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LEAPS, an European asset

Caterina Biscari

ALBA Synchrotron

LEAPS Chair

21 October 2021

+35000 users
from all EU &
beyond

+25000
publications
In last 5 years

+300
operating
End Stations

offering
+800000
h/year

Associate: SESAME (Jordan)
Partners: ESUO, LENS, CLS

19 facilities - 16 institutions - 10 countries





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Vision

A world where European science is a **catalyst for solving global challenges**, a key driver for competitiveness and a compelling force for **closer integration and peace** through scientific collaboration.

Mission

LEAPS use **the power of its combined voice** to ensure that member light source facilities continue to be world - leading, to act as a powerful tool for the development and integration of skills with a view to address 21st century global challenges, and to consolidate Europe's leadership in the field.

*World
leadership in
technologies*

At the front end of synchrotrons and FELs technologies

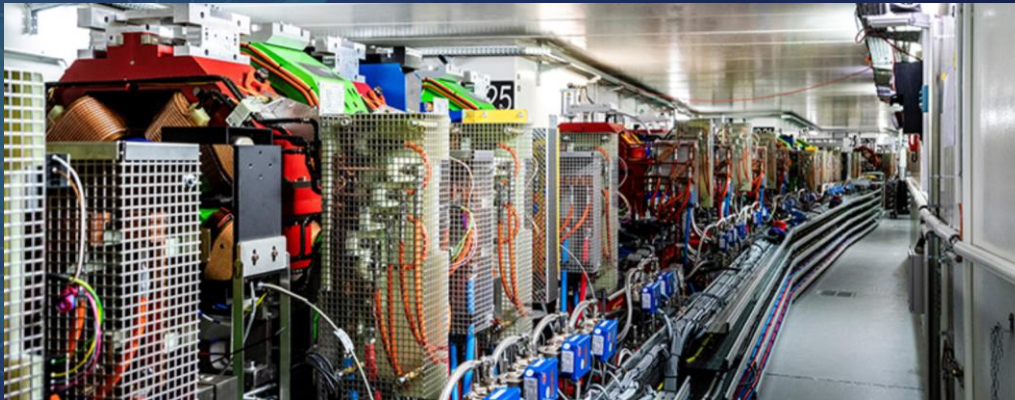
MaX IV, the first 4th gen Synchrotron



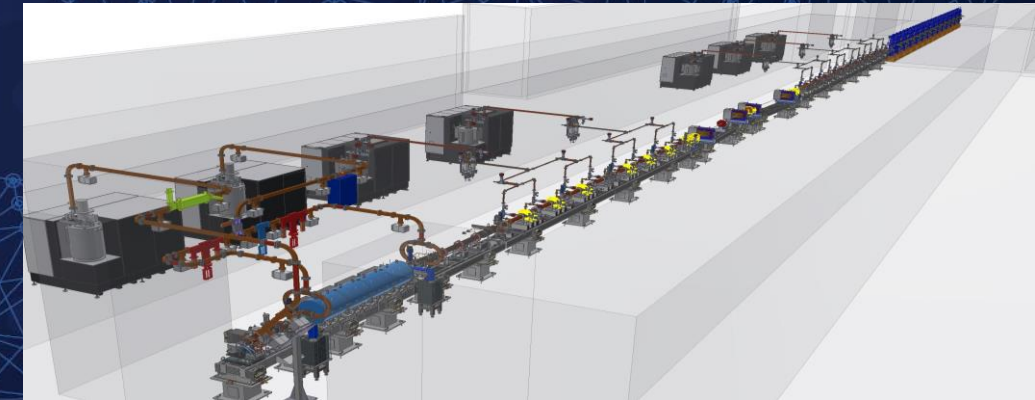
EuXFEL the highest energy FEL



ESRF-EBS, the first upgraded from 3rd to 4th



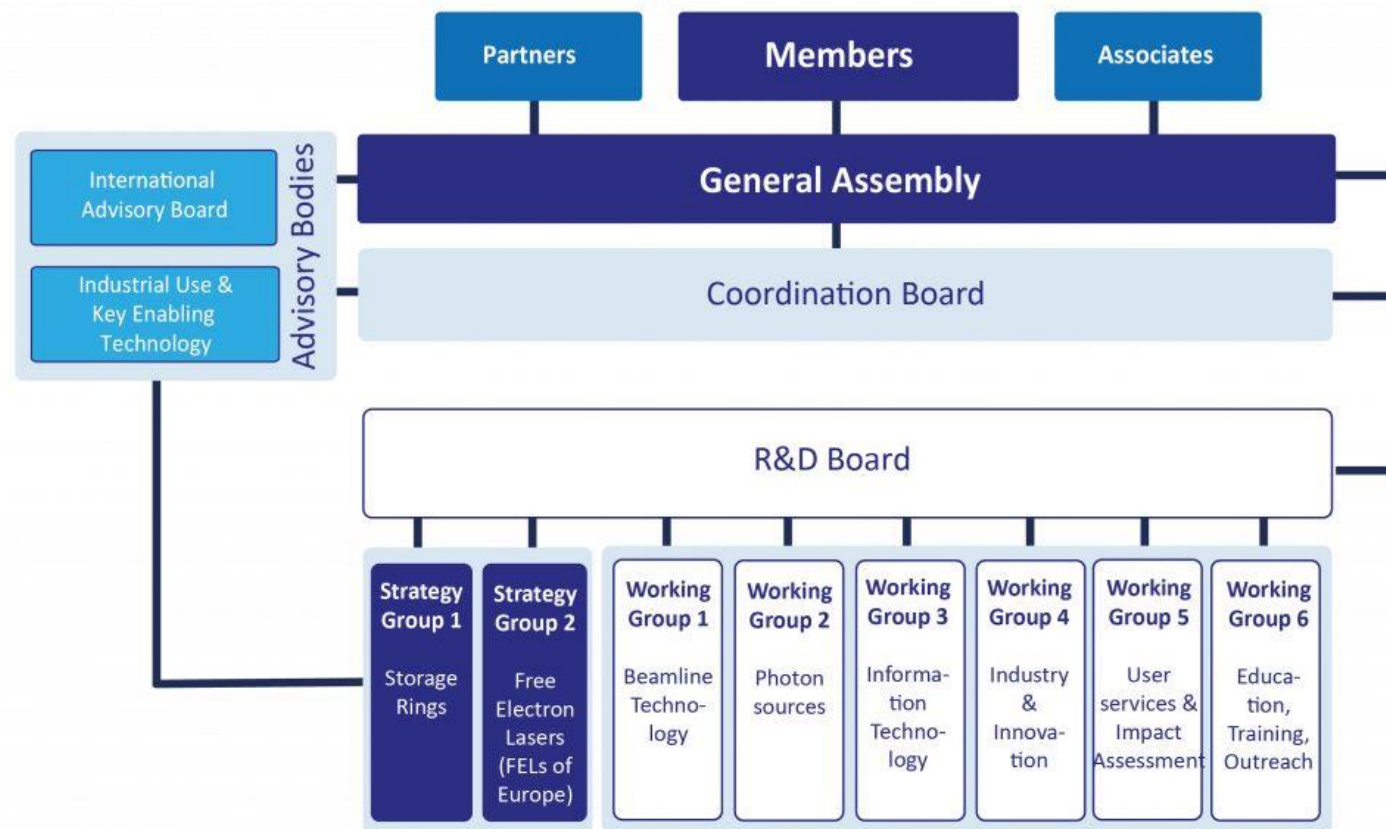
EuPRAXIA - in construction, LNF



Its example followed all over the world. @ LEAPS:
Alba, BESSY II, Diamond, Elettra, Petra III, Soleil, SLS

the 1st plasma acceleration based FEL facility, based
on H2020 EU design study

LEAPS organization



LEAPS chairs

(Present/past/incoming)

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Caterina Biscari (ALBA)
Helmut Dosch (DESY)
Lenny Rivkin (PSI)

Coordination Board

Gastón García (CMAM-UAM)
Rafael Abela (PSI)
Ute Krell (DESY)

TASK FORCES

- ESUO
- IDEA- Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Anti-discrimination
- Internal project funding
- LEAPS positioning on the ERA
- Strategic Access

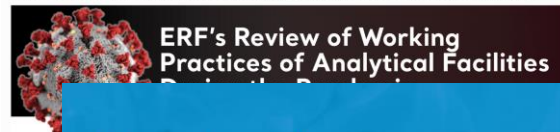
LEAPS, providing solutions for the pandemic

*Dedicated **fast track access mode** on almost all LEAPS facilities, addressed to Academy and Industry from the very first moment, compatibly with each country pandemic conditions*

