



ESF Update

NuPECC Meeting, 12 June 2025, Strasbourg



Welcome!



ESF Located in a former convent built between 1746 and 1749

Adjacent to Recollet church destroyed in 1904



As a facilitator and enabler supporting the conduct of scientific research, ESF helps European research stakeholders and actors to deliver high quality science in all disciplines.

Research Quality Assessment and Grant Evaluation

Supporting and Hosting of Scientific Structures and Networks

Management of Co-funded Research Programmes

Strengthening European Projects

26 June 2024 – ESF 50th Anniversary



Corporate



ESF Team above 50 FTEs

- *20+ nationalities*
- *Reinforcement of the Head of Science Operations' role*
- *Update of the Scientific Operations Structure*



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New membership policy

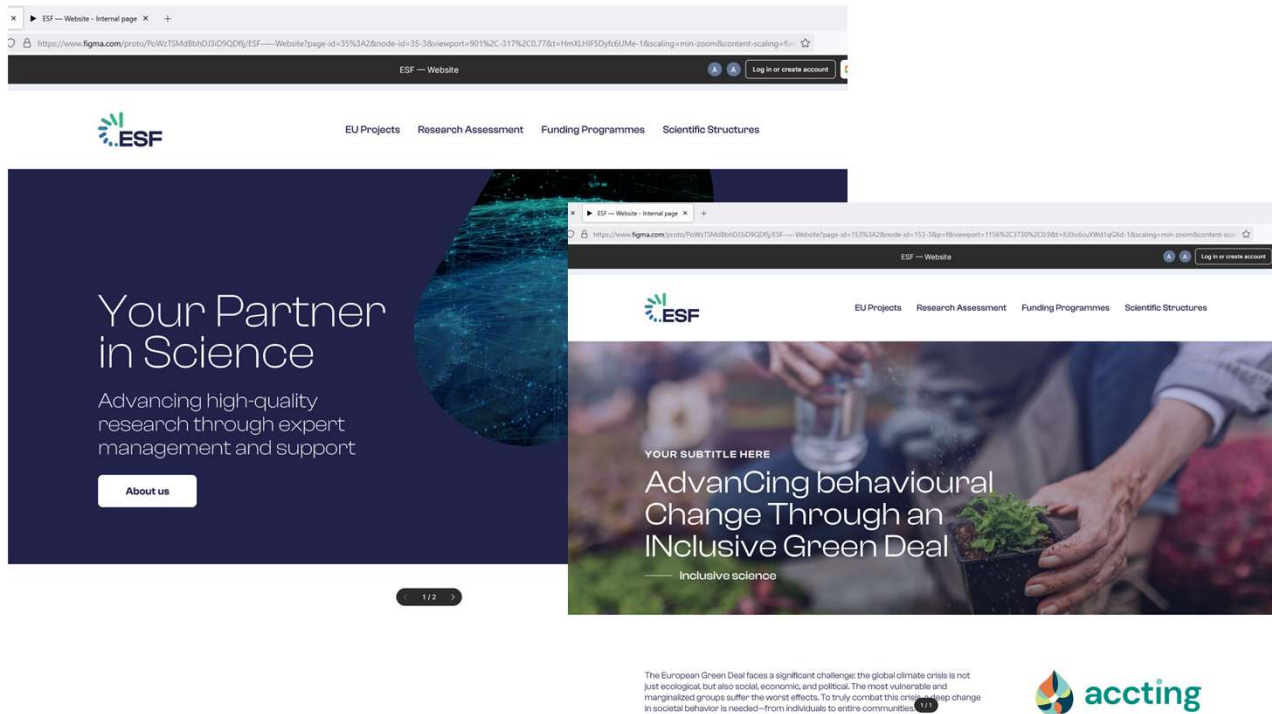
- *ESF welcomed a new full member: AERG the Association of ERC Grantees*
- *10 members*



Increased footprint on European Scene

- *In 2024 ESF has partnerships and agreement with 116 organisations from 35 countries*
- *2024 Budget: 14 M€*

