

Detailed Strategy	Plans (2018-2019)	Long Term (2020-2025)
Time Metrology		
<p>To calculate, disseminate and improve the world reference time scale through integrating data from atomic clocks at the NMIs.</p>	<p><i>To continue improving the world reference time scale through the integration of new independent time transfer techniques and refined algorithms.</i></p> <p><i>To integrate all Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS) into a combined-link solution for clock comparison in UTC.</i></p>	<p><i>To support the needs of the global time community by providing UTC of sufficient accuracy to progress the state of the art.</i></p>
<p>To investigate the scope for a 100-fold improvement in frequency accuracy through a future re-definition of the second and of time-keeping based on optical clocks.</p>	<p><i>To study and support the implementation of novel time and frequency transfer techniques for the comparison of highly accurate optical standards to improve the definition/realization of TAI.</i></p> <p><i>To access the results of the Atomic Clock Ensemble in Space (ACES) experiment in order to exploit the future application of the microwave link for time and frequency transfer.</i></p>	<p><i>To coordinate and support a redefinition of the second based on optical transitions.</i></p> <p><i>To adapt the infrastructure for time scale maintenance and dissemination to the new definition of the second.</i></p>
<p>To promote the importance and benefits to the international telecommunications, astronomy and earth science communities of:</p> <p>UTC,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – frequency measurements traceable to the SI and – common space-time references. 	<p><i>To pursue and enhance interaction with national and international organizations and user communities aiming at providing a set of consistent space-time references traceable to the SI.</i></p>	<p><i>To provide the unique, continuous time scale for world time coordination.</i></p>