposal Submission
- **Evaluation Procedures**
- Safety Flag
- Last Minute Users

### **RFC**

- BL roles
- Multiple local contact
- Shift Scheduling
- Feedback save
- **User Tracking**
- **Proposal Submission**
- **Evaluation Procedure**
- Dynamic email contents



Looked at very different solutions:







- Finally decided to build our own.
- Reasons:
  - Workflows were slightly different.
  - Technologies used and expertise at that time.
    - Learning curve was estimated too long.



# Final Solution



- ALBA User Office Portal.
- Open source technologies.
  - Java / Spring / Apache Wicket.
  - MySQL
  - FileSystem (document storage)
- Built and maintained by the MIS Section
  - The "star of the show" since mid 2011.
  - 2,5 People for the last 3 years.
- Continuous procedures improvements.
  - As the institution evolves, the needs evolve, and the application must evolve with them.
  - Roles are changing → Permissions change.

# What's next

- Internal User Database (LDAP)
- Umbrella Integration.
- ICAT
  - Meta-Data Catalogue.
- Publications Management
  - Not a users-exclusive need.
- Permisions management → Quick response to specific permissions requests.

Thank you!