

## LEAPS Sets Sails

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The European Synchrotrons and Free Electron Lasers have a long history of fruitful collaborations in a healthy competitive environment. Now they are joining forces to master the challenges of the next decades by adding their capabilities in smart specializations, and developing together the European strategy for photon science.

LEAPS, the League of European Accelerator-based Photon Sources, includes sixteen institutions as founding members, hosting national and international facilities, and representing a total community of 35000 researchers. SESAME has joined as first Associated Member.

Scientific and technical developments for next generation sources, innovation programs, technological transfer for industrial capacitation, better services to users, opening to the world, training and education, are the main stream of the collaboration.

LEAPS is developed in cooperation with the European Commission, calling to a new paradigm of co-funding participation of national funding agencies to such kind of programs. A first Pilot Project, LEAPS-INNOV, will be presented in the forthcoming H2020 call, while organizing the future programs to be developed in Horizon Europe.