

# Status of the Project

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- 1) General information
- 2) Significant events since the last STRONG-2020 Annual meeting (October 2020)
- 3) Second Amendment and main modifications to be introduced
- 4) Third Amendment to be prepared
- 5) Some future actions before the next Annual meeting

Project duration: from 1 June 2019 to 31 May 2023 (initial)

Total Budget: 10 M €

## 32 Work Packages (WPs):

- **MAN:** Management and Coordination
- **DISCO:** Dissemination and Communication
- 7 Transnational Access Research Infrastructures (**TA**)
- 2 Virtual Infrastructures (**VA**)

Experimental /Theoretical /Instrumentation Activities:

- 7 Networking Activities (**NA**)
- 14 Joint Research Activities (**JRA**)



Web site: <http://www.strong-2020.eu/>

# Consortium Agreement

- 45 participating institutions (beneficiaries) in
- 16 countries:
- Austria, Belgium, Switzerland, Germany, Spain, Finland, France, Croatia, Ireland, Italy, Montenegro, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Sweden, United Kingdom
- Location details can be found on [online Google map](#)
- 134 other Involved Institutions (not receiving EU funding)



## Research infrastructures:

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### Transnational Access

TA1-COSY Dieter Grzonka (Julich)

TA2-MAMI Achim Denig (Mainz)

TA3-LNF Catalina Curceanu/Carlo Guaraldo  
(INFN, Frascati)

TA4-FTD/ELSA Hartmut Schmieden (Bonn)

TA5-GSI Yvonne Leifels (GSI, Darmstadt)

TA6-ECT\* Gert Aarts (Trento)

TA7-CERN David d'Enterria (CERN, Geneva)

### Virtual Access

VA1-NLOAccess Jean-Philippe Lansberg  
(CNRS, Orsay)

VA2-3DPartons Hervé Moutard (CEA, Saclay)

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**Hadron Physics:**

**JRA7-HaSP** Marco Battaglieri (INFN, Genova), Juan Nieves (UVEG, Valencia)

**NA1-FAIRnet** Fritz-Herbert Heinsius (RUB, Bochum)

**NA5-THEIA** Josef Pochodzalla (UMainz)

**NA6-LatticeHadrons** Michael Peardon (TCD, Dublin)

**Precision Physics:**

**NA4-PREN** Dominique Marchand (CNRS, Orsay), Randolph Pohl (UMainz)

**JRA3-PrecisionSM** Mikhail Gorshteyn (UMainz), Andrzej Kupsc (University of Uppsala)

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## Heavy Ions:

**JRA1-LHC-Combine** Raphaël Granier de Cassagnac (CNRS, Palaiseau)

**JRA2-FTE@LHC** Cynthia Hadjidakis (CNRS, Orsay), Pasquale Di Nezza (INFN, Frascati)

**NA3-Jet-QGP** Marco van Leeuwen (Nikhef, Amsterdam), Guilherme Milano (LIP, Lisbon)

**NA7-Hf-QGP** Joerg Aichelin (CNRS, Nantes), Giuseppe Bruno (INFN, Bari)

## GPD/TMD/PDFs:

**JRA4-TMD-neXt** Alessandro Bacchetta (INFN, Pavia)

**JRA5-GPD-ACT** Silvia Niccolai (CNRS, Orsay), Kresimir Kumericki (UNIZG, Zagreb)

**JRA6-Next-DIS** Daria Sokhan (UGlasgow), Francesco Bossu (CEA, Orsay)

**NA2-Small-x** Néstor Armesto (USC, Santiago de Compostela), Tuomas Lappi (JYU, Jyväskylä)

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**Instrumentation activities:**

