



# LEAPS

League of European  
Accelerator-based  
Photon Sources

Various updates

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# **RDB meeting #53**

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## RDB meeting, part 1/2

- WP2025 draft calls
  - **HORIZON-INFRA-2025-01-DEV-05:**
    - Area 2 (Preparatory Action explore a more integrated and sustainable Scheme accessing infrastructures),
      - Could be built from the experience in running projects targeting TNA like RIANA, NEPHEWS, ReMade@ARI. LEAPS should participate
    - Area 3 (Framework for joint research infra tech development)
      - Could be a platform to pave the way for implementation of the Block Grant. LEAPS should participate and could foresee to coordinate.
    - Main drawbacks, the EC is looking for:
      - Broad representative of scientific domains → wide discussion (challenging); Organising networking events → input for policy-makers, ideas for FP10.
  - **HORIZON-INFRA-2025-01-TECH-02**
    - LEAPS GA: proposal to this call should be prepared and coordinated by LEAPS.
    - Budget concerns; draft dropped 15M€ → 10M€, but “good chance” this will be reversed.
    - Focus: continuation of LEAPS-INNOV, include as much as possible the best new ideas which were at OptiBeams, and maybe also any new aspect identified at the updated LEAPS technology roadmap.



## RDB meeting, part 2/2

- Update of the LEAPS Tech roadmap (see later contribution)
- Update of portfolio of ideas
- Digital LEAPS
  - January meeting in Wannsee
  - From GA 31 meeting (2024-10-25)
    - Britta states that the GA should discuss whether there should be a Digital LEAPS 2.0
    - The GA asked Michele to prepare ideas on how to bridge DIGITAL LEAPS until the next calls and to present a proposal at the next GA meeting (20245-03-19).

# OSCARS cascading grant

## OSCARS cascading grants

- OSCARS is 25M€ project; some 16M€ is going to fund smaller projects through two calls.
  - First call is finished; ~80% of budget is now allocated. All successful proposals are list on [LEAPS WG3 webpage](#).
  - Second call is now overdue.
- What's the latest with the second call?
  - Was due to open in November; now scheduled to open in January (2025-01-15).
  - Delay due to a restriction on a maximum funding (250k€) any facility may receive.
- What's with this 250k€ restriction?
  - Was omitted from first round, so must be retrospectively accounted.
  - Unclear how to proceed with the second call: the Project Officer (appointed by EC) is seeking legal advice.

**Thanks.**