

Dear colleagues,

After their workshops last June, WLCG and the HSF agreed that it was time to strengthen their links and to work together on software and computing challenges that HEP faces, particularly after the [Community White Paper](#) process. We are pleased to announce that we will hold a joint workshop in March 2018. We have accepted the proposal from the University of Naples to host the workshop.

Please save the dates: the workshop will take place from

Monday 26 March at 9am to Thursday 29 March at 12 noon

There will be common plenary sessions, focused on the main challenges for HEP identified during the preparation of the Community White Paper and all the topical working group discussions. This joint workshop will allow us to review the R&D actions planned for the short and medium term, encompassing work from the distributed computing infrastructure through to software. In turn, we will then be able to identify the areas where increased collaboration between WLCG and HSF is critical to meet the challenges, in particular of the HL-LHC.

There also will be ample scope for parallel sessions that focus on specific areas of interest for one or other community.

Further details including logistical information will be available at the indico page (<https://indico.cern.ch/event/658060/>) soon. An outline agenda for the workshop will be available before the end of November.

Please add the workshop dates to your diary. We look forward to seeing you in Naples!

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