Corporate



New Website – Online Q3 2025

Grant Evaluation



- 5000+ proposals assessed in 2024
- Several new MSCA missions in the pipeline
- 2 large missions in prep (CNCS, Shota)

- All contracts delivered on time last year
 - FWO ~4000 applications
 - Shota ~600 applications

- 30 contracts active currently

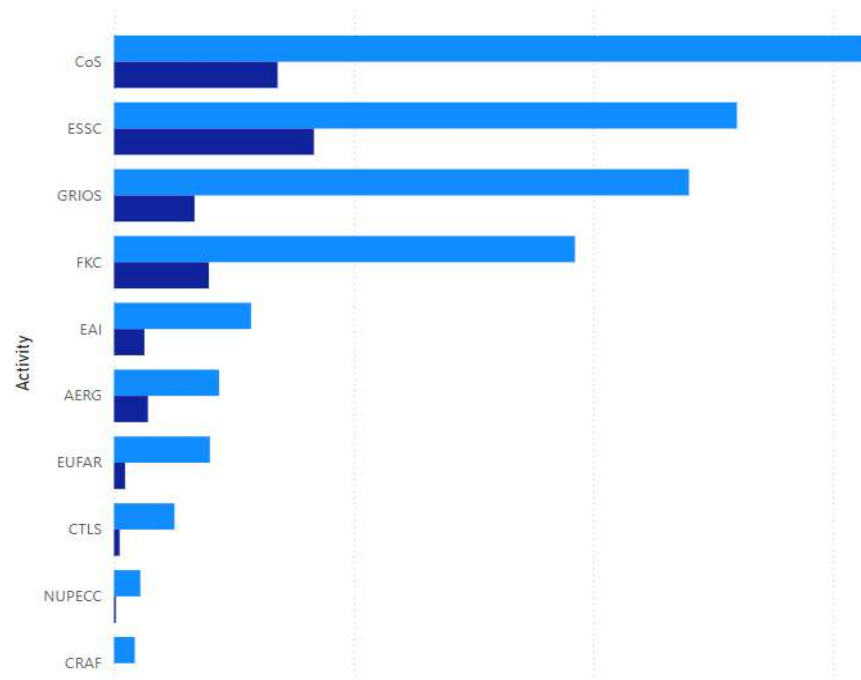


Committees, Boards and Networks



Sum of Staff costs Budgeted and Sum of Staff costs Actual by Activity