See Tim Salditt and Dave Stuart talks, in today Session 2



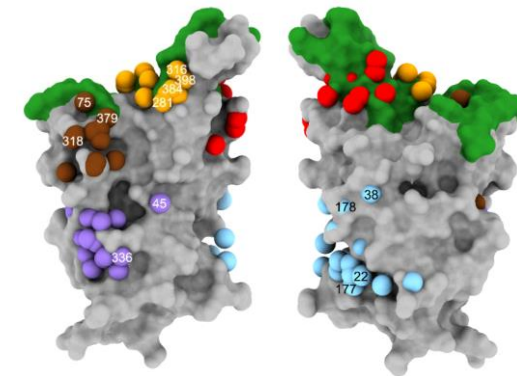
ERF's Review of Working Practices of Analytical Facilities During the Pandemic



We endorse the
**MANIFESTO FOR
EU COVID-19 RESEARCH**
Maximising the
Accessibility of research
results in the fight
against COVID-19

Research at
LEAPS facilities
fighting COVID-19

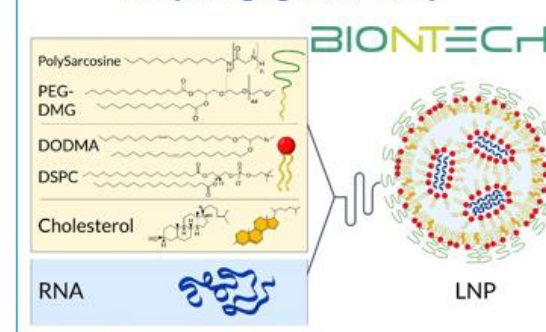
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Academy

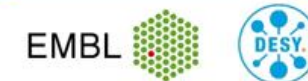
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cell.2021.02.032>

RNA packaging and delivery



Industry

*Developing the new
generation of mRNA
vaccines with enhanced
transfection efficiency
and overall effectiveness
of the vaccine.*



<https://leaps-initiative.eu/leaps-and-covid-19-one-year-later/>

LEAPS, providing solutions for facility operation in the pandemic and bridging it to the future

Safety first

Teleworking conditions ensured for all staff

Operation with safe conditions, closing when unavoidable

Beam availability and mean time to recover had not been significantly affected by the pandemic.

From WOP (Workshop on Operation for Facilities)
Control rooms the safest place in each facility
Able to operate whenever the national rules in each country allowed for it.

Developing on the fly operation modes
New user services for substituting user presence at facilities

Remote operation will stay, combined with **digital twinning** and **AI** to enable more efficiency and resilient operation of our facilities

