

# The Athena Community Office

- The *Athena* Community Office (ACO) supports ESA's *Athena* Science Study Team (ASST) in its role as "focal point for the interests of the broad scientific community".
- Responsibilities:
  - Optimisation of the community efforts assisting the ASST in several aspects.
  - Organisational aspects such as helping to the promotion of *Athena* science capabilities in the research world, through conferences and workshops.
  - Keep the *Athena* community informed on the status of the project.
  - Develop communication and outreach activities.
- Led by IFCA (CSIC-UC) in Spain, with contributions from IRAP, MPE and UniGe.



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