● Sum of Staff costs Budgeted ● Sum of Staff costs Actual



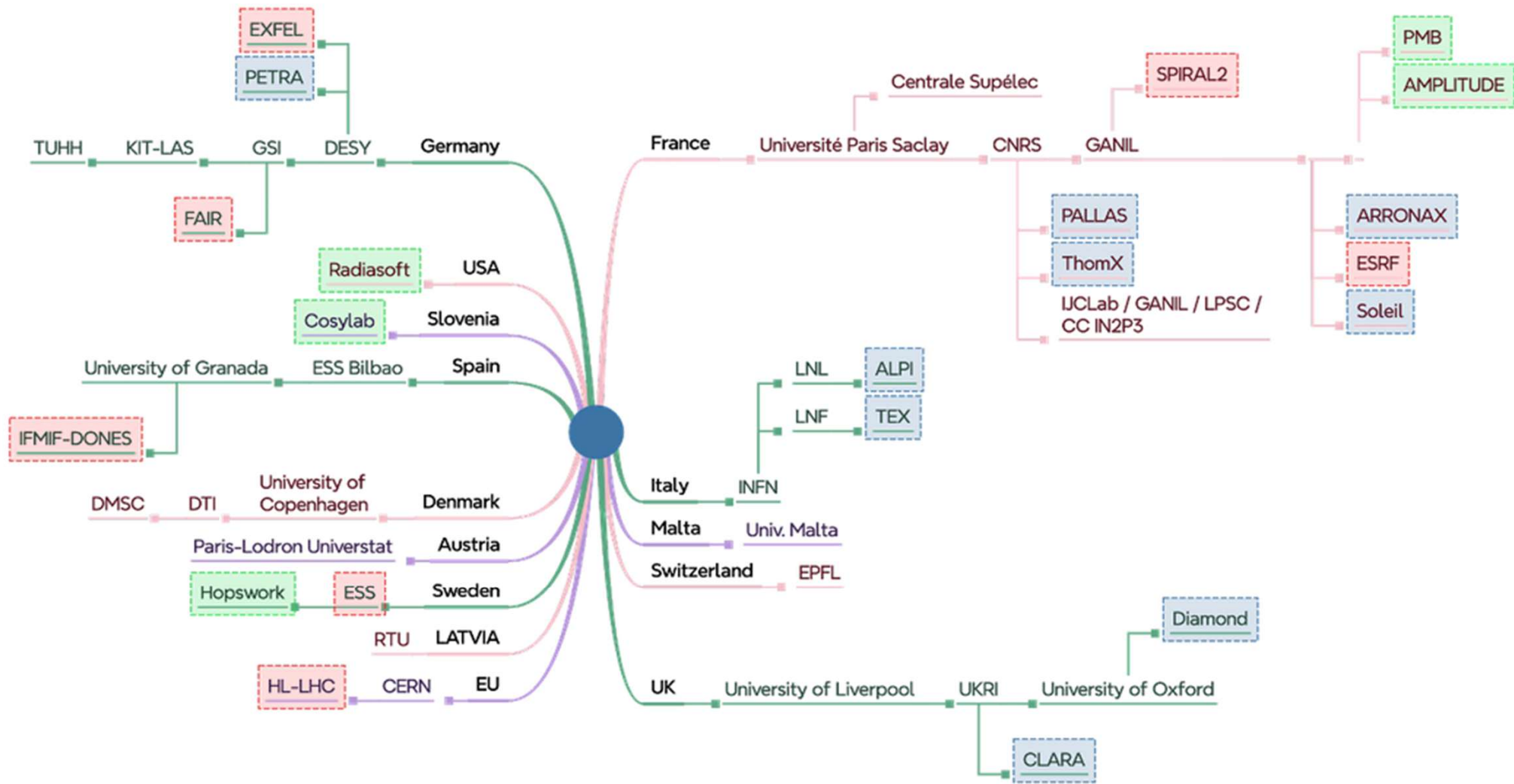
- Coalition S agreed on a way forward for 2026, although details still to be ironed out
- **GRIOS Global Research Initiative on Open Science - expected to “switch gears” in June and enlarge**
- FKC completed the 5th, call, the biggest paediatric cancer funding initiative in Europe now
- HERA (new committee), joined ESF on May 1st.

