

ESS Internal ILO Network Meeting Feedback to ESS

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ESS-ILO network

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- **Communications ESS /ILO's and Procurement data**
- **Topics to discuss and pending issues**
- **Miscellaneous**

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In particular in preparation of the
September meeting
Program and list of invitees

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Purchase and Tenders

ILOs should be in the radar of the purchasers

Call for tenders : Analysis of the PO and tenders, country of origin for **direct** and **IK tenders** as best as possible...

Purchase Orders (PO) and Payments Data :

The information received per country is most welcome !

Procurement plan : ILO are keen to receive information on the ESS procurement plan, on new investments and operation budgets (direct spending, IK scheme). ESS should provide as best as possible an overview of what opportunities are coming up.

Values of the **industrial return coefficients** (IRC) should be an easily obtainable objective when ESS comes into operation mode.

These figures could be provided by AFC for example...

IRC = ratio of the share of payments to businesses in each Member State to the share of contributions to the budget.

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ILO network involvement in ESS procurement practice



- *We encourage ESS to contact the ILO's to help find the best companies ("best value for money")*
- *Possible involvement of companies in the preparation of future investments through "pre-contract" studies*

Status of the ToR with AFC and Head

During operation phase, the role of ILOs is also poised to become more relevant:

- Help identify industrial partners in their countries and help them to become competitive (linking, go-between)
- Help to optimize the industrial potential of each country (suppliers knowledge)
- Facilitate the pursuit of a balanced industrial return in all member states.
- Help monitor industrial return and report to stakeholders
- Connect industry with neutron science

Topics to discuss

Progress in the construction, towards operation phase:

1. Current status of the road to Beam-on-Target after the electrical blackout that damaged the moderator in Nov'2025.
2. Information on the commissioning of the accelerator and the remaining construction of the instruments.
3. Rescoping of the instruments (35 M€ from unused contingencies)

New investments:

1. Current status of the new instrument projects under consideration → competitive process, funding scheme
2. Phasing out of the IK contributions → more direct spending from ESS → attention from Member States...

NB : ESS will be moving from the construction phase into the **operational phase**:

- More industrial contracts will be managed and financed by ESS.
- Member states contributing to the operating budget are likely to pay more attention to the return they receive from ESS

Miscellaneous

BSBF hosted visit to ESS – Tuesday 2 June 2026

BSBF2026 invites company representatives to a BSBF hosted visit to the European Spallation Source (ESS) in Lund, Sweden

Tuesday 2 June 2026

09:30 – Arrival at the ESS site and completion of entry formalities

09:45 – Welcome and introduction by Kevin Jones, Technical Director

10:00 – Presentation on ESS procurement by Mirko Menninga;
Introduction to procurement processes and opportunities for industry

10:20 – Presentation on the ESS facility by Nick Gazis; Overview of the
ESS infrastructure, technology and scientific mission

10:40 – Presentation on BSBF 2026 by Jan Visser

10:50 – Guided site walk of the ESS facility

Practical information & registration

Participation is **strictly limited to 30 participants** and subject to approval. Early registration is therefore strongly recommended.

Registration deadline: 25 May 2026.

September meeting (at ESS)

14-15th September 2026

- 14th sept : internal meeting 15h-18h (tbd)
- 15th sept : ILO/ESS meeting +visit (9am – 16pm, tbd)

Items

- Foreword by DG Helmut Schöber
- Invite AFC chair → ToR, improve dialog
- Head of admin ESS → current status, evolution, perspectives
- Invite specific technical ESS personnel → people in charge of significant procurements, purchases
- Invite Science Division → instrument projects, experimental support, etc.