The ELI-NP Project: Towards Experiments with Intense Gamma-Beams

D.L. Balabanski^{1,2}

¹"Horia Hulubei" National Institute for Physics and Nuclear Engineering, 30 Reactorului Street, RO-077125 Magurele, jud. Ilfov, Romania

²Institute for Nuclear Research and Nuclear Energy, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, 72 Tsarigradsko Chaussee Blvd., BG-1784 Sofia, Bulgaria

Extreme Light Infrastructure (ELI) Pan-European facility initiative represents a major step forward in quest for extreme electromagnetic fields. Extreme Light Infrastructure Nuclear Physics (ELI-NP) is one of the three pillars of the ELI facility, that aims to use extreme electromagnetic fields for nuclear physics and quantum electrodynamics research. At ELI-NP, high power laser systems together with a very brilliant gamma beam are the main research tools. Their targeted operational parameters will be described. The related experimental areas will be presented, together with the main directions of the research envisioned. The different instruments which are considered to operate in the ELI-NP experimental halls will be reported, with an emphasis on the instrumentation which is designed for nuclear structure, reactions and astrophysics research.

Acknowledgements. This work is supported by Extreme Light Infrastructure - Nuclear Physics (ELI-NP) – Phase I, a project co-financed by the European Union through the European Regional Development Fund.

Rila Mountains, Bulgaria, 23-29 June, 2013

13