



## THE ESRF PRESENTS ITS FUTURE

More than 350 people gathered at the ESRF on 24 October for the Information and Discussion meeting about the ESRF Upgrade Programme. The main aim of the meeting was to inform the ESRF users about the plans of the upgrade of the facility that will take place from 2008 to 2017 and to receive their feedback. Seven different sessions were held, covering all the main scientific areas of the ESRF beamlines, with some 50 specialists attending each of them.

The meeting was also the opportunity to officially present the Purple Book, a document describing the scientific case for the Upgrade and the associated technical and infrastructure challenges. The Purple Book is available on demand at [www.esrf.eu/AboutUs/Upgrade/purple-book](http://www.esrf.eu/AboutUs/Upgrade/purple-book) or you can download it from the same webpage.

The Programme includes the projects for the facility for the next ten to twenty years, to ensure that the ESRF remains at the forefront of synchrotron science. "This ambitious programme is essential, not only for our laboratory, one of the most effective and productive of the large European research infrastructures, but also for the future health of European science", explains Bill Stirling, Director General of the ESRF.

The December issue of the ESRF Newsletter will also focus on the Upgrade Programme, including the main highlights of the Upgrade as well as the views from different synchrotron radiation experts.



The Purple Book.



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