

# APPEC Report

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# What is APPEC?



## Astroparticle Physics European Consortium

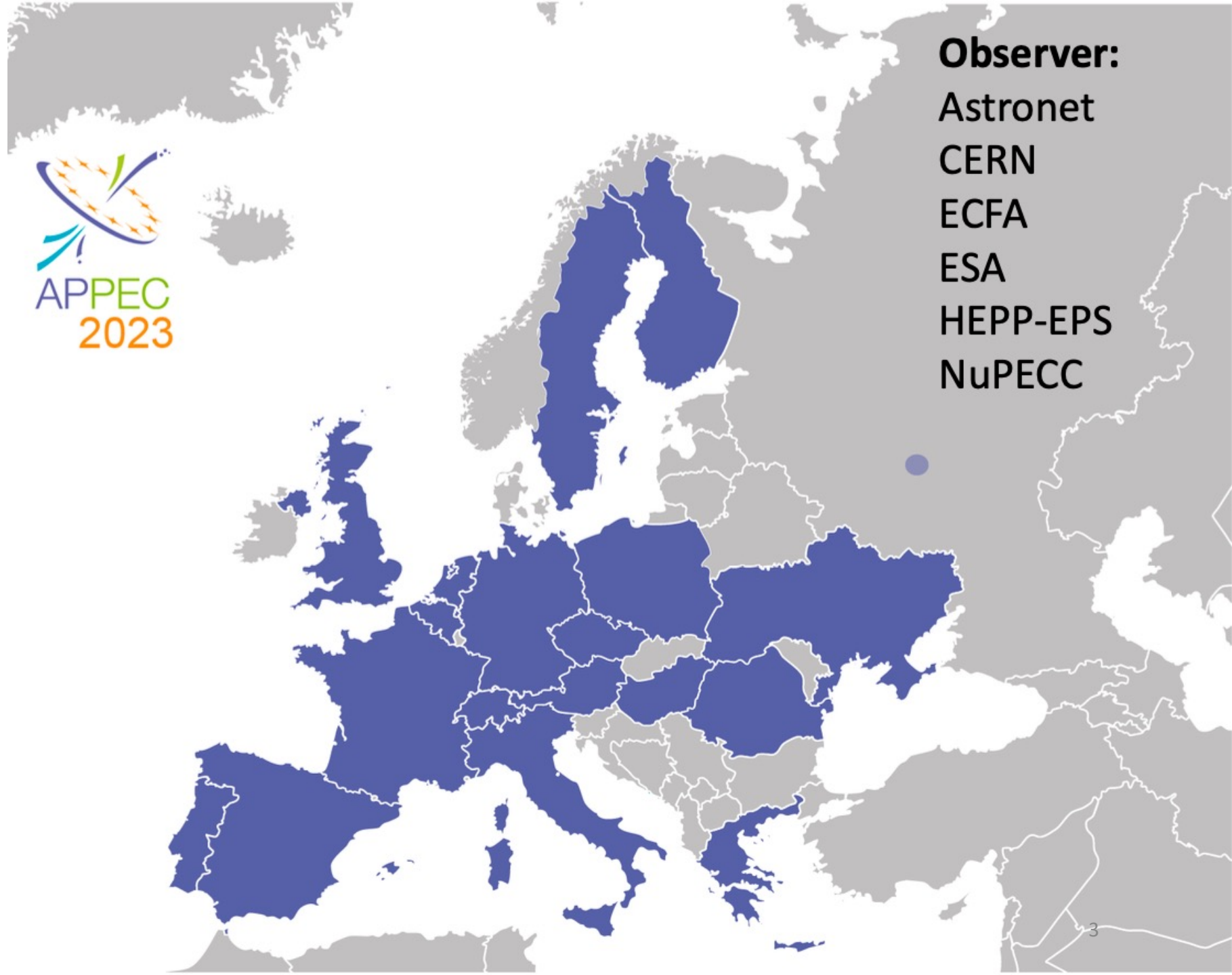
APPEC brings together funding agencies, governmental institutions and institutes from European countries, responsible for coordinating and funding national research efforts in astroparticle physics.

- *What is Dark Matter?*
- *What is Dark Energy?*
- *What caused our Universe to become dominated by matter and not anti-matter?*
- *Can we probe deeper into the earliest phases of our Universe's existence?*
- *What are the properties of neutrinos?*
- *Can we identify the sources of high-energy neutrinos?*
- *What is the origin of cosmic rays?*
- *Do protons decay?*
- *What do gravitational waves tell us about General Relativity and cosmology?*
- *What will multi-messenger astronomy teach us?*

# Member Countries



**Observer:**  
Astronet  
CERN  
ECFA  
ESA  
HEPP-EPSC  
NuPECC



# APPEC Consortium

CAMK: Nicolaus Copernicus Astronomical Center of the Polish Academy of Sciences, Poland

CEA: Commissariat à l'énergie atomique et aux énergies alternatives, France

CNRS: Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, France

DESY: Deutsches Elektronen-Synchrotron, Germany

FRS-FNRS: Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique – FNRS, Belgium

FWO: Fonds Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek, Belgium

FCT: Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia, Portugal

HIP: Helsinki Institute of Physics, Finland

IEAP-CTU: Institute of Experimental and Applied Physics, Czech Republic

IFIN-HH: Horia Hulubei National Institute of Physics & Nuclear Engineering, Romania

INFN: Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare, Italy

KIT: Karlsruher Institut für Technologie, Germany

LSC: Laboratorio Subterráneo de Canfranc, Spain

NASU: National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, Ukraine

NOA: National Observatory of Athens, Greece

NWO: The Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research, Netherlands

ÖAW: Austrian Academy of Sciences, Austria

SNF: Schweizerische Nationalfonds, Switzerland

STFC: Science & Technology Facilities Council, United Kingdom

**VR: Vetenskapsrådet Swedish Research Council, Sweden**

Wigner RCP: Wigner Research Center for Physics, Hungary

JINR: Joint Institute for Nuclear Research, Dubna, Russia (suspended)



# Structure

The organisational structure of APPEC consists of the following three bodies:

The General Assembly (GA) - the strategic and decision-making supervisory body.

- \* Andreas Haungs, KIT, chair
- ~ 25 members
- \* [Sweden: Matthias Marklund, VR](#)

The Joint Secretariat (JS) - the executive body chaired by the General Secretary.

- \* Katharina Henjes-Kunst, DESY, General Secretary
- \* Representatives from the six “functional centers”: APC (France), DESY (Germany), INFN/EGO (Italy), Nikhef/NWO (Netherlands), KIT (Germany), Canfranc (Spain). (No Swedish member of JS)

The Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) - the advisory body

# APPEC-SAC

## Scientific Advisory Committee

Sijbrand de Jong (chair)	Cosmic Rays
Silvia Pascoli (vice chair)	Neutrino Properties
Laura Baudis	Dark Matter
Marica Branchesi	Gravitational Waves
Paula Chadwick	High Energy Photons
Karsten Danzmann	Gravitational Waves
<a href="#">Chad Finley</a>	<a href="#">High Energy Neutrinos</a>
Ken Ganga	Dark Energy
Maarten de Jong	High Energy Neutrinos
Ofer Lahav	Dark Energy
Manfred Lindner	Theory
Sotiris Loucatos	Cosmology CMB
Jocelyn Monroe	Dark Matter
Marco Pallavicini	Neutrino Properties
Sergey Troitsky	Theory
Licia Verde	Cosmology CMB
Christian Weinheimer	Neutrino Mass

# European Astroparticle Physics Strategy Document 2017-2026

Apart from promoting cooperation and coordination, a crucial APPEC activity is to formulate, update and realise the European astroparticle physics strategy and roadmap process. The APPEC Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) provided valuable contributions to the scientific part of the roadmap, followed by contributions from the agencies. In April 2016 the APPEC General Assembly, in close cooperation with the SAC, organised a very well-attended and animated two-day Town Meeting in Paris open to the entire astroparticle physics community. This provided the key ingredients that culminated in **the 21 recommendations presented in this strategy document, endorsed by the astroparticle community** – recommendations addressing, in addition to the scientific issues, crucial organisational aspects as well as important societal issues such as gender balance, education, public outreach and relations with industry. The APPEC General Assembly unanimously approved them at its meeting in Stockholm in November 2016. By acting coherently on these recommendations, Europe will be able to exploit fully the tantalising potential for new discoveries that is highlighted in the second part of this document.



# Midterm Update to Strategy Document

- Field developed rapidly just as strategy document completed
- Process to provide midterm update began by APPEC-SAC in 2020
- Public [draft](#) released in Fall 2021 for community feedback
- Review + feedback => lively Town Meeting in Berlin 2022 June 9-10
- SAC prepared Strategy Update Document for GA in Fall 2022
- Final document to be approved at GA meeting Warsaw June 28-29, 2023





Midterm Strategy  
Recommendations for:

SCIENCE

High-Energy Gamma Rays  
High-Energy Neutrinos  
High-Energy Cosmic Rays  
Gravitational Waves  
WIMP Dark Matter  
Axions, ALPs and other non-WIMP Dark Matter  
Neutrino Mass and Nature  
Neutrino Mixing and Mass Ordering  
Cosmic Microwave Background  
Dark Energy  
Multi-messenger Astroparticle Physics  
Theory  
Detector R&D  
Computing and Data Policies

CONNECTING TO SOCIETY

Ecological Impact  
Societal Impact  
Open Science and Citizen Science

ORGANISATION

Human Talent Management  
Central Infrastructures  
European and Global Cooperation  
Interdisciplinary Opportunities  
Resources