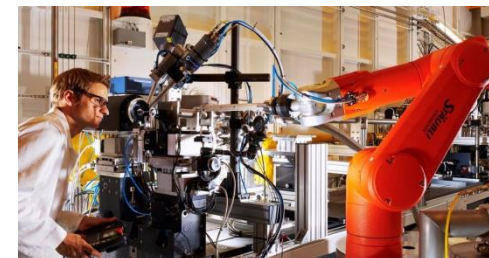
Remote access

Mail-in sample

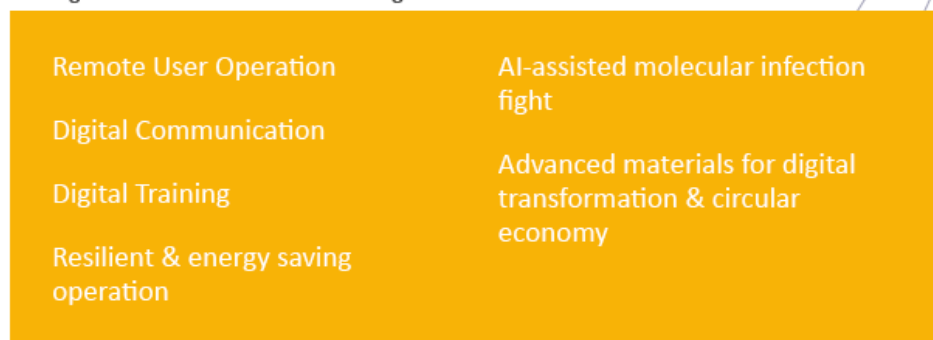
See DIGITAL LEAPS

Digital LEAPS

From 2020 idea to 2021 pillar proposals



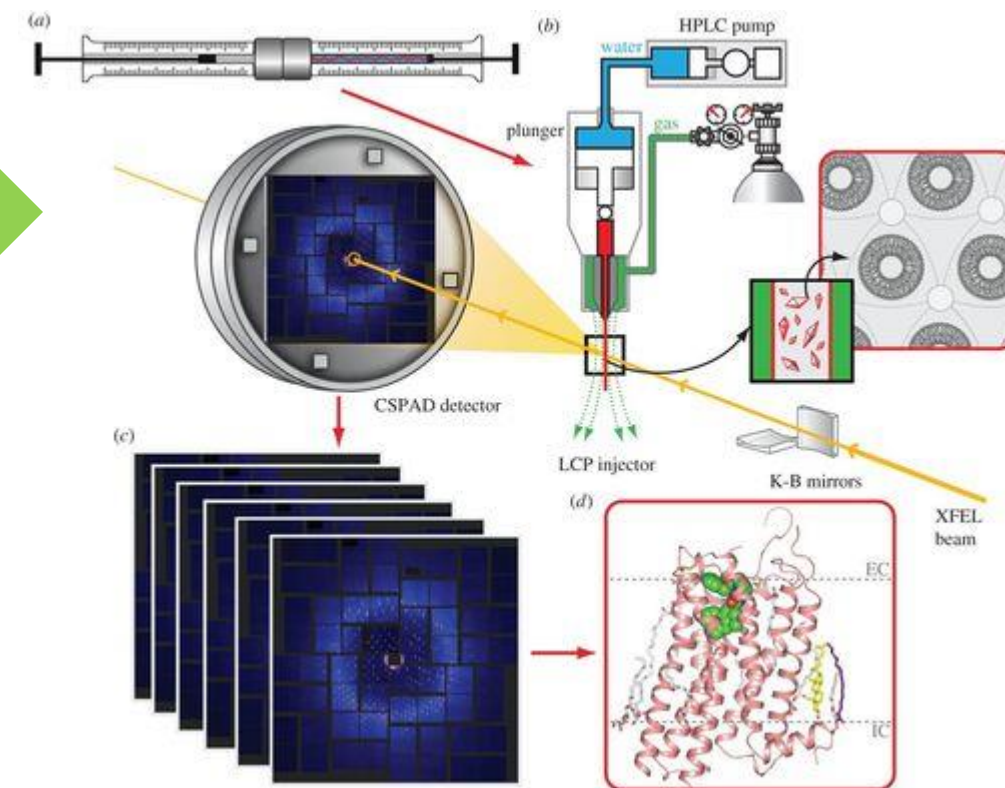
Strategic elements for a transition to a green DIGITAL LEAPS



DIGITAL LEAPS pillars



Impact to ERA and societal challenges



Users
Training
Green
operation

See next talk by Michele Svandrlik



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example

LEAPS High-impact on INDUSTRIAL developments for the societal challenges

Light Source **infrastructures** are ideal tools for **industrial battery** research and innovation

*Exceptionally high-level engagement with battery stakeholders
directly and via European funded programs across the LEAPS facilities (some highlights are shown)*

LONG-TERM COMMITMENT



Co-sited high-end analytical microscopes at **Diamond** and co-funded three positions with each of the large scale facilities at Harwell, increasing collaboration

JOINT RESEARCH



“InnovaXN” Marie Skłodowska Curie PhD program at **ESRF** and ILL has many battery related projects including two driven by Umicore and Johnson Matthey

FACILITY EXPLOITATION



Using **ALBA** beamlines for advanced characterization of new cathode materials for new generation efficient batteries

EUROPEAN FUNDING



Strategic engagement with battery stakeholders and industry actors at European level partnerships and applied research programs for challenge-driven research

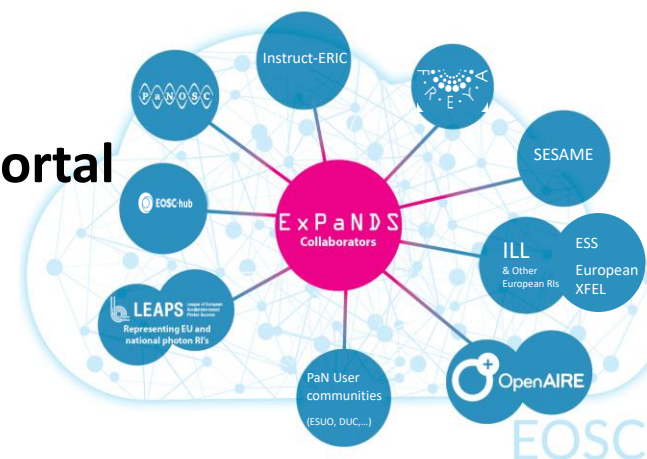
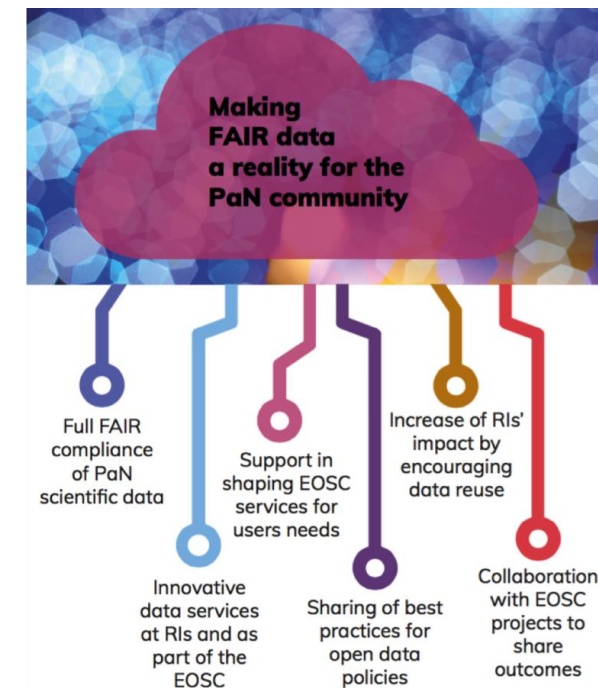




