

# Council Meeting

## Welcome & News

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18<sup>th</sup> ePIC Council Meeting

May 29, 2026

# Proxies & Reported Absences

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- Czech Technical University: Jana Bielcikova is the proxy for Jaroslav Bielcik
- ODU: Mohammad Hattawy is the proxy for Charles E. Hyde
- UMass: David Kawall is the proxy for Krishna Kumar
- JLab: XXX is the proxy for Kondo Gnanvo
- ANL: Fernando Flor is the proxy for Sylvester Joosten

# Next Meeting & Minuits

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- Next CC Meeting: **June 2**. Special overflow meeting. Presentation of new institutions that apply for ePIC membership.
- Minutes from last meeting (April 17, 2026) are, as always, posted on the respective Indico page

# Agenda/Policy Updates

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- The revised Charter introduces several substantive changes that will affect the policies governing ePIC. As a result, the following policies will need to be reviewed and updated:
  - The Membership Policy adopted by Council August 2024
  - The Conference and Talks Policy adopted by Council November 7, 2024
  - The Code of Conduct (now Culture Policy) adopted by Council December 23, 2024
  - The Publication Policy adopted by Council July 10, 2025
- This also gives the Committees the chance to correct parts of the policies that turned out to not work so well or are too complex.
- All Committees will report today on the status of their policy update
- Please read carefully and discuss within your groups

# Current Issue with Admission of New Institutions

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- The updated Charter refers to the Membership Policy to define the requirements for full membership
- The current Membership Policy does not define these requirements because the previous Charter version did define them (e.g. 2 Ph.D. etc)
- If these requirements are not met the current Charter foresees an *Affiliated Membership* for which gives the new member(s) the same rights as full members except their IR cannot vote in the council.
- For the admission/voting process none of these matters since the requirement of a super majority applies to both, Full and Affiliated Membership.
- We will proceed after the presentations at the June 2 meeting with the council voting on new institutions.

# Survey

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Launched May 11

Dear ePIC Collaborators,

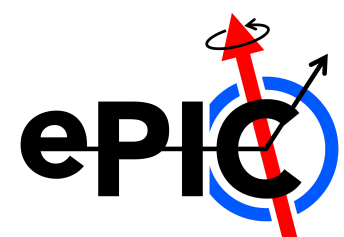
The Spokesperson's office and the Council Chairs would like your input on several matters concerning collaborator involvement in ePIC, the structure and content of collaboration meetings, the scope of the EIC project and the effectiveness of communication between the project and the collaboration as a whole.

Please use this link to take a short survey on these topics.

The survey will remain open until Monday May 25th, at 11:59 PM EDT.

Your input is valuable and very much appreciated!

Best Regards,  
John, Renee, Silvia and Thomas



# The Survey Questions

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Please indicate your current position.

- Student
- Postdoc
- Laboratory Staff
- University Faculty
- Other

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Would you like to be more involved with ePIC?

- Yes
- Not right now
- The majority of my effort is currently devoted to ePIC

If you would like to be more involved, what is limiting your engagement?

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What discussion topics or agenda items would you like to see addressed at the next collaboration meeting?

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Do you have suggestions on ways to improve the productivity and efficiency of the collaboration meetings?

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Does the removal of an 18GeV electron beam from project scope make the physics case for the EIC substantially less compelling?

- Yes
- Possibly
- No

If you responded "yes" or "possibly" above, please provide details about your concerns below.

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# The Survey Questions

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**ePIC**

In recent General Meetings we have discussed an implementation plan for the EIC that would have important equipment for the collider installed during the Early Science period (first ~5 years), resulting in lower luminosity targets for the Early Science period.

Will this affect your plans to engage with EIC Early Science?

Yes

Possibly

No

If you responded "yes" or

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for the Early Science period.

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No

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**ePIC**

On a scale of 1 (good) to 5 (bad) please rank the level and quality of communication between the project leadership and the collaboration as a whole.

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What is working?

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What is working?

What could be improved?

