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Guidelines for submitting input for the 2026 update of the European Strategy for Particle Physics

Cover page (1 page)

Each document submitted should carry a single cover page containing no more than the title, the contact person(s) and an abstract.

Comprehensive summary (maximum 10 pages)

The submitted document must be no more than 10 pages long (excluding the cover page and references) and must provide a comprehensive and self-contained summary of the input. It should address:

- scientific context,
- objectives,
- methodology,
- readiness and expected challenges,
- timeline
- construction and operational costs (if applicable).

Back-up document

Additional information and details can be submitted in a separate back-up document, which can be consulted by the Physics Preparatory Group (PPG) if clarification on any aspects is required. But the back-up document is not a mandatory component of the submission.

Format and deadline for submission

The cover page and the comprehensive summary are to be submitted in portable document format (pdf) by 31 March 2025. The back-up document should have a cover page with the same title and contact persons and with the words “Back-up Document” added. A dedicated submission portal for both documents will be made available via the ESPPU website.

Distribution

All the documents submitted will be forwarded to the PPG and the European Strategy Group (ESG). Unless explicitly requested otherwise, they will also be made public. Documents or addenda that the authors wish to keep confidential (i.e. seen by the PPG and ESG only) should be sent by email to espp2026.input@cern.ch.