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News from ELI ERIC

Slovakia and Montenegro Join ELI as Observers, Expanding European Research Collaboration



Slovakia and Montenegro have joined the Extreme Light Infrastructure ERIC (ELI) as Observers, strengthening their participation in European research infrastructures.

Their accession broadens ELI's Member and Observer base and reinforces its role as a platform linking national research communities with large-scale laser facilities across Europe.

"Slovakia and Montenegro bring complementary strengths to ELI, from established technical capabilities to highly active research communities," said Allen Weeks, ELI Director General. "Their participation strengthens the connection between national research systems and large-scale experimental infrastructure. Becoming an Observer in ELI provides a platform for research and training and a network that supports their work."

As Observers, both countries will participate in ELI's governance and contribute to the development of its scientific and strategic direction.

Lithuania and ELI Expand Cooperation in Science and Technology



In the context of the Czech President Petr Pavel's state visit to Lithuania, the Extreme Light Infrastructure ERIC (ELI) and Vilnius University signed a new cooperation agreement during an official ceremony witnessed by the Presidents of both countries. The agreement reaffirms the strong strategic partnership between Lithuania and ELI and further strengthens bilateral cooperation in research, innovation and advanced technologies. The partners have a shared commitment to enhancing scientific excellence, technological leadership and industrial competitiveness at the European level.

The agreement formally implements Lithuania's engagement in ELI, further deepening the benefits of its membership in ELI and reinforcing its long-term strategic involvement in the research facility. It reflects the joint ambition to translate Lithuania's scientific and industrial strengths into sustained participation in the development of world-class laser technologies.

Lithuanian partners actively contributed to ELI's preparatory phase and played a pivotal role during the construction phase with the development and delivery of key laser systems. Lithuanian-developed OPCPA technologies underpin major ELI laser systems, and Lithuanian companies have been closely involved in the development and supply of advanced laser technologies and optical components.

ELI ERIC – BSBF Industry Day: A New Impulse for Cooperation with Industry



In January, ELI in cooperation with the Big Science Business Forum (BSBF) initiative and Dutch Industry Liaison Officer Meike Arnold, organized an Industry Day focused on expanding ELI's supplier and partner portfolio. The event took place at the ELI Beamlines Facility and attracted representatives of European technology companies and institutions interested in collaborating with large research infrastructures.

The all-day programme was opened by Roman Hvězda, who introduced ELI as an open and ambitious research infrastructure with growing needs in advanced technologies and services. This was followed by a presentation of BSBF activities and the opportunities this European platform offers to industrial partners, including participation in the upcoming Big Science Business Forum 2026.

A significant part of the programme consisted of presentations focused on practical aspects of cooperation with ELI and HILASE, particularly public procurement processes, opportunities for technological collaboration, and future business prospects.

The participants also visited the E1 and E2 experimental halls, during which they became familiar with selected laboratories and the unique technological infrastructure of ELI Beamlines.

The Industry Day was prepared and organized by Miroslava Příbišová from the ELI Innovation Office as part of a long-term strategy aimed at systematically expanding the supplier portfolio and strengthening cooperation with industry. The event confirmed that ELI is an attractive and transparent partner for European technology companies and that targeted dialogue with industry brings concrete opportunities for both sides.

ELI ERIC Hosted Industrial Liaison Officers Meeting to Strengthen International Collaboration



In April, ELI ERIC was pleased to welcome Industrial Liaison Officers (ILOs) from Lithuania, the Netherlands, the Czech Republic, Italy, Poland, and Spain for a dedicated networking and collaboration meeting.

The event was officially opened by the General Manager of ELI ERIC, Allen Weeks, who welcomed the participants and emphasized the importance of close cooperation with the ILO network in strengthening industrial engagement across Europe.

The programme included a presentation on How to Do Business with ELI ERIC, providing participants with practical information on procurement processes and an overview of upcoming procurement opportunities. The concept of In-Kind Contributions and their role within ELI ERIC was also introduced.

A key part of the meeting was the exchange of experiences between the participating countries. Each Industrial Liaison Officer presented the current status of collaboration between ELI ERIC and industry in their respective country, creating a valuable platform for sharing best practices and identifying new opportunities for cooperation.

In the afternoon, participants had the opportunity to visit ELI ERIC laboratories and research facilities, gaining first-hand insight into the cutting-edge technologies available at the infrastructure. The programme concluded with B2B meetings between the ILO representatives, procurement colleagues, and scientists from ELI ERIC, fostering direct dialogue and opening new perspectives for future collaboration.

The event was highly successful, strengthening relationships within the ILO network and laying the foundation for further joint activities. We would like to thank all participants for their active engagement and look forward to continuing our cooperation in the coming months.

Upcoming Tender Opportunity

Gammas and Neutrons Detector System for Pulsed Radiation Fields

ELI ERIC is preparing a tender for the supply of a Gammas and Neutrons Detector System for Pulsed Radiation Fields, with an estimated value of approximately €60,000.

The tender covers the delivery of a detector system that meets the required functional, performance, safety, and quality standards to support ELI ERIC's research activities.

The detailed technical specification will be sent individually by email to all ILOs.

We encourage you to share this opportunity with relevant companies in your country. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

All current ongoing tenders are available at <https://eli-laser.eu/procurement/ongoing-and-finished-procurements/>.

Coming Events

ELI ERIC to Participate in BSBF 2026

ELI ERIC will be present at BSBF 2026, taking place from 27 to 30 October 2026 at MECC Maastricht. The organization will be located in the ABSO section at stand B013.

During the event, representatives of ELI ERIC will be available to meet with industry partners and stakeholders interested in learning more about procurement opportunities, collaboration models, and ongoing activities within the infrastructure.

Participation at BSBF 2026 provides an important opportunity to strengthen connections with industrial

partners and to present ELI ERIC's role in supporting scientific and technological cooperation across Europe.

We look forward to meeting our partners and engaging in discussions during the event.

Lithuanian Industry Day at ELI Beamlines – 29 September 2026

On 29 September 2026, ELI Beamlines will host a Lithuanian Industry Day, bringing together representatives of Lithuanian companies, researchers, and procurement specialists to explore opportunities for collaboration with ELI ERIC.

The event is designed to introduce Lithuanian companies to ELI's procurement processes and explain how they can become suppliers for our facilities. Participants will gain an overview of upcoming business opportunities and learn how to engage with ELI through public procurement and future collaborations.

In addition to presentations, the programme will include B2B meetings between company representatives and ELI scientists, providing an opportunity to discuss specific technologies, expertise, and potential areas of cooperation. Lithuanian companies will also have the chance to present their capabilities and innovative solutions directly to the ELI community.

We look forward to welcoming our Lithuanian partners and strengthening cooperation between ELI ERIC and industry through this dedicated networking event.

