Important LOFAR dates

Collection of important dates regarding the LOFAR system. This collects known Stopdays, Software releases, etc. Subject to change, so if you need to stay up-to-date, syubscriube to this page (use 'manage subscriptions' tab at the top of this page).

This dates at this page should be in sync with the LOFAR activity agenda: LOFAR Google Calendar maintained by Science Operations & Support (sos (at) astron.nl).

Please, let us know if you find any discrepancies. (ro_wiki (at) astron.nl)

LOFAR stop days

The stop-days procedure can be found on this page

Note: The dates are links to pages with planned changes/activities!

2019	Coordinator
Feb 5-6	Teun
Mar 19-20 w/ LCUs reboot	Jasmin
May 7	Reinoud
Jul 9-10 w/ LCUs reboot	?
~~Sep 3-4~~	Postponed to sep 24-25
Sep 24-25	?
Nov 5-6 w/ LCUs reboot	?

Archived stop days

2018	Coordinator
Feb 6-7	Reinoud
Apr 10-11	Teun
Jun 5-6	Reinoud
Aug 7-8	Teun
Oct 2-3	Jasmin
Dec 4-5	Teun

2017	Coordinator
Jan 3	Teun
Feb 7	Reinoud
Mar 7	Teun
Apr 4	Reinoud
May 2	Teun
Jun 6	Reinoud
Jul 4	Reinoud
Aug 1	Teun
Sep 5	Reinoud

2017	Coordinator
Oct 3 Skipped	
Nov 7	Reinoud
Dec 5	Teun

2016	Coordinator
Apr 5	
May 3 NEW DATE	
Jun 7	
Jul 12	
Aug 2	
Aug 30	
Oct 4	
Nov 1	Teun
Dec 6	Teun

After a stopday, software support will go through a checklist before handing over the system to Science Operations and Support and operators. That list is here.

The coordinator reports OBS, SOS and SDOS by mail that the stopday has finished.

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\\  ==== LOFAR Software Releases ====
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2016	Version	2017	Version	2018	Version	2019	Version
Jan 25	2.15	Feb 13	2.20	Feb 12	Skipped	Jan 23 (Wed!)	3.2.7 (Minor rollout)
Mar 14	2.16	Mar 13	Skipped	Apr 23	3.1	Apr 23 (Tue!)	4.0.0 (Major release)
May 23	2.17	~~May 8~~ Jun 12	2.21	Jun 18	Skipped	Jun 24	
Jul 4		Jul 10	2.21.5 (Minor rollout)	Sep 10	3.2	Sep 16	
Sep 12	2.17.6	Sep 11	2.22	Nov 5	Skipped	Nov 18	
Nov 7	2.19	Oct 16	3.0	Dec 10	Skipped		
Dec 5	Skipped	Dec 11	Skipped				

Note: Semester planning by SOS will be done half April and half October for the coming semesters; be sure to get in touch with M. Iacobelli around that time to properly synchronize all plannings (incl stopdays, etc.)

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