

I principi dell'accordo sono sottoposti a Council ESO di Giugno 22

1. ESO continues to host the VST at its Paranal site of the La Silla Paranal Observatory and continues to provide the legal framework for the VST in Chile.

2. A new Operations Plan has been developed by ESO tailored to the needs of INAF and within ESO's constraints on available resources and capabilities.
3. ESO performs the VST operation and maintenance according to the Operations Plan on behalf of INAF.
4. All costs and expenses of ESO related to the operations of VST on behalf of INAF will be reimbursed by INAF.
5. 10% of the VST observing time will be made available by INAF to Chilean astronomers, in accordance with the 1995 ESO-Chile Agreement. The remaining observing time is under the sole authority of INAF for its own use or for making it available to other institutes or partners for scientific purposes.
6. After a defined proprietary period (defaulted to one year), INAF will make all raw and calibrated images obtained by VST as part of this Agreement available to the ESO community through the ESO Science Archive Facility. In return for making the VST data available, the costs related to ESO's Archive services for VST data will be waived to INAF.
7. The Agreement expires on 30 September 2027 but may be extended upon mutual written agreement of ESO and INAF.
8. Upon expiry or termination of the Agreement, INAF undertakes to decommission the VST telescope and remove its assets from the Paranal site unless the parties agree that the ownership of the VST telescope and the corresponding rights and obligations under the agreement are transferred to another institute or organisation.