Finding the EChO targets: overview of present and future missions and surveys

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In this talk I will review the ground-based and space facilities that will find the transiting planets that orbit the closest and brightest stars in the solar neighborhood. These targets are of prime importance to the optimization of the EChO mission and its science return. I will show that the existing and planned transit surveys and transit follow-up projects will fully populate the exoplanet parameter space of interest to EChO by 2020, including gas giants, Neptunes and super-Earths around stars from late-F to mid-M spectral types.