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Reminder: Workshop Access to Finance for European space industry, 3 May 2016, Brussels

The European Commission organises a second workshop dedicated to 'Access to Finance for European Space Industry'.

The workshop will focus on the

- Next steps for space in the context of the Union's Investment Plan;
- Awareness raising regarding private investment sources (Business Angels, Venture Capital funds) to support entrepreneurship;
- Links with the upcoming programming cycle of Horizon 2020 and COSME and synergies with the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF);
- Outreach and advisory services for space relying on existing networks.

The workshop is aimed at public and private space sector representatives and will be an opportunity to discuss and exchange views about tools for access to finance for start-ups, established SMEs and larger companies.

High-level speakers from the Commission, the European Space Agency (ESA), national public institutions, Business Angels, Venture Capital Firms and Industry will share their experience and animate the discussion.

Register now!

[Draft Agenda](#) & [Registration](#)



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INNOspace Masters Conference "Satellite 4.0" 4 May 2016, Berlin

New ideas for the next space generation: The INNOspace Masters conference will shed light on the New Space Economy and other trends in the aerospace industry under the theme "Satellite 4.0". The topics discussed will include the increasing level of commercialisation and new paths to global competitiveness and innovative ability. Further, the winners of the first INNOspace Masters competition will be announced at a festive awards ceremony.

The conference will highlight current trends in the aerospace sector – including the New Space Economy and advancing commercialisation – and feature discussions on new approaches to international competitiveness and innovative strength.

Later, Brigitte Zypries – Parliamentary State Secretary of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi) and the German government's aerospace coordinator – will officially open the INNOspace Masters awards ceremony, which will recognise the winners of three categories.

The conference and awards ceremony are free to attend, but those interested are asked to register in good time as space is limited.

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Public consultation on a Space Strategy for Europe

The European Commission has launched a public consultation to collect views on the objectives of the EU future space strategy, the main challenges and opportunities for the European space sector, as well as the future of EU space programmes.

The purpose of the Space strategy will be to set out the overall strategic vision for the EU's activities in space during the next decade (up to 2030), while ensuring proper coordination and complementarity with the activities pursued by EU countries individually or through the European Space Agency (ESA).

For the preparation of this strategy, the Commission has committed to put in place an inclusive and transparent consultation process to make sure that all relevant stakeholders have the opportunity to express their views on the different elements of the space strategy. Specific attention is given to the market uptake by current and future users of the services and data generated by the flagship space programmes, Galileo/EGNOS and Copernicus, as well as the evolution of these programmes in the future.

[Online Questionnaire](#) (available in English / French / German), Deadline 12 July 2016

A dedicated survey for companies using (or interested in using) Copernicus data is being run in parallel:

[Survey for companies](#)



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New Guidance Note Research involving dual-use items

The EC have released guidance notes on dual use technologies. If your Horizon 2020 proposal involves software or technology which could be used for both civil and military purposes dual use must be taken into consideration and additional controls and/or requirements must be adhered to.

Check carefully if your research, develops, produces or uses any dual-use items, technology or software: This are items, including software and technology, which can be used for both civil and military purposes, and shall include all goods which can be used for both non-explosive uses and assisting in any way in the manufacture of nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices. A list of items concerned is included in the guidance note.

[Guidance note](#)



ILA Berlin Air Show 1 – 4 June 2016, Berlin – Germany

The focal point of aerospace: This is where companies and organisations meet, as well as top decision-makers, experts, buyers and young professionals from every segment of the aerospace and aviation industry: Commercial aviation, Space, Defense and Security, Equipment, Engines and Materials, Helicopter, Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS/UAV) and many more aerospace services.

ILA 2016: Space for Earth – The Fascination of Space, All Under One Roof

Ideas for the Earth's future come from outer space: Space programs are an important element for business, science, growth and prosperity as well as the key to solving global challenges. Space programs are an important driving force for the environment, education, security, mobility and the development and application of new technologies. The discoveries made in space shape important decisions in business, science, politics and society. With a unique, worldwide focus on space, ILA 2016 recognizes its significance.

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Sentinels4Regions – What can Sentinels do for Regions?

28 June 2016, Brussels

The results of the joint NEREUS-ESA project “Improving Copernicus among Local and Regional Authorities” will be presented on 28 June 2016 at the European Parliament, during an event under the auspices of Patrizia Toia, Member of European Parliament and Vice-Chair of the ITRE Committee.

European local and regional authorities (LRAs) are responsible for territorial management and environmental policy implementation. Information gained by COPERNICUS Sentinel satellites can provide an effective support in this respect. However, this opportunity is not always fully known or readily exploited.

Through this project, NEREUS and ESA joined forces in order to familiarize LRAs with Sentinel-based potential applications, discuss roadblocks and potential recommendations to overcome them.

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Europe’s Space Forum 2016 – The new space race

10 – 11 May 2016, Luxembourg

The SpaceForum is a conference based on the impact of space technologies on the earth’s businesses: mobility, IoT, connectivity, security, climate, media, earth observation... The 2-day innovation summit gathering the big stakeholders, start-ups and investors, spanning historic trades to space mining.

The Space – ICT alliance summit is supported by the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg, ESA, ISU, Nereus, and will be held in parallel with ICT Spring 2016, one of Europe’s largest summits.

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Space for Migration

An informal workshop was held at ESTEC on 15 – 16 February 2016, in an attempt to analyse how ESA programmes could help to tackle the migration crisis, in the frame of the “Space for Earth” initiative.

Migration, as a result of war, terrorism, poverty or economic crisis, is an increasing concern and one of the greatest challenges we currently face. Satellites already play a role in migration issues, and they could play an even greater role in the future via applications to be developed or future programmes. This workshop followed on from an ESA internal jam session on the issue brought to life by ESA’s DG, Jan Woerner, in September of last year.

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EUROPEAN SATELLITE NAVIGATION COMPETITION 2016

European Satellite Navigation Competition 2016

Each year, the European Satellite Navigation Competition (ESNC) seeks services, products, and business innovations that use satellite navigation in everyday life. In the 2016 edition, prizes will be awarded by some of the most relevant institutional GNSS stakeholders, such as the European Space Agency (ESA), the German Aerospace Center (DLR), and the German Federal Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure (BMVI).

In addition, >20 partner regions from all over the world host their own regional challenges. The prize pool this year is valued at approximately EUR 1 million, which includes cash awards, business incubation, business coaching, patent consulting, technical support, access to testing facilities, prototype development, publicity, marketing support, and much more. All of the winners will be recognized on stage at a festive Awards Ceremony in autumn 2016.

Submit your idea from 1 April – 30 June 2016!

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Horizon 2020 Monitoring Report 2014

The first Annual Monitoring Report under Horizon 2020 is a comprehensive publication encompassing the analysis of Horizon 2020 through its calls closed in 2014. It helps identifying the most important issues related to performance as measured by the Key Performance Indicators, implementation aspects and participation trends, providing data for all priorities and specific objectives of Horizon 2020.

The Report pays special attention to monitor progress with respect to the cross-cutting issues. It provides information also on the activities of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) as well as of the Euratom Research and Training Programme. Moreover, given the significant results and impacts that FP7 projects can still produce, the Annual Monitoring Report includes a section dedicated to results of ongoing FP7 projects.

For Horizon 2020, the Commission has a legal obligation to monitor continually and systematically its implementation, to report annually and to disseminate the results of this monitoring.

[H2020 Monitor Report 2014](#)



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