

LBT started as a single-observatory (Arcetri) project

**Formally moved to national project when INAF was created
(2004)**

This transition is fully complete now :

- **7 Institutes deeply engaged in LBT constructions and operations;**
- **responsibilities fully spread;**
- **50 proposals/call from whole community;**
- **Italian LBT meeting 2014feb: 110 participants**

Science-wise: expectations from the (large) community are those typical of international-class facility: LBT as a "service provider"

LBT Italian coordination facility aimed at increasing efficiency in science exploitation

LBT as a successful gymn/test bench for new technologies : pathfinder for ELTs