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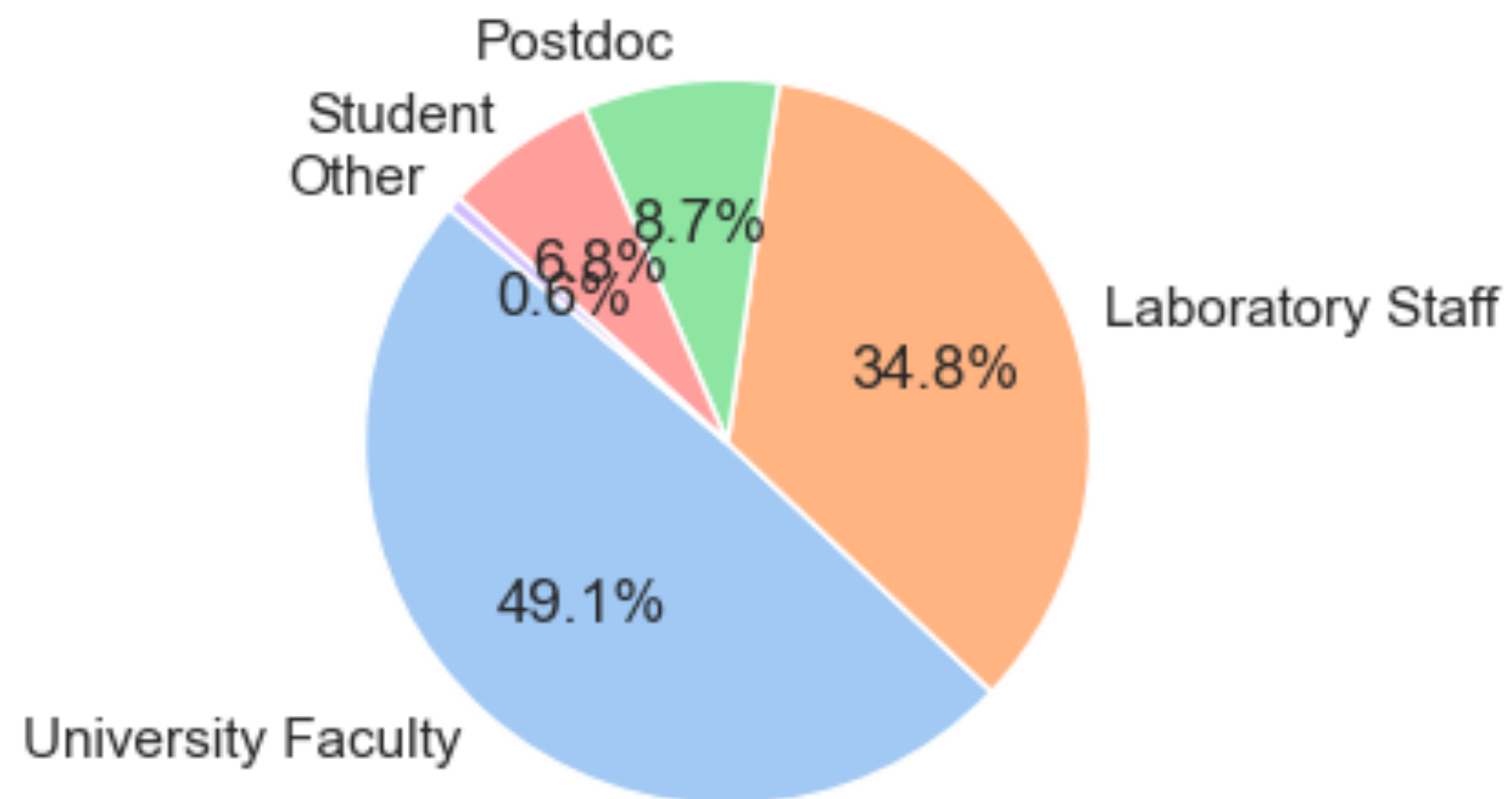
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# Respondent Demographics

Total replies: 184

Not everyone answered all questions.  
Varies between ~30 to 161

What is your current position?



