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4th Swiss SKA Days

SERI views

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Current relationship between SKA and the Swiss Confederation

2015

SKA in the «Swiss Roadmap for Research infrastructures»

⇒ Review of the opportunity for Switzerland to join SKA

⇒ Next possible funding line in ERI dispatch 2021-2024

2016

SKA Board allows a representative from the Swiss Confederation (SERI) to attend its meetings with an observer status.



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! Update 2019 !

SKA once again in the “Swiss Roadmap for Research infrastructures”:

Des développements survenus pour ces infrastructures durant la période 2017–2020 découlent les besoins suivants pour la période 2021–2024 :

(...) Rejoindre l’infrastructure SKA (9 millions de francs pour 2021–2024).

SERI attends the SKA Council Preparatory Task Force (CPTF) with an observer status.



Some questions still to be addressed

Is the interest of the Swiss scientific community to take part in the construction of SKA as strong as its desire to use it?

Could Swiss parties join the already well-established SKA scientific and technological consortia?

Would Switzerland benefit from a fair “industrial” return?

What would be for Switzerland the most suitable mode of participation in SKA?



Opportunities for Swiss industry

- The construction of SKA might in any case open opportunities for Swiss industry. Note that procurement rules are not yet set.
- ⇒ It is timely for Swiss Industry to get informed about SKA
- ⇒ The Swiss Industrial Liaison Officer for international research organisations (**Swiss ILO**), Michel Hübner, is ready to support this process (www.swissilo.ch)



Next steps for SERI

The Federal Council will transfer its ERI Dispatch 2021-2024 to the Parliament by February 2020.

Two options

- a) **The Federal Council implements in the Dispatch the 2019 Roadmap recommendation about SKA**

Exploratory talks on the accession of Switzerland to SKA could start, pending parliamentary approval before 2021

- b) **The Federal Council doesn't implement in the Dispatch the 2019 Roadmap recommendation about SKA**



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... Swiss citizen getting ready for SKA!

