

## **CERN adopts the 'one percent digital solidarity' principle**

*The same is need in fundamental nuclear research across nations without the interference of politicians.*

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The European Organisation for Nuclear Research (CERN) adopted, at the end of 2005, the “one percent digital solidarity” principle. This innovative financing mechanism developed by the DSF proposes that public authorities and private businesses, when purchasing ITC-related equipment or services, require the winning vendor to contribute 1% of the transaction to the Fund. The CERN’s commitment to the DSF represents an additional step towards a more cooperative information society. Indeed, CERN has already greatly contributed to building the information society: by giving the world the World-Wide Web.

When collaborating with more than 6;500 scientists worldwide, the issues of interconnection, access to documentation, or scientific training becomes crucial. “We are the world institute the best connected to the Internet”, explains Dr. Hans Falk Hoffmann, Head of a LHC\* research group, which gathers 2000 researchers from 32 countries. “We have the knowledge of working within networks which we can transmit. Science must be at the heart of development policies; it is intrinsically global, as scientific innovation benefits humanity as a whole.”