## Current Position

Position	Responses
University Faculty	79
Laboratory Staff	56
Postdoc	14
Student	11
Other	1

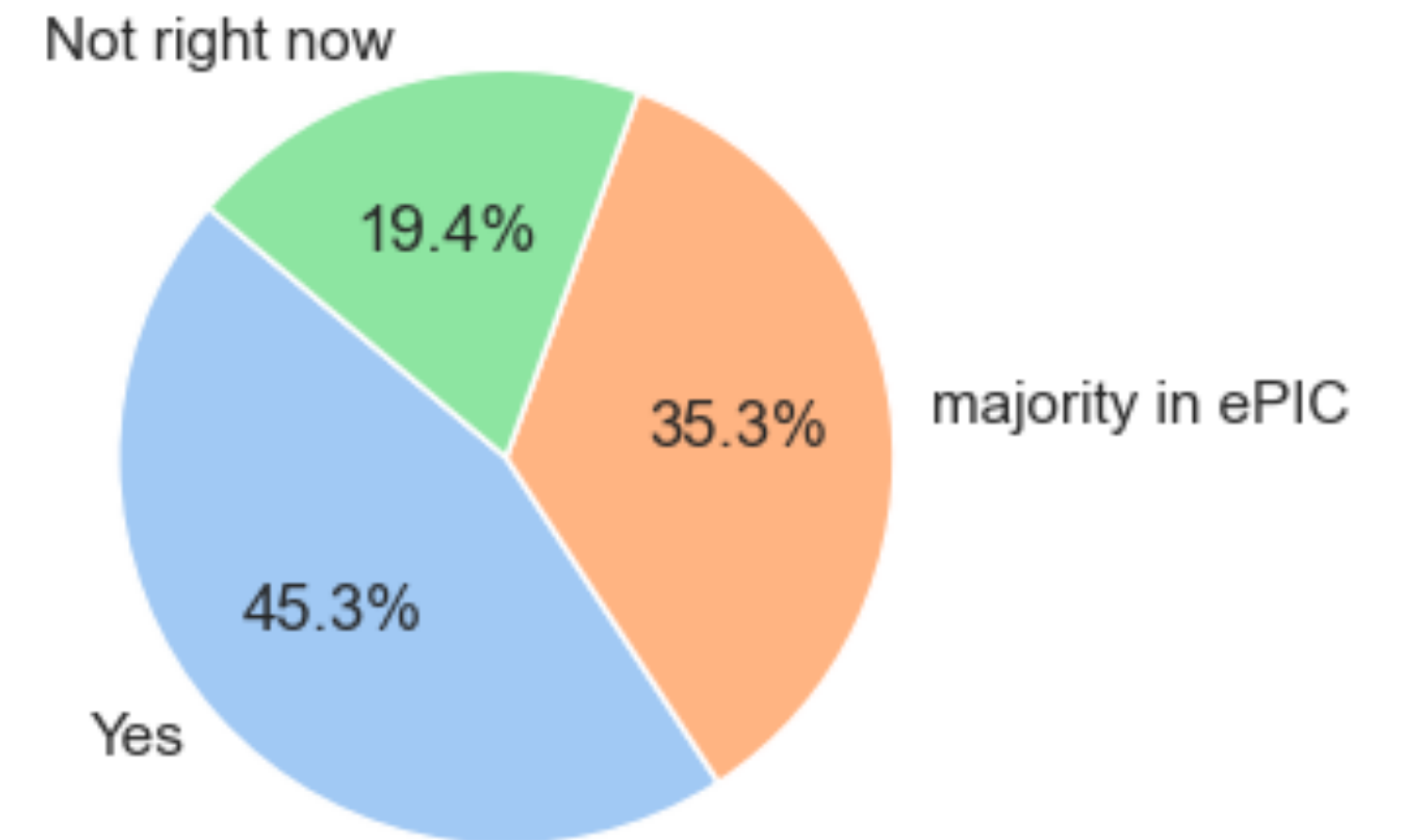
## Interpretation

The survey was dominated by senior collaboration members (faculty and laboratory staff), with more limited representation from postdocs and students.