LEAPS and its data

PaNOSC and ExPaNDS – on going projects (H2020) with large participation from LEAPS (and LENS) members

- ✓ **Most of the LEAPS facilities have interest in adopting the outcomes and many are already being adopted**
- ✓ **More useful tools: FAIR data policy, DMPs, Nexus HDF5, DOIs and Open data portal**
- ✓ **Debating details on common open data portal**



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See Andy Gotz and Patrick Furhmann talks, in today Session 2



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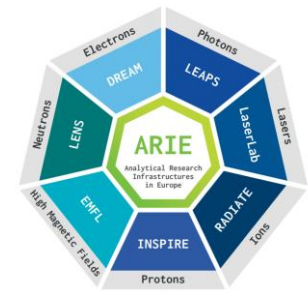


ARIE, boosting complementarity of European Analytical RIs

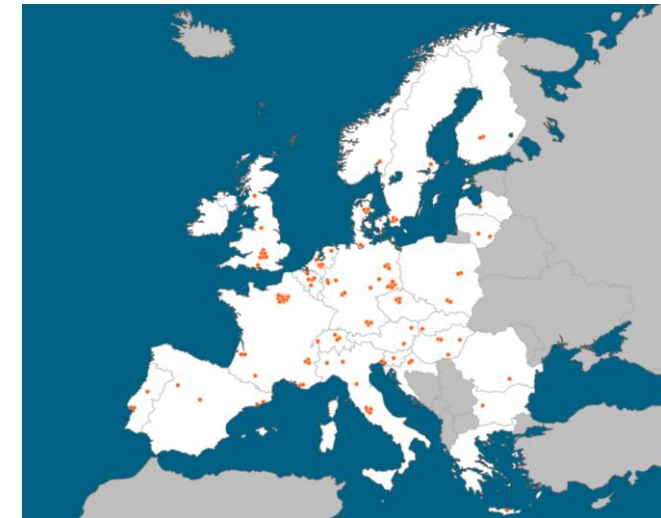
- Seven networks
- Enhanced communication among facilities
- Optimizing the RI answers to EC calls opportunities
- Preparing to open combined user platforms
- Further developing the existing collaborations

