

TIC Meeting Communications – CERN Testbeams 2026

Dear Colleagues,

This is the official call for beam requests for the 2026 PS & SPS Fixed Target Proton Program. (February-July 2026)

The call for the Ion physics program (August 2026) will follow in a few weeks.

Please find the [General Conditions applicable to Experiments performed at CERN here](#).

Please submit your requests by Friday October 31st 2025.

For the LHC experiments, **ALICE, ATLAS, CMS & LHCb**, please submit your request to your experiment's test-beam coordinator as soon as possible:

- ALICE: [Klaus Barth](#)
- ATLAS: [André Rummler](#)
- CMS: [Dragoslav Lazic](#)
- LHCb: [Loris Martinazzoli](#)

For **GIF⁺⁺**, please submit your request to the GIF⁺⁺ Physics Coordinator (Paolo.Martinengo@cern.ch)

For **DRDx** collaborations, please check with your respective test beam coordinator.

Please **enter the beam time request following this link** <https://ps-sps-users.web.cern.ch/>
(you need to be subscribed to the "[ps-sps-users](#)" e-group)

If you cannot find your 'activity' in the submission tool, please get in contact with PS SPS Coordination Support <ps-sps-coordination.support@cern.ch>.

A DRAFT (v0.5) of the Injector Schedule for 2026 can be found here: <https://edms.cern.ch/document/3180469>

Current dates for fixed target proton physics :

East Area p+ Start : 18.02.2026 - End : 31.08.2026 (except T8, stopping at Week 32 for Ion Physics)

North Area p+ Start : 11.03.2026 - End : 03.08.2026 (followed by Ion physics run)

nTOF p+ Start : 09.02.2026 - End : 31.08.2026

AD/ELENA Start : 27.02.2026 - End : 31.08.2026

HiRadMat Start : 23.03.2026 - End : 02.08.2026

Please note the very early start in February/March and the stop of all accelerators on 31.8.2026 for the Long Shutdown 3 (LS3).

For questions on the beams or the infrastructure, please contact the liaison physicists for the beam lines (sba-physicists@cern.ch) and/or the PS/SPS physics coordinator (sps.coordinator@cern.ch).

Best regards,

Martin & Paolo

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- This is the last CERN beam time period before the long shutdown
 - Last chance for CERN beams before ePIC construction efforts are in full swing
- ePIC is recognized CERN experiment “RE47”
- Inform ePIC TC-Office of your 2026 beam time application
 - Include Oskar Hartbrich as ePIC contact in your beam time applications
- TIC Meeting October 27th: Brief communication (1-2 slides) from each beam time applicant group
- We expect time allocations to be very difficult this year.