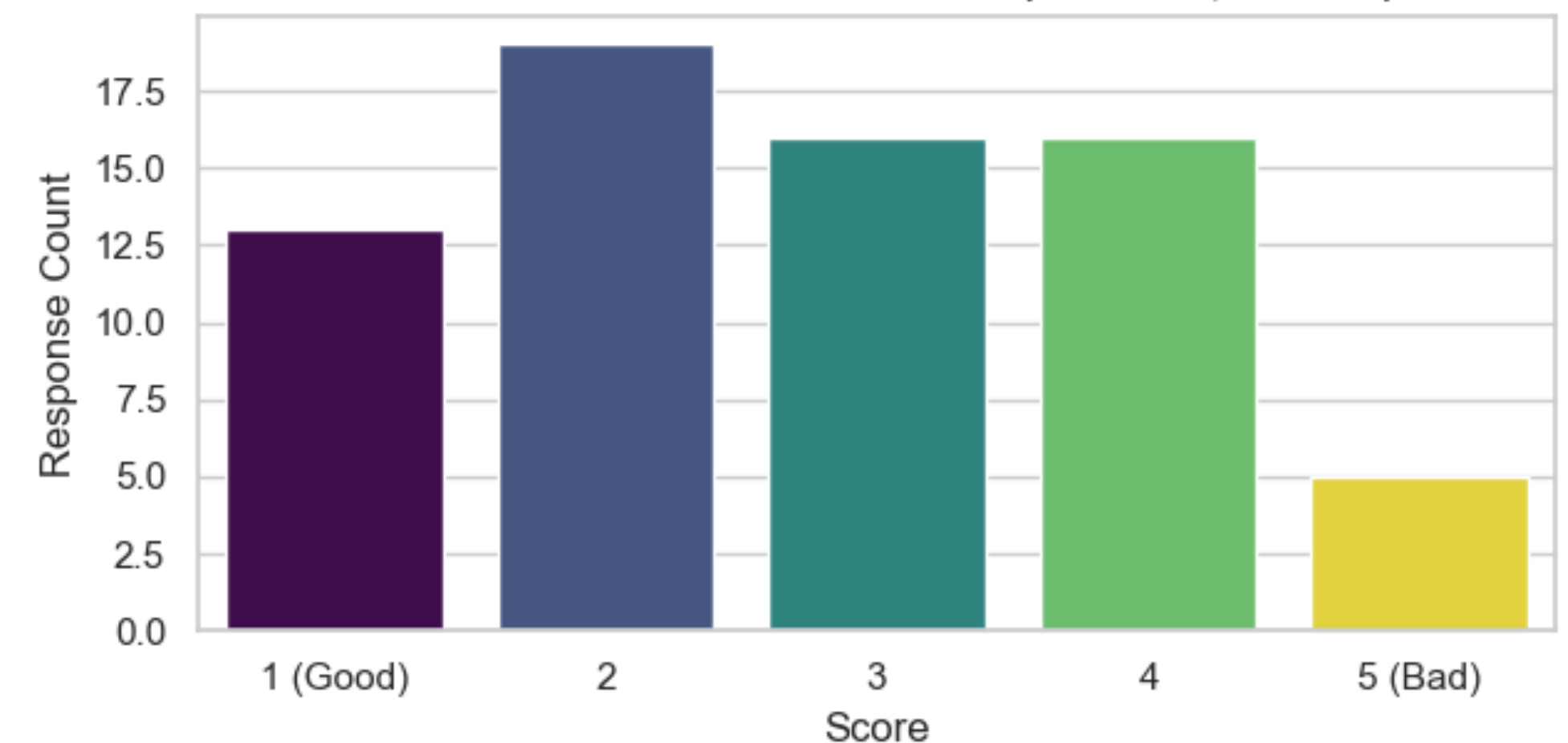
# First Look (I)

- Strong overall commitment to ePIC and high willingness for deeper involvement
- Major constraints: limited time, overlapping commitments, funding/travel limitations
- Communication with project viewed as mixed: many positive comments, but strong requests for greater transparency
- Most requested improvements: more accelerator/project updates, realistic schedules, better discussion formats
- Collaboration values regular meetings, tutorials, and technical exchanges

Would you like to be more involved?



