

KAT Strategy Meeting, Zoom, 3+4 Dec 2020

# KAT Election Period

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# Why modify current election period?

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- Reminder on 2019 timeline:
  - February 2019: KAT elections
  - 30.03.2019: Inaugural meeting and election of chair & deputy
  - 27.05.2019: Strategy talks with BMBF in Bonn.
- Preparation of
  - recommendations including priorities;
  - document “Astroteilchenphysik in Deutschland – Perspektiven und Empfehlungen”;
  - presentations and rehearsals;within a few weeks → very tight, error-prone, stress.
- This situation would repeat over and over again.
- Solution: shift election be a few months forwards or backward. New clause: “... *extend or reduce the present election period by **up to one year** ...*”

## Possible scenarios

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1. Reduction by 1 year, election February 2021.  
This would generate a lead time of a little more than year before the strategy process. It is, however, not obvious that an election at this time scale could easily be organised.
2. Reduction by ~5 months, election in September 2021.  
This would extend the lead time by a few months - an improvement, but by far not optimal.
3. Election at the regular date in February 2022.  
(no solution to the problem).
4. Extension by ~7 months, election in September 2022.  
This would imply that the current KAT is responsible for the full ErUM-Pro process up to the deadline for proposals. The new KAT would take over thereafter and would be able to feed more than two years of experience into the next strategy process. It would thus be responsible for the complete ErUM-Pro cycle to come.

KAT unanimously supports option 4:  
**Elections in September/October 2022.**  
All KAT members agreed to extend their  
terms of office correspondingly.

This proposal must be endorsed by the astroparticle community, i.e. by you, with a 2/3 majority.

# Discussion notes

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- Note 1: