

Some initial thoughts from INFN groups

(note: limited discussion so far, we will have several INFN meetings during coming weeks)

- the report is disappointing, and it contains some inaccuracies that should be rectified (we understand this is part of the planned process). We were surprised by the unbalanced choices made in the recommendations. We are concerned this might endanger a widely expected orderly inclusive process during coming months
- we remain committed to the physics programme and to the specific interests expressed in ATHENA proposal (for dRICH and vertex tracker detectors in particular, where we expect to give substantive contributions). However, during coming weeks we need to understand the "space" that will be created to enable us to do that.
- We expect to report in detail to INFN (management and NP funding committee – CSN3) between June/September and we do hope we will have some clarity at that point (important to ensure proper funding!)
- we recommend to ATHENA management not to enter at this stage in any negotiation with ECCE. Instead, we believe the best way forward is for the moment to express to the EIC project management our disappointment and concerns, asking for a clear steer of the process