ARIE Board

Caterina Biscari (LEAPS)
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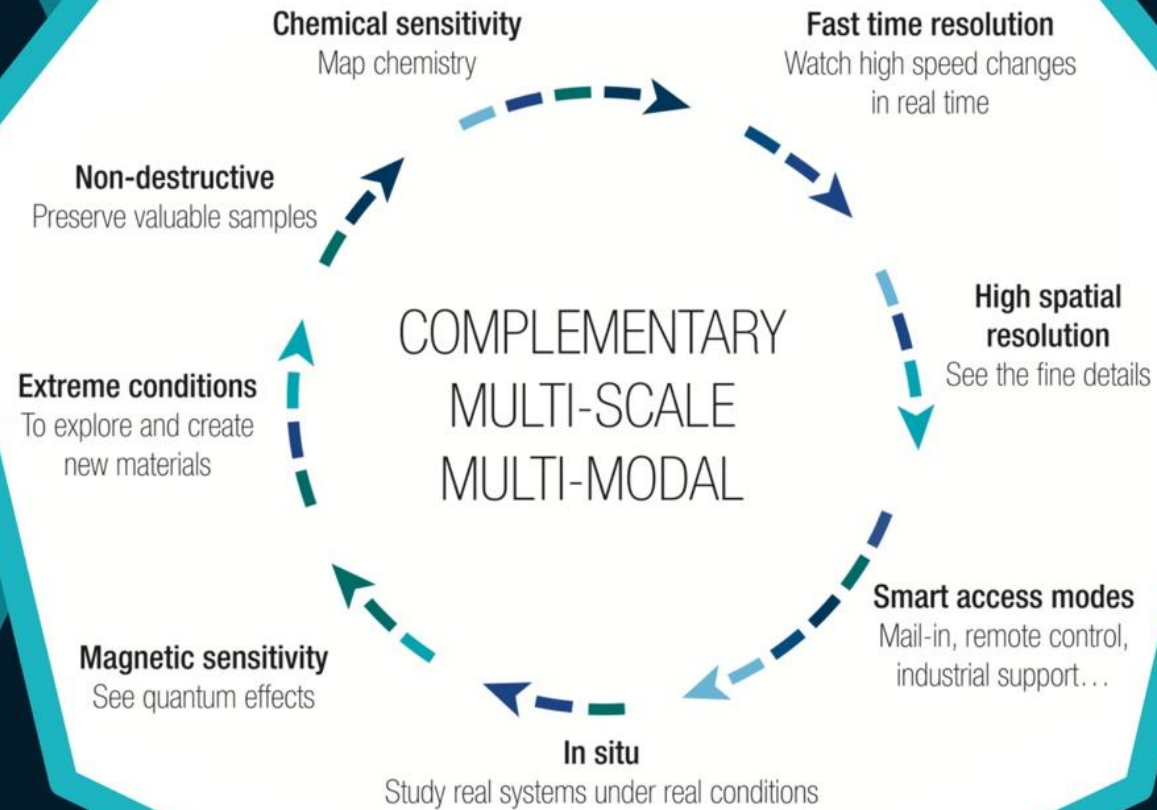
More than 120 European RIs



**Complementary
Multi-scale
Multi-modal**



ARIE's complementary characterisation capabilities provide a unique vision into materials and living matter



LEAPS-INNOV

Open innovation for accelerator-based light sources in Europe

Learn More

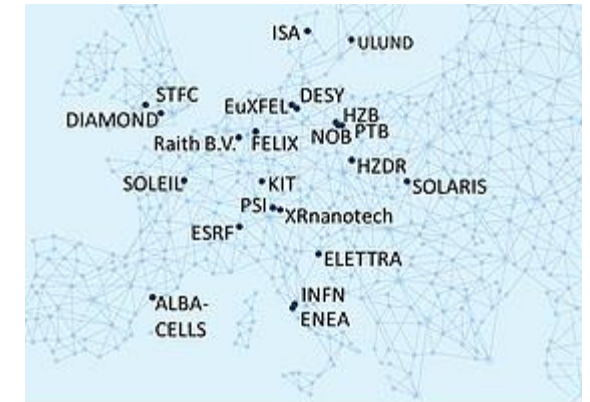
WPs

- Project Management and Dissemination
- Development of High Throughput X-ray Spectroscopy Detector System
- SuperFlat, mirrors and grating substrates
- NeXtgrating, diffraction gratings
- New positioning and scanning systems for speed and accuracy
- LIDs, Insertion Devices
- Data Reduction and Compression
- Industrial Innovation through Light Sources
- Innovation by Co-creation towards Global Challenges

Budget: 10m €, add. 8.3m € own contr.

Timeline: 4 years (Apr 1, 2021 – Mar 31, 2025)

Coordinator: DESY



To develop a
LEAPS strategy
for sustainable
industry partnership

Kick-off annual meeting f2f
Barcelona 3-5 May 2022



This project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under grant agreement No. 101004728

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Contributing to HE programs

Proposals presented by consortia which include

- LEAPS
- LEAPS + some ARIE Network
- LEAPS + all ARIE Networks and Industries

- INFRA-2021-SERV-01-04
- INFRA-2021-TECH-01-01
- INFRA-2021-DEV-01-03



Preparing the technological
development proposals for
INFRA-2022-Tech-01-01

ESUO News

from Ullrich Pietsch, Cormac McGuinness (former and new ESUO chairs)

Nov 2020: ESUO as LEAPS Strategic Partner

Nov 2020: ESUO Statutes approved

July 2021: ESUO as a legal entity, AISBL

Some preliminary answer (only few hundreds users). In the absence of TNA will you still be able to visit synchrotron and FEL facilities if in receipt of granted beamtime? Only 10% sees no impact

