
Transnational Access with ChETEC-INFRA

Nordic Optical Telescope

Country of Installation: Spain

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www.chetec-infra.eu/tna/au-not



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Transnational Access with ChETEC-INFRA: How To Apply

Eligibility & Support

Criteria for eligibility and evaluation of proposals for Transnational Access are outlined on the [ChETEC-INFRA website](http://www.chetec-infra.eu)¹.

- The user group leader and the majority of the users must work in a country other than the country where the installation is located (Spain).
- The user group must be allowed to disseminate the results of the TNA project. If the user group is part of an Small or Medium Enterprise (SME), this requirement can be waived.
- If the user group leader can use national mechanisms to access ChETEC-INFRA telescopes (e. g. for some countries to access the NOT telescope), they should apply using these mechanisms and not for ChETEC-INFRA transnational access.

For proposals that are approved by the User Selection Panel (USP), access costs for the number of observation nights approved by the USP are covered in full through ChETEC-INFRA.

Form of the proposal

Please submit your proposal via [GATE](https://gate.hzdr.de)². Two documents will be required:

- a project description, and
- an experimental plan.

Please make sure to list all co-proposers in your proposal itself (i. e., not only in the submitted pdf documents). A GATE account will be required for every co-proposer.

¹<https://www.chetec-infra.eu/tna/application/>

²<https://gate.hzdr.de>

Project Description / Scientific Plan

Please use the [common template](#)³ for the structure of this first part of the proposal, and ensure that the following points are covered:

- Relation to the scientific program of ChETEC-INFRA
- Scientific justification
- Goals of the proposed project
- Feasibility of the proposed project
- Supplemental information (figures, tables, references)

In GATE, please upload this document as “Project Description”.

For proposals utilizing more than one infrastructure, please submit individual proposals for each facility in GATE, but with a common “Project Description” document (identical for all connected proposals), and different “Experimental Plan” documents.

Experimental Plan / Facility-Related Information

The experimental plan should contain the necessary information to decide on the feasibility of the proposed project at the facility, and to evaluate the amount of access / support requested through ChETEC-INFRA.

Please make sure to include the following information:

- aim of the TA in short, add. to proposal
- Total duration of the TA
- Preferred time slot for scheduling this access
- Required equipment to be provided by the TA facility
- For projects needing excellent image quality or photometric conditions, a short description of a possible backup programme, or a justification why none is provided, should be given. A backup programme is also needed in case an unfavourable wind speed or direction may prevent you from executing your main programme. Note that this applies for any programme, independent if it is to be executed in service or visitor mode.

Please use the LaTeX template (“NOTFORM”) provided on the [facility website](#)⁴, and upload the resulting pdf as experimental plan. Please do not change the structure of the template.

³https://www.chetec-infra.eu/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/TNA_General_TemplateScience.docx

⁴<http://www.not.iac.es/observing/proposals>

Travel / Logistics

- Standard operation of the facility is in visitor / “hands on” mode. Exceptions are possible. If an exception is requested, please include details on this in the proposal.
 - Travel support can be requested through ChETEC-INFRA.
If travel support is requested, please include details (number of supported scientists, duration of stay) in your request.
 - We strongly recommend to get in contact with the facility at the time of preparing the proposal, in order to discuss the practical aspects of access and use of the facility.
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Contact Information

For any questions on ChETEC-INFRA’s Transnational Access program, please contact the TNA management team (Dr. Konrad Schmidt and Dr. Axel Boeltzig) at chetec-infra@hzdr.de.

[Office hours](#)⁵ for all questions around transnational access are available as open Zoom meetings.

Facility-specific questions can be addressed to the TNA facility contact Dr. Thomas Augusteijn (tau@not.iac.es).

We look forward to hearing from you!

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⁵<https://www.chetec-infra.eu/tna>