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Review

A linear collider vision for the future of particle physics

A big achievement, mainly driven by Jenny!

- Follow up of ESG recommendations and CERN planning
 - Discussions ongoing to render ESG recommendations “digestable” for CERN Council
 - Several countries were (are?) very unhappy with the ESG recommendations!
 - New CERN DG has talked with all member states to understand their position after ESG Recommendations
 - Work plan on LCF (SCRF and CLIC) plan transmitted to CERN management
 - Note that it seems that the realisation of HL-Lumi puts CERN budget under pressure
 - News after CERN Council session of end of March?



- **CNDP = Commission National du Débat Public**
 - Organisation in charge to organise public debate on large infrastructure projects, FCC in this case
 - Actors planning to realise large infrastructure projects are obliged to call this commission
 - Here called by CERN and RTF (French electrical network company)
 - Mission is subdivided in two Phases (my understanding)
 - Phase I: gathering of information
 - Phase II: organising the actual debate (current phase)
 - The first phase provided input to a report by the French OPECST (see below)
 - This input is attached to today's agenda
 - CNDP asked Jenny and Filip for an interview to prepare the public debate that will start in June 2026
 - Interview with Filip took place on March 5th (1.20h)
 - Interview with Jenny on March 19th
 - **Interview with Maxim next week**
 - **Maxim informed us that CNDP has also interviewed Nathalie Besson et Pieree Vendrine**
- **OPECST = Office Parlementaire d'Evaluation des Choix Scientifiques et Technologiques**
 - Consults French Assemblée National and Senat on Scientific Projects
 - Report on FCC in October 2025 by Dominique Voynet (Deputy of Green Party and former French Minister of Environment) and Anne-Catherine Loisier (Senator)
 - N.B. Both visited CERN in April 2025
 - The report is also attached to today's agenda
- **Both cited reports are in French (of course) but it's worthwhile to switch on your translator**



- Prelude of Council week
- Mail by DG from Monday to CERN Personnel
 - *“It was agreed to rename the [FCC] “pre-TDR” phase the “Reference Design Phase” to better reflect the activities to be undertaken during this period. A proposed approach to provide the Council with information concerning alternative collider scenarios was agreed by the [CERN] E[xecutive] B[oard] and will also be discussed at the March Council meeting. An FCC organisational document is close to completion.”*
- Question is how much Council (dares) to challenge to ESG recommendations
- Meeting with Achille (Angeles, Marc and R.P.)
 - Achille said that to sharp criticism could damage the entire discipline
 - With FCC the community takes a risk
 - We agreed on the other hand that it would be also dangerous to to completely stop alternative options
→ Continue e.g. LC “a bas bruit”?
- How much Council will insist to fund studies for alternative projects ?
 - At this point there are many rumors and we have to wait for the March Council session
 - This time France will be represented by Phlippe Chomaz (CEA/Irfu)