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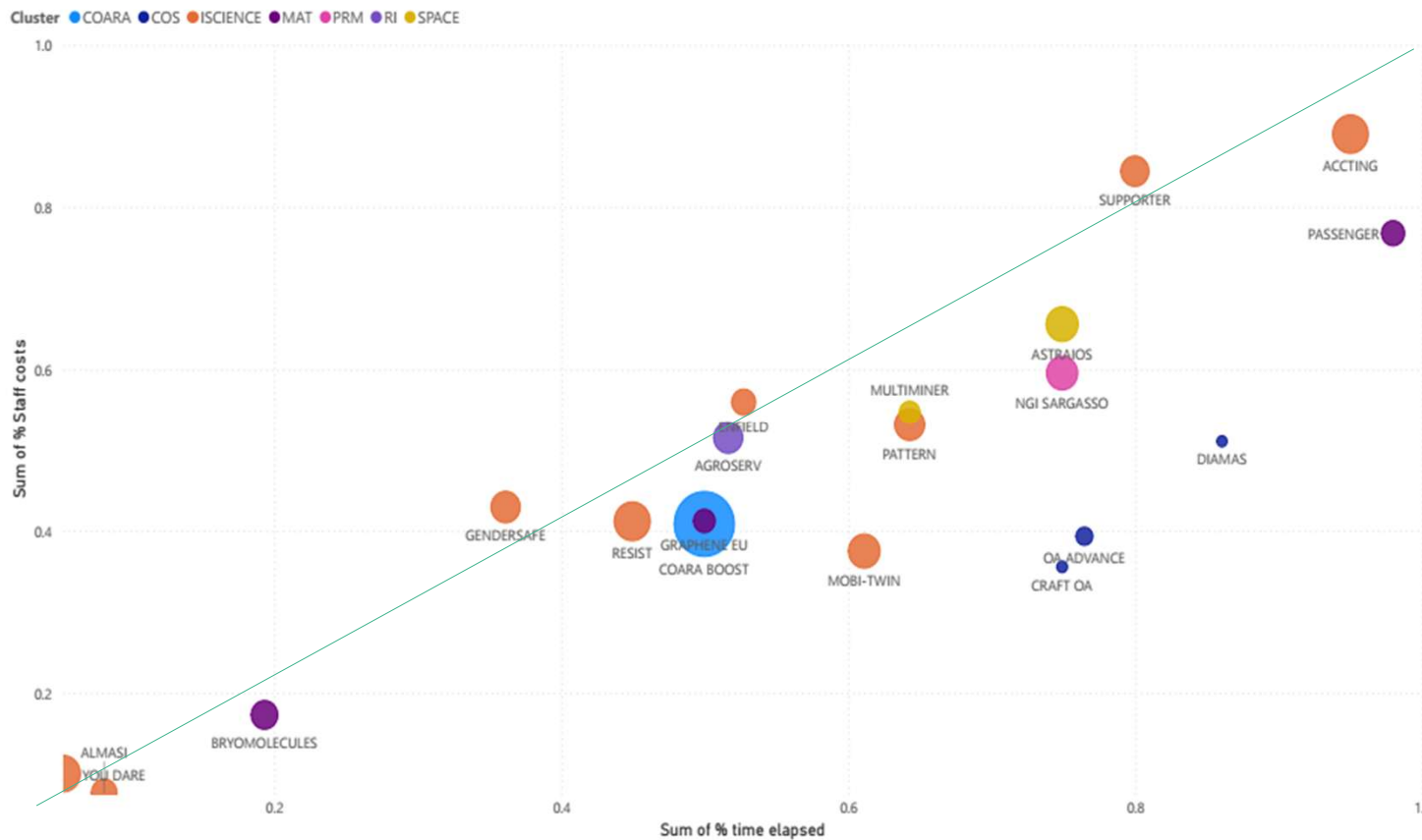


ARTIFACT

- ARTIFACT Network established after the (failed) ARTIFACT Horizon Europe proposal on AI in particle accelerators
- Aims to maintain and grow collaborations formed during the proposal phase.
- Network of 33+ organisations to provide a sustainable European structure for AI applications in particle accelerator research.
- Currently on hold



