

## Press release

ELI ALPS Laser Research Institute in Szeged has been handed over to science

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***With the completion of the GINOP project "ELI Laser Research Centre (ELI-ALPS) Large Project Phase 2", which received priority support from the Government of Hungary in the framework the Széchenyi 2020 programme, a new era begins in the life of ELI ALPS in Szeged: the world's most advanced laser research centre has been put to the service of science. The award-winning building, completed with the help of a non-reimbursable EU grant of HUF 49,290 billion, has been equipped with research infrastructure unmatched anywhere else in the world, opening new avenues for national and international***

With the completion of the implementation phase of the GINOP large project, ELI ALPS Laser Research Institute in Szeged has been officially handed over to science. All the equipment of the institute is now available for national and international research.

Construction of the Institute started in the spring of 2014. The building complex was inaugurated and fitting of the laboratories with equipment started in May 2017. The Institute employs 250 employees: researchers, engineers, technicians and administrative staff. Thanks to the project, ELI ALPS' staff, in collaboration with national and international partners, have been able to install state-of-the-art infrastructure at the institute that is unique in the world and opens new avenues for national and international research. World records have already been set in these laboratories, but the Institute's leaders and staff hope that the scientific world will recognize the opportunities they offer and they will be able to report many scientific breakthroughs in the future.

Although an important a milestone, the formal closure of the GINOP project is not the end of the work, but the beginning of ELI ALPS' operations in line with its long-term mission. Based on the equipment commissioned and the performance demonstrated by the ELI team so far, ELI ALPS will surely be a successful actor in the international scientific arena.

For more information on the project please visit the [www.eli-alps.hu/hu/Rolunk/Projektjeink-GOP-GINOP](http://www.eli-alps.hu/hu/Rolunk/Projektjeink-GOP-GINOP) website.

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