

# Access to LOFAR

How to get access to LOFAR facilities and become a participant in the project

## How to become a participant in the project

- If you are part of one of the Astronomical Key Science Projects, please use your designated contact person.
- If you are part of one of the International partners of LOFAR, please contact your designated contact person.
- If you are not part of any of the above please see the information on this page:  
<http://www.lofar.org/contact-lofar>

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## How to get access to the LOFAR systems

### Central Processing Systems

Once you are a participant of the project and you need access to the CEP systems as a programmer or scientist, you will need this information:

- Get your contact person (e.g., Michael Wise) to request an account on the systems and specify what permissions you'll need.
- Ensure that you can enter the portal node (`portal.lofar.eu`) with your new account.
- Learn the basics of the [Lofar Login Environment](#) available at Central Processing.
- Learn the overall layout and use of the [central processing \(CEP\) systems](#)
- Learn about the available [packages](#)
- Learn how to use [ssh keys, ssh-agents and ssh port forwarding](#).
- Learn how to use [the FreeNX client for compressed X11 output](#).
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## Wiki

You will have to register. See [The LOFAR wiki start page](#).

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