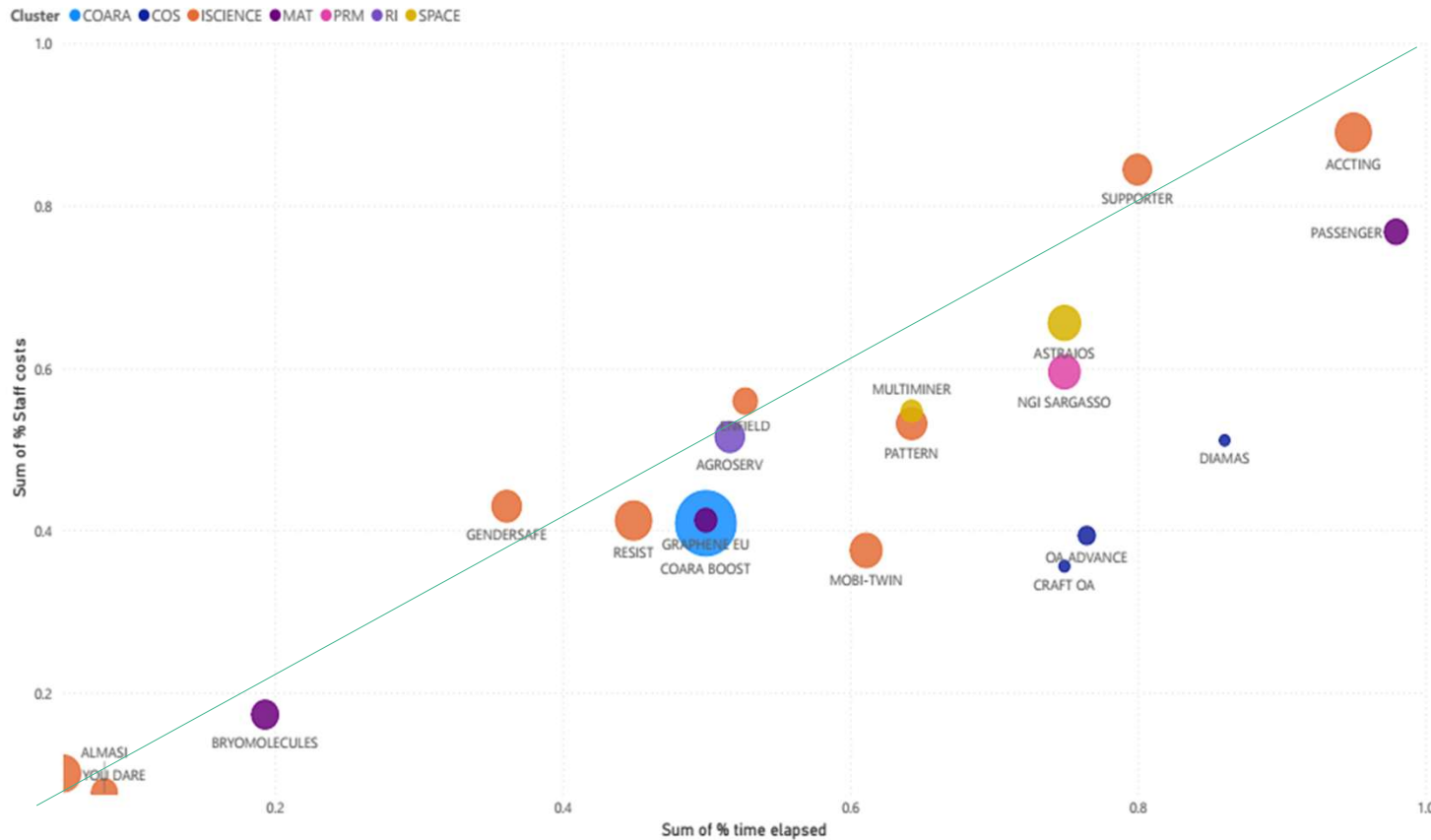
EC projects



Outlook

- 20 running EC projects
- +5 non-EC projects
- 8 projects to finish in 2025
- 2 new EC projects to start (June, Sept), 1 non EC project (June)
- Expected to submit/participate to at least 7 proposals in 2025.

EC projects



Highlights

- Several successful reviews, with excellent outcomes
- Almasi (Open Access), You Dare (far-right gender narratives) start
- Work on first scientific documentaries directed by ESF for Bryomolecules

Science Operations Development – Main Directions



Replacement of EC projects at an end

Need to replace 8 EC projects (3 are minor).

Opening up new areas for ESF

Look into AI related projects

One biomedical proposal in pipeline

GE focus on philanthropy and university alliances as new areas

Reinforce Programme management capabilities and tools

FKC, Cascade Funding

Increasing footprint in Strategic Areas for ESF

Policy support (widera), governance access to infrastructures (INFRA)



