



Press invitation

18 of the world's largest research facilities join forces for industry conference in Copenhagen

The world's first Big Science Business Forum is gathering representatives from the largest high-tech research facilities around the world for a joint conference. They will offer insights into procurement opportunities and orders worth billions of euros for companies. The conference takes place in Copenhagen 26-28 February 2018.

When CERN creates Big Bang-like conditions, or the European Southern Observatory builds the world's largest telescope to explore the far corners of space, extensive purchases are required, from the smallest screw to high-tech consultancy.

The branch is known as Big Science and for the first time, nine of the world's largest research facilities have gathered together to create Big Science Business Forum to present their offers to European industry.

The conference starts with a welcome reception on Monday 26 February, where the Danish Minister for Higher Education and Science Søren Pind will welcome participants. In the following days, delegates can take part in 19 different conference sessions with leaders and technical experts from Big Science organisations, as well as an exhibition space with more than 200 companies and organisations.

Big Science Business Forum 2018 takes place in Copenhagen 26-28 February, hosted by the Danish Ministry of Higher Education and Science and BigScience.dk.

The conference is arranged by CERN, EMBL, ESA, ESO, ESRF, ESS, European XFEL, F4E and ILL. A further nine Big Science organisations have joined the conference programme: ALBA, DESY, ELI-NP, ENEA, FAIR, MAX IV, SCK•CEN – MYRRHA, PSI and SKA. More than 950 delegates from more than 425 companies and organisations spanning approx. 30 countries have already registered.

Journalists are welcome to attend the conference and can also register for an exclusive press tour of the European Spallation Source (ESS) in Lund, Sweden on 26 February 13.30-17.30.

Big Science Business Forum 2018, 26-28 February

Tivoli Congress Center, Arni Magnussons Gade 2, 1577 Copenhagen V.

Programme:

Monday 26 February	Welcome reception, opening speech and exhibition, as well as guided tours to European Spallation Source (ESS)
Tuesday 27 February	Conference sessions, exhibition, business meetings, side events, receptions and official conference dinner
Wednesday 28 February	Conference sessions, exhibition, business meetings and side events
Thursday 1 March	Guided tours to ESS for participants

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Read more about the conference at www.bsf2018.org