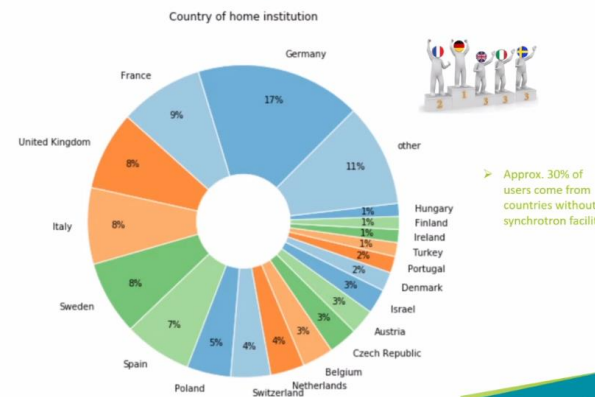
- Participation in all LEAPS WGs, with special attention to WG5, WG6
- Strategic lines for future activities → strong focus on continuation of TNA
- Review of the CALIPSOplus final meeting last week → discussion of new options to continue TNA
- First review on ESUO questionnaire about *Possible impacts of the absence of TNA funding support for the user community* → extended deadline for feedback until Feb 2022

Handover of the ESUO chair on
16th ESUO GA - 18 & 19 Oct 2021



TNA Overview in CALIPSOplus on going

Periodic Report 2: Researchers benefiting from TNA



➤ Approx. 30% of users come from countries without a synchrotron facility

All countries profit from TNA



ESUO
EUROPEAN
SYNCHROTRON
AND FEL USER
ORGANISATION

LEAPS Declaration

LEAPS aims at supporting TNA on the basis of science-topic-specific HE calls:

6) Contribute to finding solutions to the Grand Challenges of our societies in Europe and on a world level by strategic cooperation with academic and industrial actors in research projects of high relevance and impact, by opening LEAPS infrastructures for strategic access to large projects and research consortia based on peer-reviewed long-term proposals, guaranteeing highest standards of scientific excellence and compliance with the beamtime access procedures and availability at the concerned LEAPS facilities.

On-going: Defining the process

Visit <https://leaps-initiative.eu/about/leaps-documents/>

The LEAPS Consortium thus aims to:

- 1) Encourage and facilitate discussion and exchange among its members on issues relevant to the shaping of future science and technology at accelerator-based light sources in a worldwide perspective, and involving as required other organisations which develop enabling technologies for SR and FEL user facilities.
- 2) Promote a collective strategy across European facilities.
- 3) Exchange with stakeholders and organisations such as the European Commission in all matters relevant to the development and sustainability of SR and FEL user facilities, with the objective of informing and shaping future policies.
- 4) Engage with current and new user communities to discuss their respective needs, with the impact of SR and FEL user facilities in the EU and associated countries and the developments required in order to address the scientific and societal challenges of the future.
- 8) Develop and periodically update roadmaps and action plans for key technologies.
- 9) Promote:
 - The standardisation of access procedures in the spirit of the [European Charter for Access to Research Infrastructures](#)¹;

2021: LEAPS IDEA - Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Antidiscrimination a toolbox of best practices at LEAPS facilities

LEAPS IDEA

LEAPS Statement on Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Anti-discrimination (IDEA)

The League of European Accelerator-based Photon Sources (LEAPS) brings together Synchrotron Radiation and Free Electron Laser user facilities in Europe in a strategic consortium that aims to actively and constructively ensure and promote the quality and impact of fundamental, applied and industrial research



LEAPS IDEA #1



May is European
Diversity Month



As a European consortium focusing on scientific excellence, LEAPS is committed to strengthening diversity and is acutely aware of owing its success to the talents, ideas, cooperation, and collective and complementary collaboration of its scientists. The ingredients to this success are respect and fairness, appreciation and openness. Ensuring equity and achieving an inclusive environment, free from discrimination at all levels, is LEAPS's responsibility.

individuals informed by their own experience, circumstances, unconscious biases and greater society.

In order to achieve the goals of inclusion, diversity, equity and anti-discrimination, it is our commitment to provide a range of specific tools, tailored to each of the LEAPS facilities, making them the ideal location for large international, interdisciplinary and intermixed teams to thrive and achieve their highest potential.



