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## The Wide Field Spectroscopic Telescope: ESO's next big telescope?

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While the construction of the ELT is well underway, the ESO community is already preparing for its next telescope project. A down selection is in fact already scheduled for the end of 2026. The leading contender, the Wide Field Spectroscopic Telescope (WST) is progressing its design with several contributing institutions across Europe and Australia. We will report on the telescope design progress and stress the activities taking place in Australia and its implication for ESO membership.

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