

The CERN KT Forum. Definition and mandate.

Definition

The CERN-Member States KT (knowledge-transfer) Thematic Forum (CERN KT Forum) brings together CERN's Knowledge Transfer group and Knowledge Transfer representatives (called "KT Forum delegates") from each Member and Associate Member State to:

- exchange information and ideas about KT activities;
- develop synergies and common approaches;
- avoid duplication of efforts between CERN and the Member and Associate Member States;
- help CERN to liaise with industry and other stakeholders in the Member and Associate Member States;
- help CERN to identify potential partners for participation in its knowledge transfer projects.

The KT Forum is chaired by CERN's Knowledge Transfer Group Leader.

The list of KT Forum delegates is available here: <https://kt.cern/kt-forum>

Until the end of 2015, the KT Forum was called "ENET".

Mandate

The mandate of the KT Forum Delegates is to proactively contribute to the goals of the KT Forum listed above, in particular by:

- Regularly informing CERN's KT group of the technology needs and market potential of national industry;
- increasing national awareness regarding the potential of CERN technologies and the possibility to develop partnerships with CERN for industrial and/or academic R&D on applications outside High Energy Physics (HEP);
- ensuring that new technology disclosures presented by CERN at the KT Forum meetings or distributed to the KT Forum Delegates are brought to the attention of potentially interested industrial and academic partners in their country;
- advising CERN's KT group on the relevance of the Laboratory's knowledge-transfer activities for their country and flagging possible duplication of efforts between these activities and similar (national or international) initiatives in the Member and Associate Member States;
- assisting and advising the KT group in finding partners (industry and other research labs) in their countries, who could be interested in adopting CERN technologies and know-how and/or in collaborating to transfer CERN technologies to the market;
- Bringing to the attention of CERN's KT group relevant events (fairs, conferences) organised in their country where CERN technologies could be promoted;

- providing feedback to CERN's KT group on the impact of CERN technologies and know-how in their country and on their national KT policies and procedures.

Delegates report on their mandate and activities at the KT forum meetings which are held once or twice per year.

The ideal KT Forum Delegate's profile is a person who knows the industrial tissue in their country and has a basic understanding of CERN technologies and of the technology transfer process.

KT Forum meetings on Medical Applications

In June 2017, the CERN Council approved the "Strategy and Framework Applicable to Knowledge Transfer by CERN for the Benefit of Medical Applications". More information can be found here: <https://kt.cern/medtech/cern-medtech-strategy>

The document foresees that, every year, at least one meeting of the KT Forum will be entirely devoted to the discussion of medical applications-related activities and will be co-chaired by the Chair of the CERN Medical Applications Steering Committee (CMASC) and the CERN KT Group Leader.

Council Delegates have been invited to appoint one additional delegate to attend these meetings. The ideal KT Forum Delegate's profile for the KT Forum on Medical Applications is a person who has knowledge of the applications of HEP technologies to healthcare, and a broad understanding of the ongoing activities in this field in the Member or Associate Member State.