Seminar at the 4th LEAPS Plenary Meeting (21 - Oct 2021)

12:40 - 13:30

Seminar promoted by the LEAPS-IDEA TF

Chair: H. Dosch (DESY, LEAPS vice chair)

12:40

The Science of Inclusion

S. Estradé (IN2UB and iiEDG, U. Barcelona)

Visit <https://leaps-initiative.eu/leaps-idea/>



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LEAPS Conference

1st event on May 2022

Originally organized in 2020, postponed two years looking forward to a f2f meeting at ELBA



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LEAPS meets Quantum Technology

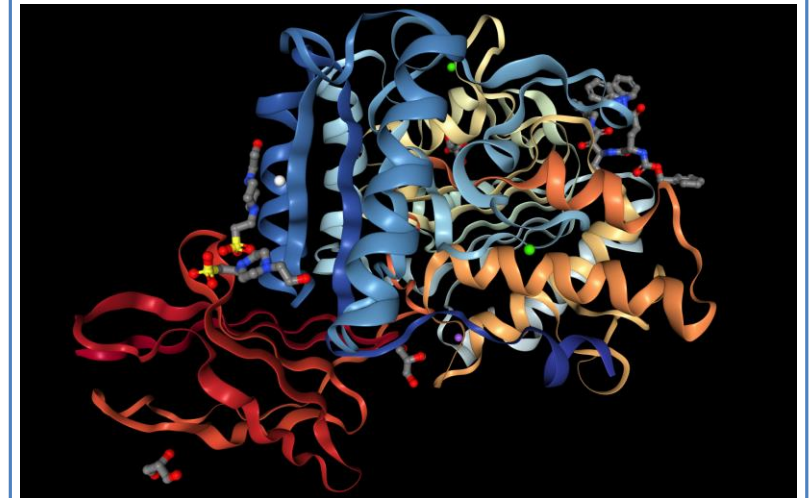
15-21 mayo 2022
Hotel Hermitage, La Biodola Bay, Elba Island, Italy
Europe/Rome timezone



<https://agenda.infn.it/event/19730/>

2nd event in 2023

***LEAPS meets emerging
challenges in Life Sciences***



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European LEAPS Strategy for new ERA

- LEAPS is the sum of great national and international facilities
- LEAPS provides a forum for growing together in a **concerted commitment** serving the European Research Area
- LEAPS **Landscape** is in fast **evolution** thanks to technical advancements, digitalization, open data and open science
- **European industry** needs LEAPS for its competitiveness to develop
- **All Member States researchers** benefit from LEAPS instruments
- Panel today devoted to LEAPS Strategy for new ERA
- 2022: European LEAPS Strategy for new ERA



See panel later in the morning

From yesterday internal session of the Plenary Meeting

SG and WG reports Impressive momentum

Activities contributing to EC programs

- Executing grants, and expanding their reach
- Presented proposals, waiting for evaluation
- Preparing projects for applying to new calls
- Including ARIE networks

Activities aiming at even better service to users

- Common user platforms
- Common data platforms
- Introducing the LEAPS Identity concept for users
- Including ARIE networks

Preparing Internal Projects

- Technological challenges
- Fully advanced concepts

Industry contributing to activities

- As partners in projects
- As users of innovation malls

Hundreds of people involved
Many more needed

(i.e. see DIGITAL LEAPS)

Wednesday, October 20th LEAPS internal

9:00 - 9:20	All LEAPS members	Chair: C. Biscari (ALBA, LEAPS chair)
9:00	Welcome message	C. Biscari (ALBA, LEAPS chair)
9:05	Brief overview of RDB activities in 2021	M. Svandriik (ELETTRA, LEAPS RDB chair)
9:20 - 10:40	Parallel working meetings of SGs and WGs	Chair: Spokesperson of each group
10:40 - 10:45	Break	
10:45 - 11:40	Reports by SGs and WGs spokesperson on ongoing and future activities (5 min each)	Chair: L. Rivkin (PSI, LEAPS vice chair)
11:45 - 11:55	Break	
11:55 - 12:40	Panel discussion on SGs and WGs future activities	Moderator: G. Garcia (CMAM/ALBA, LEAPS CB chair) Panelists: A. Taleb (SOLEIL, LEAPS SG1) C. Blasetti (ELETTRA, LEAPS WGS) D. Spruce (MAX IV, LEAPS WG3) L. Rivkin (PSI, LEAPS vice chair) M. Calvi (PSI, LEAPS WG2) M. Svandriik (ELETTRA, LEAPS RDB chair)
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12:40	The Science of Inclusion	S. Estradé (IN2UB and iEDG, U. Barcelona)
13:25 - 13:30	Closing remarks	C. Biscari (ALBA, LEAPS chair)



**Transforming the challenges of the last
period in opportunities for a brighter
future**



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“The strength of LEAPS lies in its staff and users, hailing from all European countries, beyond those which host the facilities.”

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Tool for
European
inclusiveness

