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Webinar: Matching the EU – Japan Space Technological Needs, 15 March 2016, 10:00-11:00

The EU-Japan Technology Transfer Helpdesk is launching a webinar covering the European Space Agency's (ESA) Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) portfolio and how European companies can benefit from this portfolio to fulfill the present technological gaps accomplishing the Japanese Space needs.

The EU-Japan Technology Transfer Helpdesk is a service offered by the EU-Japan Centre for Industrial Cooperation, targeting to become an effective bridge between European and Japanese companies, universities, research centres in technology transfer.

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Webinar: IP Commercialisation and Licensing, 13 April 2016

The webinar will provide an overview of key aspects in the field of intellectual property licensing, including negotiation tips and legal traps.

After the training, participants should be able to answer the following main questions:

- *What is a licence agreement and when should it be used?*
- *What are the main differences between a licence agreement and other contracts?*
- *What contracts are used in the preliminary discussions of a licence?*
- *What are the key terms of a licence agreement?*

Registration: The registration will be opened 3 weeks in advance.

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Reminder - Horizon 2020 Space Info day and Workshop on Space Science and Technology Co-operation 19 – 20 April 2016, Ljubljana, Slovenia

The goal of this 2-day event is to promote and raise the awareness on EU space programmes as well as to enhance co-operation of European business and research community in space science and technology.

The event will give the opportunity to all stakeholders involved (public bodies, business, research and education institutions) to get informed on present status in development of EU flagship programmes in space as it is Earth observation (Copernicus) and satellite navigation (Galileo/EGNOS) and on the related Horizon 2020 space part. Other EU development funds as the European Structural and Investment Fund (ESIF) and in particular, its regional initiatives, strengthening regional country co-operation in space science and technology, will be presented and discussed as well.

Registration will close on 14 April 2016 – register now!

If you cannot make it to the event you can still create a profile and become part of our Online Partner Search Database.

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Space Technology Conference

7 – 8 April 2016, London

The Space Innovation Congress is a Space Technology Conference and Exhibition, taking place in London on 7-8 April 2016. It is set to showcase the most cutting edge technologies and uses of Space Technology providing insight from over 80 speakers sharing their unparalleled industry knowledge and real-life experiences.

This year's Space Innovation Congress will be highlighting the most innovative advancements in Space technology and will look at how these are being applied to many industry verticals from farming to banking, and the practical case studies that are coming out of these projects.

With user cases with dedicated tracks covering the entire Space exploration and Earth observation ecosystems: Satellites, Big data, Crop monitoring, Space debris, Maritime surveillance, Space weather, Biomedical, Commercial space collaboration and Telecoms.

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6th Annual ARTES Applications Workshop 28 – 29 April 2016, Brussels

Register now for this year's workshop focusing on the potential of space based applications with emphasis on SME's and start-ups. The workshop is jointly organised by ESA's ARTES Applications department and the Belgian Science Policy Office Belspo.

Interactive sessions will address a wide range of today's challenging topics and provide an insight into different business and funding opportunities:

- Startups, SME's and Space applications
- ARTES Apps and complementary funding opportunities
- Masterclass: How to convince investors
- Space 4 Green Energy
- Turning EU Directives into business opportunities
- Satcom operators initiatives to attract innovation
- Space & Crowdsourcing: What's possible?
- Space weather: Application opportunities
- Space 4 Transport
- European services – Global reach

Interactive demonstration corners will be set up presenting new products and services.

There will be plenty of opportunities for networking throughout the event.

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COPERNICUS Survey on Users Needs

Using Copernicus to boost economic activity and business growth.

The EU is designing a series of measures to promote the uptake of Copernicus and support companies in the EO field. In this context,

Copernicus asks for your opinion on barriers to the exploitation of Copernicus data and your views on the types of initiatives that would help your company's best.

In addition, relevant questions will be used as part of the public consultation for the forthcoming Communication on "a Space Strategy for Europe". As your time is precious, the survey to last no longer than 10 minutes.

Copernicus is the European Union system for Earth observation (EO). It provides users with reliable and up-to-date data from the satellites, in-situ sensors and contributing mission. In addition, the Copernicus programme offers information through a set of services (Land-, Marine- and Atmosphere Monitoring, Emergency Management, Security, and Climate Change). The services' information is available on specialised webpages and provided through a free, full and open data policy.

[COPERNICUS Survey](#)



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The Seal of Excellence – Maximising the Synergies between H2020 and other Funding Sources

In a period of scarce resources, the impact of investments in Research and Innovation needs to be maximised by creating synergies between Horizon 2020 and other funding sources (such as, but not exclusively, the European Structural and Investment Funds

ESIF). The 'Seal of Excellence' is a quality label, awarded to project proposals submitted for funding under Horizon 2020, which succeeded in passing all of the stringent selection and award criteria but could not be funded under the available Call budget.

The 'Seal' identifies, therefore, promising project proposals which merit funding from alternative sources (public or private), i.e. national, regional, European or international. Thanks to the 'Seal', high quality proposals from innovative Small and Medium Enterprises will have additional chances to be funded. The precious time and effort SMEs invested in the proposal and idea development will thus not be wasted. The 'Seal of Excellence' offers at the same time a unique opportunity for regions, Member States and any other interested actor to fully exploit the high-quality Horizon 2020 evaluation process: to easily identify and possibly support high-impact proposals coming from promising innovative companies, with an ambition to grow and compete internationally.

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Study on Space Market Uptake in Europe

This study, provided by Policy Department A at the request of the ITRE committee, aims to shed light on the potential applicability of data acquired from the EU Galileo and Copernicus satellite systems

in both the public and private sector, and on the reasons why such potential still remains largely underutilized.

The regulatory framework, market characteristics and policy actions that are being taken to make use of space data, are comprehensively analysed. The study also addresses recommendations for different policy levels.

[Read the Study](#)



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European Innovation Council - A Call for Ideas

The European Commission has launched a Call for Ideas for a European Innovation Council to support Europe's most promising innovators.

Several steps have been taken in recent years to integrate an innovation component into EU programmes and policies, in particular Horizon 2020. However, the array of support mechanisms can be difficult to navigate, and lacks the flexibility and responsiveness that disruptive innovation requires.

It is important that the design of the European Innovation Council is based on the best possible ideas and evidence from all interested parties (notably business, entrepreneurs, academia, national and regional authorities, representative bodies). The Commission is therefore seeking the views of stakeholders, including via this online Call for Ideas. An analysis of the responses will be published by June 2016 and feed into any possible proposals that the Commission will discuss with Member States and the European Parliament.

The Call for Ideas involves a small number of questions. You can also upload a position paper. Contributions received through this survey may be published on this website.

[Complete the survey](#) | [Read more](#)



The astronaut selection test Test your astronaut skills and help ESA

With ESA astronaut Tim Peake stepping out of the International Space Station tomorrow, have you ever wanted to know if you have what it takes to be an astronaut? ESA is offering a trial version of a test developed for future astronauts for you to try at home – and by taking part you will help us select a new generation of astronauts.

With the Astronaut Selection Test, the European Space Agency (ESA), Swedish Defence Research Agency FOI and NLR are collaborating to give you the opportunity to test for yourself if you have the right stuff to be an astronaut. The test is open for everyone to participate. The results of this test will be used to improve the future selection of astronauts.

[Test your skills](#)



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