**JRA8-ASTRA** Johann Zmeskal (OeAW, Vienna)

**JRA9-TIIMM** Eleuterio Spiriti (INFN, Frascati)

**JRA10-CryPTA** Hartmut Dutz (UBO, Bonn)

**JRA11-CRYOJET** Alfons Khoukaz (WWU, Münster)

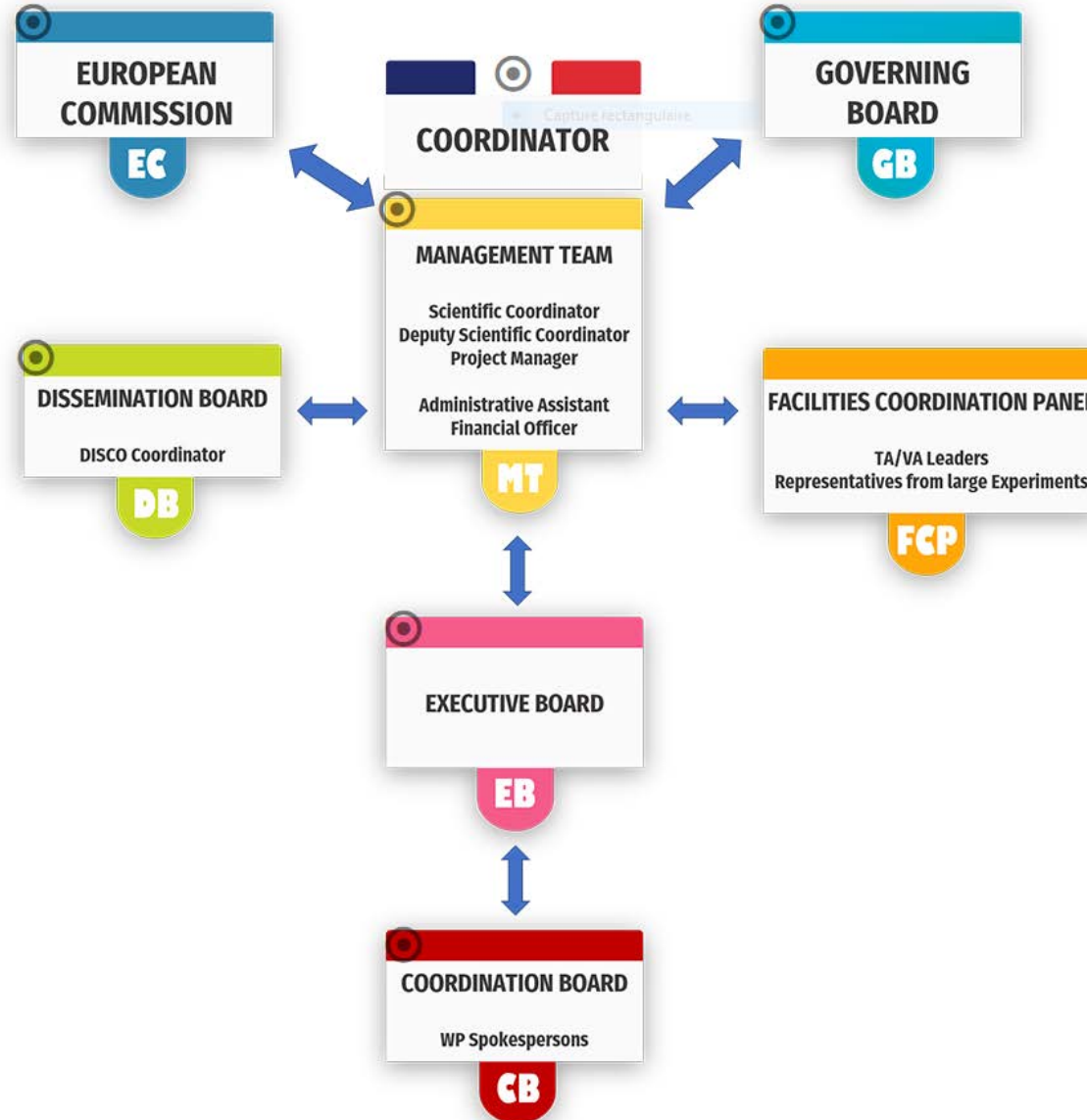
**JRA12-SpinForFAIR** Paolo Lenisa (INFN, Frascati)

