

- There is a ->**Informal** ministerial-level ET discussion group -> co-chaired by Aldo Covello & Jeannette Ridder
- Update “formal” status of this informal group only after publication ESFRI Roadmap 2021
- Informal discussions with leadership ET-project [chapter 4 ESFRI Application] may start January 2021
- There is the **possibility** that this informal group would like to discuss with the ET-leadership the following questions :
- No. 1-> Assuming governments give at a certain moment green light for the start of the construction of ET , a project organization has to be in place. What is the present status of your views on the governance and project organization for the construction phase and the preparation of this phase ?

- No.2->How does the ET project prepare itself for submitting an application for Preparatory Phase funds , the definition of Workpackages ,support from national ministries , etc. ?
- No.3 -> What are the views of the leadership of the ET project on a efficient , fair and effective site selection procedure ? Accepting the fact that the final site selection is a matter for the governments involved.

- Remark triggered by question no. 1 :
- The governments will demand a governance structure and project organization that can deliver :
 - 1- an ET conform technical specifications
 - 2- within the financial budget
 - 3- according to the time schedule

Are the present proposals –[agenda item 4]- convincing enough ? The governance structure for the operational phase may be determined later.

Will groups in our EU-region community be able to start formulating draft-answers to these 3 questions as preparation for discussions in the broader ET-community?? Compositions of groups?

Assuming “ET is located in EU-region M&R” a formal Cooperation Agreement between our institutes will be demanded . Can we already start working on the main content of such an Agreement ?