Europe to the Stars
— ESO's First 50 Years of Exploring the Southern Sky

The year 2012 marks the 50th anniversary of the European Southern Observatory (ESO), the European Southern Observatory, establishment in Germany, the Netherlands and Sweden sign the ESO Convention, the European Southern Observatory (ESO) is signed.

The signing of the ESO Convention in 1962 was the starting point for the construction of the world's first major astronomical observatory on the southern hemisphere. This very special year provides a great opportunity to look back at the European Southern Observatory (ESO), the foremost intergovernmental astronomy organisation in Europe to the Stars.

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