**JRA13-P3E** Eric Voutier (CNRS, Orsay)

**JRA14-MPGD\_HP** Bernhard Ketzer (UBO, Bonn), Fulvio Tessarotto (INFN, Frascati)



# Management structure



## Management team

- **Scientific Coordinator:**
  - Barbara ERAZMUS
- **Deputy Scientific Coordinator:**
  - Carlo GUARALDO
- **Project Manager:**
  - Emine AMETSHAEVA

## Executive Board

- Barbara ERAZMUS
- Carlo GUARALDO
- Boris HIPPOLYTE
- Chiara LA TESSA
- Frank MAAS
- Franck SABATIÉ
- Carlos SALGADO
- Laura TOLOS

## Governing Board

- **Chairperson:**
  - Elena GONZALES FERREIRO
- [The complete lists of members](#)

## Facility Coordination Panel

- **Chaired by Scientific Coordinator**
  - Dieter GRZONKA
  - Achim DENIG
  - Catalina CURCEANU
  - Hartmut SCHMIEDEN
  - Yvonne LEIFELS
  - Gert AARTS
  - David D'ENTERRIA
  - Jean-Philippe LANSBERG
  - Hervé MOUTARDE

# Some important events:



## **First Amendment**

The Amendment was accepted on November 18, 2020

## **Change of managing agency**

Starting April 1, 2021, the management of the project is transferred to REA

## **New Project Officer (PO)**

Following the change of managing agency, a new PO was assigned

## **First Periodic Report**

The report was approved and all costs were accepted on June 25, 2021

## **Request of the Second Amendment**

Amendment request was launched on August 13, 2021, it is currently under study



## First Amendment

- The Amendment was launched on September 14, 2020
- Main modifications:
  - addition of a new beneficiary (AGH UST)
  - addition of third parties (for UPV/EHU and FBK)
  - some financial transfers
  - structural changes in WP19 (JRA1-LHCCombine)
- The Amendment was accepted by the EU and entered into force on November 18, 2020



### **Change of managing agency**

- With the Implementing Decision of February 12, 2021, the European Commission has created six new European Executive Agencies
- The administrative management of the STRONG-2020 project was transferred to the European Research Executive Agency (EREA, former REA)



### **New Project Officer (PO)**

- A new PO, Simona Misiti, was appointed as a result of the EU re-organization of agencies. She supervised the project from April to September 2021.
- Starting September 2021, Flavius Pana becomes the new PO.



## First Periodic Report

**Starting  
December 1,  
2020**

- Periodic Report module opened in the Participant Portal
- Management team prepared the narrative part of the Report
- Beneficiaries completed their own Financial Statements in the Portal