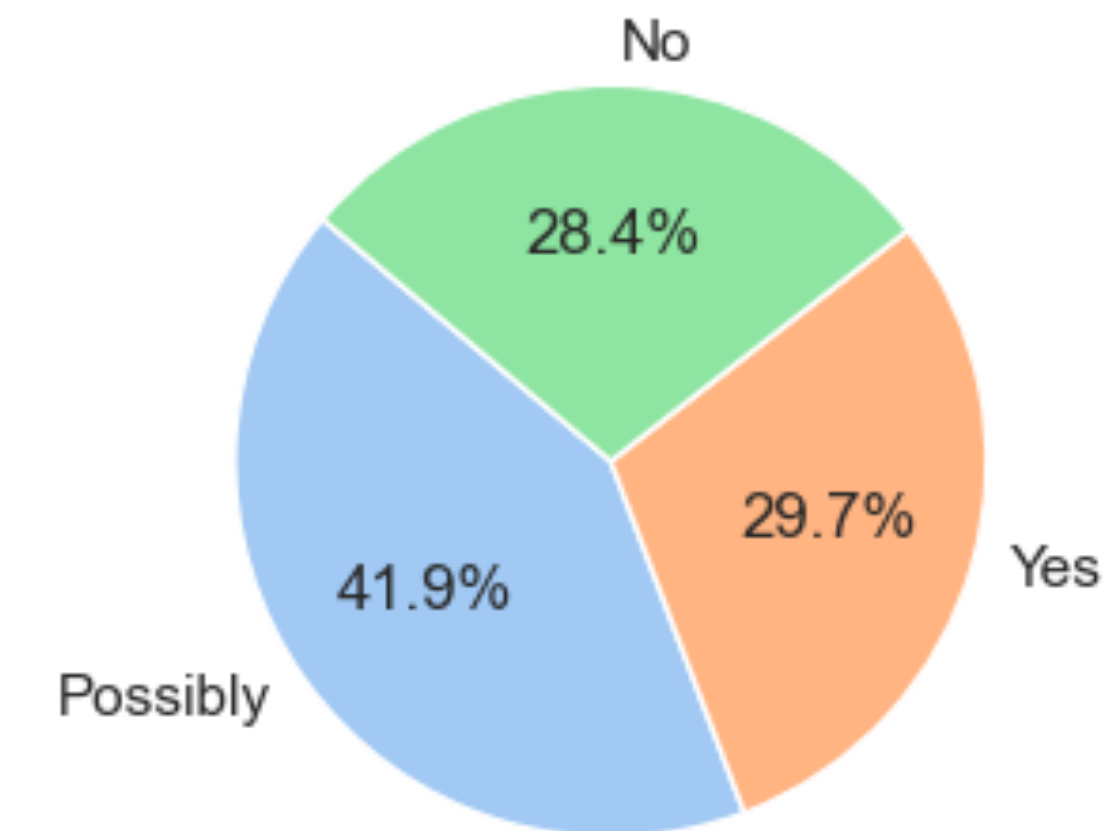
Quality of communication between the project leadership and the collaboration as a whole (1 = Good, 5 = Bad)



