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# Report from EPICS Council

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2022

# Continuing the Collaboration with COVID

EPICS Collaboration Meetings are less frequent and depend on virtualization

- ICALEPCS October 2019 last fully in person meeting, limited to one day due to conference
- Fritz Haber Institute October 2020 – all virtual
- Canadian Light Source July 2021 – all virtual
- Cosylab in Ljubljana September 2022 – hybrid, first meeting with in-person participation since the pandemic began, remote participation also possible

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- Meetings have been once per year rather than twice, missing Asian locations
- Time zone differences make it difficult for virtual meetings to attract an international audience
- Given the importance of sharing developments and in person interaction, the EPICS Council is working toward returning to 2 meetings per year and in person or hybrid meetings keeping travel advisories in mind

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Code-a-thons and Document-a-thons have continued at one per year

- SLAC May 2022, hybrid
- ESS March 2021, virtual
- Diamond February 2020 – in person, just before COVID induced shutdowns began

## Other

- Various working groups have continued to meet virtually and core developer working group planning a meeting at Brookhaven in October

# Collaboration goals

## Goals

- Two meetings per year using Europe, Americas, Asia rotation
- Code-a-thon – At least once a year
- Document-a-thon – At least once a year
  
- Next EPICS Collaboration Meeting is being planned in the US for Spring 2023

# Council Composition

- Laboratories making a meaningful contribution to the collaboration (value ~1 FTE) may have a representative on the council
- We are seeking Asian representation specifically, and other labs
- Would like to hear from other labs meeting the criteria who want to get involved.
- Volunteers for hosting collaboration meetings, code-a-thons or document-a-thons are welcome
- Contact the council at [council@epics-controls.org](mailto:council@epics-controls.org)