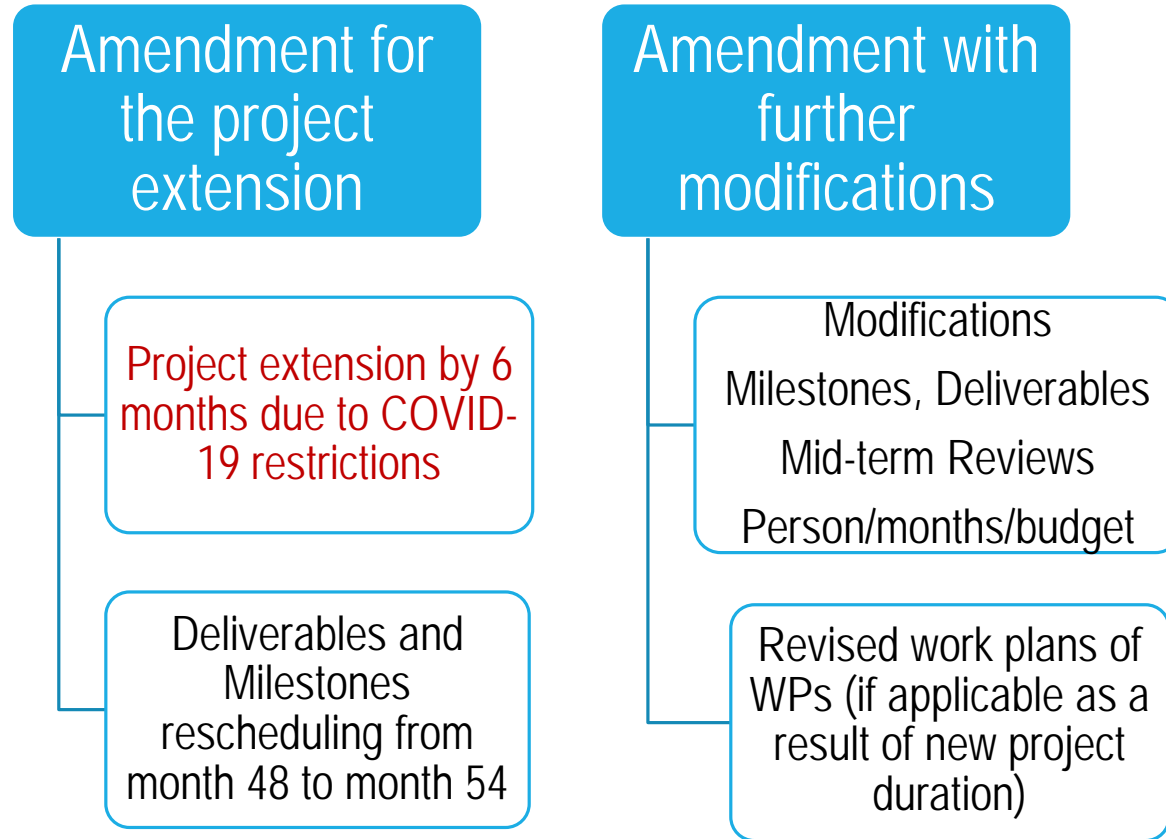
**February-  
March 2021**

- After the approval by the first PO, Periodic Report was submitted on March 16, 2021
- Re-organization at the EU level and the first PO replacement: delay in evaluating the Report

**April-June  
2021**

- Two consecutive resubmissions of the Report with introduction of some modifications requested by the new PO
- **Periodic Report and all declared costs were accepted by the EU on June 25, 2021**

**Two separate Amendments will be requested**



# Project Extension Amendment (N<sup>o</sup>2)

## Project extension by 6 months

- Easier to obtain from administrative point of view (facilitated and speedy processing by the EU)
- Requires less justifications and less actions for the Amendment

## Milestones/Deliverables due dates update

- To demonstrate the implementation of certain tasks during the additional 6 months, it is requested to:
  - 1) Reschedule a number of Deliverables/Milestones to the end of the project (month 54)
  - 2) Update the Gantt Chart in Annex 1 (part B)



# Amendment with further modifications (N<sup>03</sup>)

## Person/month contribution corrections

- P/M modifications are due to the corrections of errors identified in the GA and to the change of work plans of concerned WPs

## Mid-term reviews new dates (2 reviews during the project)

- The first scheduled project review had to be cancelled (administrative complications and PO change) and the date of the second review is moved to the end of the project

## Some budget transfers for the concerned WPs

- Budget modifications resulting from the reassessment of needs by certain WPs

## Revised work plans for the concerned WPs

- A new plan of the tasks implementation according to the new duration of the project

# Some future actions

## Third Amendment

- **Adjustment of the WP work plans** to the new project duration of 54 months (updates of Deliverables and Milestones due dates)
- **Budget revision** for concerned WPs
- **Other changes** already reported and justified by WP leaders

## Second Periodic Report

- **Preparation and sending of templates** for narrative part (to be filled out by WP leaders)
- Starting June 1, 2022, **Financial Statements** completion in the Portal
- **Critical risks** section update

## Project Mid-term review

- Review to be **organized after the end of the Periodic Report** preparation (September 2022)

Overall very good progress

*Highlights presented*

at the NuPECC meeting 100 in Venezia

17-18 September