

Call for journalists: Travel grants for Big Science Business Forum 2018

The organisers of Europe's first Big Science Business Forum 2018 (BSBF2018) invite journalists from Europe to apply for a media travel grant. 10 grants are available and a grant covers travel and accommodation up to 750 euro during BSBF2018.. The forum takes place in Copenhagen 26-28 February 2018.

Nine of Europe's largest Big Science organisations - CERN, EMBL, ESA, ESO ESRF, ESS, European XFEL, F4E, and ILL – have come together to create BSBF2018. They want to see a stronger, more transparent and consolidated Big Science market in Europe for the benefit of both Big Science and businesses. BSBF2018 will be Europe's new one-stop-shop on the Big Science market as businesses will be presented with investments worth 10 billion euros from the Big Science organisations.

Big Science organisations constitute an imperative role for the advancement of knowledge and for cutting edge research and scientific excellence in fields such as energy, biology, physics, and material science. As governments all over the world are investing significantly in Big Science organisations, more businesses are also becoming aware that Big Science organisations present significant new market opportunities. This is where Big Science turns into big business and the so-called Big Science market emerges.

BSBF2018 represents an exclusive occasion for media and journalists to report from Europe's new one-stop-shop for suppliers and stakeholders on the Big Science market.

Value proposition

Accredited journalist can participate in:

- 16 parallel sessions about Big Science as a business area
- Plenary sessions with high-level speakers
- Press moment with high-level delegates from the nine Big Science organisations
- Photo opportunity of high-level delegates/speakers
- Welcome reception
- Conference dinner (show-up fee requested)
- Press visit to ESS in Lund, Sweden, on 26 February 2018

The travel grant covers travel and accommodation up to 750 euro and free entrance to the conference.

How to apply

Send an e-mail to bsbf2018@ufm.dk with the following information:

- Name
- Affiliated media(s)
- Plan for publishing news stor(y)ies about BSBF2018 or the themes from BSBF2018
- Documentation or links to previous published work, preferably about Big Science; business opportunities in Big Science or science in general; Science, research and/or innovation; or SMEs and business development.

Selection

The BSBF2018 host organisers expect to inform selected applicants by mid or end of January 2018.

The selection will be based on an overall assessment of the following criteria:

- How relevant is previous published work for the themes of BSBF2018?
- How relevant is the affiliated media (if any) for the themes of BSBF2018?
- How relevant for the coverage of BSBF2018 is the journalist's plan for publishing news stories about BSBF2018

The BSBF2018 host organisers reserves the right to consider geographical diversity of journalists/media in the selection.

Travel and accommodation must be made in accordance with the "Guidelines for Official Travel for guest" from the Danish Ministry of Higher Education and Science, which will be sent to the selected journalists/media. BSBF2018 host organisers will refund travel and accommodation expenses. Host organisers' travel agency can help book flights and hotels.

Facts about Big Science Business Forum 2018

Time: 26-28 February 2018

Place: Tivoli Congress Center, Copenhagen

Contact: bsbf2018@ufm.dk

Contact for the press: momn@ufm.dk

Website: www.bsbf2018.org

Social media:

- Twitter: [@bsbf2018](https://twitter.com/bsbf2018)
- Facebook: facebook.com/BSBF2018
- LinkedIn group: www.linkedin.com/groups/13546096

Organisers:

- Organisers:
 - [CERN](#) - European Organization for Nuclear Research
 - [EMBL](#) - The European Molecular Biology Laboratory
 - [ESA](#) - European Space Agency
 - [ESO](#) - European Southern Observatory
 - [ESRF](#) - The European Synchrotron Radiation Facility
 - [ESS](#) - European Spallation Source
 - [European XFEL](#) - European X-Ray Free-Electron Laser
 - [F4E](#) - Fusion for Energy
 - [ILL](#) - Institut Laue-Langevin
- Host organisations:
 - [Danish Ministry of Higher Education and Science](#)
 - [BigScience.dk](#) – the Danish Industry Liaison Officer organisation.

The programme includes:

- Key note speech by EU's Commissioner of Research, Science and Innovation, Carlos Moedas
- Opening Address by the Danish Minister for Higher Education and Science, Søren Pind, and Chairman of the Regional Council, Capital Region of Denmark, Sophie Hæstorp Andersen (TBC).
- 16 parallel sessions on Big Science business areas.
- 3 plenary sessions including key note speakers and a round-table discussion.
- Exhibition with Big Science suppliers and industry.
- 1-1 meetings between Big Science and business representatives (B2C) and business-to-business (B2B)
- Industry Liaison Officer meeting – by invitation only
- Site visit to ESS in Lund, Sweden
- Welcome reception and conference dinner

→ [See the program overview](#)

The exhibition:

- 11 Industry Liaison Officers or similar with participating companies (Belgium, Denmark, Netherlands, Norway, United Kingdom, Italy, Spain, Poland, Estonia, Sweden and France).
- 43 exhibiting organisations and businesses
- 9 Big Science organisations

→ [See the exhibitors and floor plan](#)

The participants:

- A total of 1.000 delegates are expected to participate
- Delegates are from European businesses and organisations interested in the Big Science market.
- Delegate titles are expected to be but not limited to: CEOs, Heads of R&D, Heads of Procurement, Business Developers, and other staff involved in sales and collaboration with Big Science and high tech industry.
- High-level representation from Big Science organisations.
- Various speakers from Big Science organisations' technical and procurement departments.

→ [See the preliminary list of participants, exhibitors and sponsors](#)

Further information

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