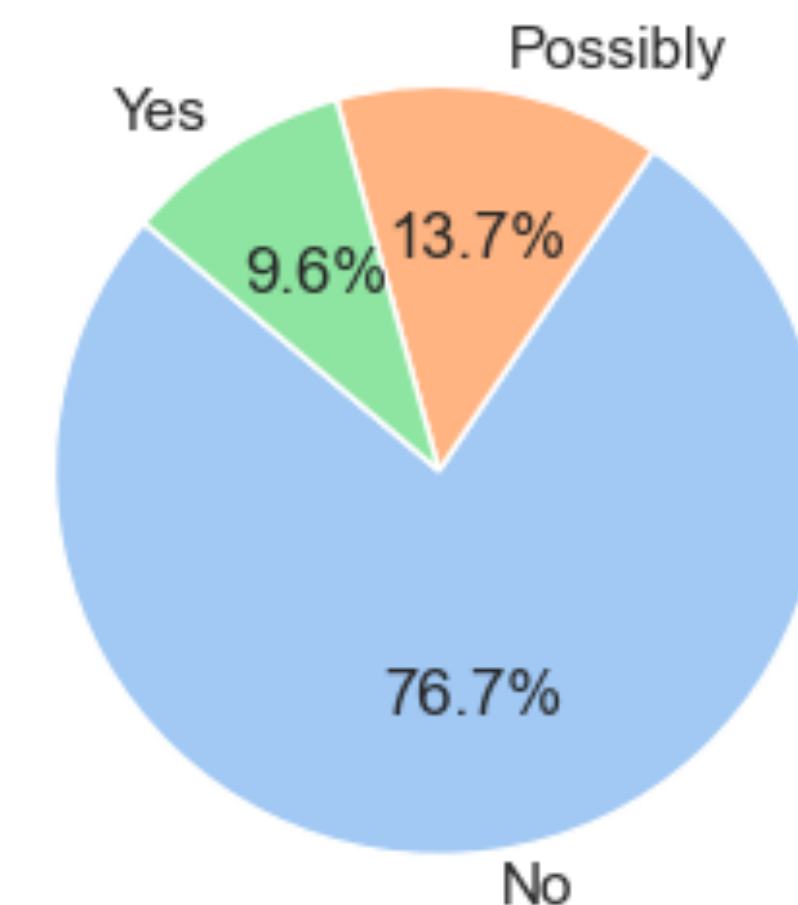
# First Look (II)

- Removal of the 18 GeV electron beam generated substantial concern
- Main worries: reduced kinematic reach, weaker saturation physics potential, reduced discovery reach
- Most respondents said lower Early Science luminosity would not immediately reduce engagement
- However, respondents emphasized that long-term scientific competitiveness is critical
- Suggested actions: improve transparency, strengthen onboarding/inclusion, streamline meetings, and communicate mitigation strategies clearly

Does the removal of an 18GeV electron beam from project scope make the physics case for the EIC substantially less compelling?



Does lower luminosity in early science years affect your plans to engage with the EIC?



# Needs Work

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- Many very useful comments and ideas
- The survey needs a careful analysis
- As always there are biases that need to be taken into account
- Nevertheless useful insights already
- More details in the next generic meeting (June 5)

# Next Collaboration Meeting

- University of Glasgow, UK on July 11-17th , 2026 (w/ EICUG)



<https://indico.bnl.gov/event/31808/>

Registration is open

# Agenda

10:30 AM → 10:40 AM	<b>Welcome &amp; Introduction</b> Speaker: Thomas Ullrich (BNL)	10m	
10:40 AM → 11:10 AM	<b>Report from the Conference &amp; Talks Committee (CTC)</b> Speakers: Brian Page (Brookhaven National Laboratory), Prof. Daniel Brandenburg (Ohio State University)	30m	
11:10 AM → 11:30 AM	<b>Status of Policy Update (Membership Committee)</b> Speakers: Carlos Munoz Camacho (IJCLab-Orsay (France)), Eric Lancon (BNL) Policy v2.1	20m	
11:30 AM → 11:50 AM	<b>Status of Policy Update (Culture Committee)</b> Speakers: Francesco Bossu (CEA-Saclay), Susanna Costanza (University of Pavia) ePIC Code of Condu...	20m	
11:50 AM → 12:10 PM	<b>Status of Policy Update (Conference &amp; Talks Committee)</b> Speakers: Brian Page (Brookhaven National Laboratory), Prof. Daniel Brandenburg (Ohio State University) ePIC-Conference-an...	20m	
12:10 PM → 12:30 PM	<b>Status of Policy Update (Publication Policy)</b> Speakers: Annalisa Mastroserio (Università degli Studi di Foggia and INFN), Xin Dong (Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory) AuthorshipPublicati...	20m	
12:30 PM → 1:00 PM	<b>Targeted Discussion of Author Lists / Limited-Author Papers</b> Discussion led by the publication committee Speakers: Annalisa Mastroserio (Università degli Studi di Foggia and INFN), Xin Dong (Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory)	30m	

- Note 5 proposals for joining ePIC listed as material on top of page

