

- Long standing tradition of Italian/Australian **cooperation** in science and technology
- **Ongoing collaborations** across all areas of astrophysics and engineering, in large ground based projects (CTAO, SKA, ESO) and space missions (HERMES/Spirit)
- Baracchi III talks highlighted the **excellence and high potential** of this collaborative research in a broad range of astronomical topics
  
- A **bilateral agreement** of scientific, technological and innovation cooperation exists between Italy and Australia (signed on May 22nd, 2017 in Canberra and ratified in May 2021) → The Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs supports the agreement with a budget of **461kEuro/year**
  
- Need to **implement the bilateral agreement** to support the scientific and technological ongoing activities. Need to **take an action** towards the stakeholders to ensure that the implementation of the bilateral agreement takes place on short timescales (action just taken to ensure INAF representant will follow this)
  
- Baracchi IV conference in 2023

## What are the next steps?

I think we would like to:

- Maintain communication in between the Baracchi meetings
- Identify some specific projects and activities to pursue under the Bilateral Agreement
- *(on the Australian side)* Find out how our government plans to implement the agreement

Some suggestions for how to do this:

- Set up a small Steering Group with representatives from both countries, who can consult with both government and our astronomy communities to plan projects and seek funding
- Identify some seed funding to kick off these activities
- Have a longer-term web page/resources for reference (and maybe keep the current Slack channel open if it's useful)