

Dear colleagues,

This year, The **European Southern Observatory (ESO)** celebrates its **60th anniversary**. On this occasion, an **ESO Belgian Day** is organized at the Planetarium of the Royal Observatory of Belgium on Thursday 8 December. The event will bring together astronomers, ESO representatives, master and engineer students, industries and general public in a day and evening long series of talks, networking opportunities, streaming and live presentations.

More precisely, the event will go like this (tentative program):

Belgian astronomers and students meet ESO (B-ESO Astronomy Day)

Belgian astronomers and PhD/master students and ESO representative (invited speaker) present astronomy research done with ESO instruments, from 9h to 16h30 with opportunities to meet student engineers and industries during the breaks (coffee, lunch)

Belgian engineer students meet ESO

Belgian student engineers (with professors) meet ESO representatives who present career opportunities at ESO, from 9h to 12h with opportunities to meet astronomers during the coffee break

ESO meet Belgian industries

Belgian industries (together with the Belgian Science Policy) present themselves to ESO representatives, from 12h to 16h30, with opportunities to meet astronomers during lunch time and coffee break

Belgian people meet ESO (B-ESO Outreach Event)

General public will discover ESO benefits to society and Belgian astronomy highlights obtained thanks to ESO instruments, from 19h to 21h (outreach presentations, live streaming, ESO full dome images)

This first announcement is a **call to astronomers** willing to participate to the B-ESO Astronomy Day (day time) and/or the B-ESO Outreach Event (evening) as speakers (call for registration for attending will be sent when the program will be fixed). If you are interested in giving a talk (15-20') for colleagues and students, and/or presenting your research done with ESO for the general public (also 15-20'), please send an email to ESODay@oma.be with your choice and the corresponding title and short abstract (plus your affiliation details) before **15 November**.

Best regards,

The ESO Day in Belgium Local Organizing Committee

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