

# EPACE

*European compact accelerators, their applications, and entrepreneurship*

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*EPACE kick-off meeting, DESY, December 15 & 16, 2025*



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# Dinner, Sunday, Dec. 14



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# Welcome speech

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- Introducing DESY
- **DESYs new innovations and ground-breaking technologies**
  - Petra IV
  - Flash 2020+
  - High-level publications
- Describing **DESYs innovation & entrepreneurship landscape**
- Introducing **HICAPE**
- Sharing motivation!

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- “Leaky pipeline” in academia and the challenges women face in scientific careers
- Recognition because I am a woman?
  - When an opportunity presents itself, take it.
- Scientific motivation often stems from being in the right place at the right time to experience the excitement and “sparkle” of discovery
- Expanding one’s knowledge always pays off.
- Pick up a role model.
- **„The key is persistence”**

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# What is EPACE about: Goals, Structure

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- We want to make accelerators compact, and EU is at the forefront
  - **Research (5 main scientific objectives), training, engage the industry**
- EPACE started January 1, 2025 for 4 years, funds 15 PhD projects. Budget ~ 4 million € (salary, training, secondments)
- EPACE as one of the 12% of Doctoral Networks funded to start in 2025.
  - **Make the best of it!**
- **Comprehensive network structure and rich offer in trainings and conferences**
- 15 selected: 40% women, 53% EU

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# DESY Tour KALDERA

13:00 - 14:30

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# What you need to know to navigate EPACE

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## Lisa Crinon, EPACE Project Manager, DESY



- When planning a **secondment**
  - Inform us!
- **Send us a picture of you & a few sentences for the website by the end of the year (31.12.25)**
- **Questions:**
  - Can we share the exact text and logos for publication within EPACE? Yes!
  - Check with your institutions if costs for open access publications can be covered internally
  - Did the scientists in the room received a lot of requests to share their data? No.

### **For the Commission**

- Should the MB be updated also with participation in trainings & conferences?
- Is there a limit for covering costs for open access publications (via RTN)?
- Does the ISIS archive count for open access repository?
- How probable is an audit for the programm? And which documents are requested?
- How strict are the FAIR principles?

# Pitch (Preparation) Session

Rob Shalloo, Emmy Noether Research Group Leader,



# Meet & Greet

Open end



# Future Innovators I & II

## Start up Office, DESY



- Learn about user-centered product development
- Try first ideation techniques yourself
- Get an introduction to innovation and business concepts



# DESY Tour & Start-up Lab Bahrenfeld

14:00 - 16:00

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# Next Steps

- Central Office
  - Send minutes
  - Send answers from the European Commission
  - Follow up SB & StB Meeting (templates, timeline, adjustment of the timing for Ds, CA follow up, centralise resources, replacement for WP3)
- Doctoral Students
  - Send us a picture of yourself together with a few sentences (template send by CO) by 31.12.25
  - Share your good experience at the DESY kick-off on your social media (Linkedin)!
- All
  - Looking forward our Summer School (27.04. – 08.05.26)...

Thank you for everything and see you soon!

