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Horizon 2020 Space Information Days 2016 14 – 15 September 2016, Lisbon (PT)

Horizon 2020” is about to take the next step: The updated Work Programme for the 2017 Space call will be presented at the Horizon 2020 Space Information Days 2016 in Lisbon (PT) and Prague (CZ). You shouldn't miss this opportunity if you are interested in:

- meeting other motivated Space actors from all over Europe
- receiving first-hand information on the next Space call.

You will have the chance to listen and talk to the authors of the work programme 2017, meet other inspired and motivated actors and develop your ideas in pre-organised bi-lateral meetings. You may present yourself and your organisation as one of the speakers in the short presentation sessions or display a poster in our exhibition area.

Registration is now open!

The information day is organised by the Space NCP network COSMOS2020. