T-REX: Italian technologies for E-ELT





INAF progetto premiale awarded by MIUR

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Progetto premiale on E-ELT: T-REX

Following a decision taken by Berlusconi's Government, every year MIUR takes a percentage of 7% out of the budget of all of its Research Institutes (EPR: INAF, INFN, CNR, etc.) and is supposed to redistribute that money to national projects presented by the EPR Institutes on a competitive, peer review basis. These projects, supported by the 7% budget tax, are dubbed *progetti premiali*.

At the end of 2011 MIUR put out the first call for *progetti premiali*. INAF presented 4 such applications and got 3 approved, one of them being T-REX. Notice that the total allocation to INAF turned out to be higher than 7% of its budget: holidays were used fruitfully ... ③



Progetto premiale on E-ELT

Application: January 2012 PI: M. Tosi Requested duration: 3 years Requested budget: 3.9+3.7+3.6 M€

Financed duration: 1 year Allocated budget: 3.9 M€ (top spent within 1 year)

Participants: R.C. Butler, S. CriGood news:Garilli, R. Gratton, A. MarcorWe can (and shall) applyR. Ragazzoni, A. Renzini, F.M.again for continuation:most of the INAF institutes anddeadline February 15th

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Main Objectives

- Strengthen the position and role of INAF and Italian Universities in the international consortia, currently under development, for the realization of the E-ELT instruments.
- Support the executive design phase of the E-ELT instrumentation, strengthening facilities and laboratories.
- Promote the formation of young researchers to be employed in the design and construction of instrumentation for the E-ELT via training by highly qualified personnel.
- **Develop new technologies to ensure the feasibility of the E-ELT instruments**. Ensure the maintenance/enhancement of scientific and industrial know-how.
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Management (1)

T-REX is managed in tight connection with the INAF Science Directorate (as all science and technology projects of national and international relevance must)



Management (2)

T-REX is managed in tight connection with the INAF Science Directorate

- •We discuss with the Science Director all the major issues/ needs.
- •We have decided together how to distribute both the funds awarded to T-REX (3.9 M€) and the extra-budget allocated to INAF for E-ELT in 2012 (6 M€, most of which will go directly to ESO as annual fee for our participation to the project).
- •In agreement with the CdA, we will devote 10% of the budget to PRIN INAF for projects of interest.



Management (3)

• The OU coordinators are in charge of the activities of their OU, of their financial and FTE requests, and are responsible for the allocated resources.

• The members of OU1 are in charge of the coordination of the OUs and of discussing the allocation of resources.



First year (in practice 2013)

- For h/w investment we have given highest priority to activities for projects related to E-ELT first light:
 2.7 M€ to OU2-MIRRORS for Metrology Lab
 1.5 M€ to OU3-CAM for Maory
- We allocated 1.2 M€ to the OUs for 15 FTEs and 60 K€ for mobility.



Second year (starting tomorrow...)

- We will apply in response to the new call for *Progetti Premiali* (deadline Feb 15th).
- Baseline: same format successful last year, i.e. same PI, same layout of project, same OUs.
- However: open to new entries, in terms of technoprojects of strict interest for E-ELT with high visibility of Italian contribution (e.g. PI or high level responsibility) and high probability of success within ESO
- ESO feedback highly appreciated ...



Watch next presentations for details.

Thank you







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