

**Two Town Hall meetings**, one in the US and one in Europe, will be organized to present, discuss and collect feedback from the astronomical and neutrino communities about the policy for Open Alert Era, possible MoUs, joint scientific projects.

**USA: Boston, Massachusetts March 16-17, 2018**

**Europe: Science Park, Amsterdam, Netherlands April 12-13, 2018**

(Tentative → first day 9:00-17:30, second day 9:00-13:00)

## Tentative agenda

- 1) Brief introductions of the participants
- 2) Prospects for observing and localizing GW transients in O3
- 3) Policy for the open alert era
  - LVC plans
  - astronomers requirements/desiderata
- 4) Astronomers preparation for O3
- 5) Science driven MoUs
  - EM-follow up (sub-thresholds/cosmology/NS physics)
  - Extragalactic search (FRB, SN, neutrino)
  - what model of MoU? Sharing of data? Publication policy?
- 6) Standardise the observation/transient information exchange

LVC wants invite the physics and astronomy community interested in the multi-messenger aspects of the science with gravitational waves to join a new "**open forum**"

Unlike the membership **LV-EM** structure based on **MOUs**, the **new Open LV-EM Forum** has no requirements for joining or for participation

It is intended to facilitate the free exchange of information and ideas among gravitational-wave, electromagnetic and other (e.g., neutrino) astronomers

The OpenLV-EM system is being worked out and we will let you know how to subscribe it