

Call for participants: UK L3 Advisory Group

The UK Space Agency is seeking participants for an advisory group to inform its discussions with the European Space Agency on their proposed gravitational wave mission (L3).

This mission is foreseen as the third Large Class (L3) mission in ESA's Cosmic Vision space science programme, with a launch date in the early 2030s.

ESA plans to kick off the mission Phase A in 2017, leading to formal adoption in 2024.

ESA has just established a Gravitational Wave Working Group (GW-WG) for interested Member States to facilitate progress on this timescale. The UK will be represented on the GW-WG by the UK Space Agency's Head of Space Science, Dr Katherine Wright, and by Prof. Mike Cruise as scientific and technical advisor. The first meeting of the GW-WG is scheduled for 19 April 2016.

It is intended that the UK Space Agency L3 Advisory Group should provide a structure to capture UK experience, expertise and potential interest in the mission to inform the UK Space Agency's involvement in the GW-WG. If you would be interested in participating in the UK L3 Advisory Group group, please write to Dr Caroline Harper at the UK Space Agency caroline.harper@ukspaceagency.bis.gsi.gov.uk by 8 April 2016.

Please include a brief outline of your specific area of expertise and relevant experience (max 1 page), so that this can be taken into account when the membership is selected. Please note that the UK Space Agency will appoint members to provide a balance of expertise and experience.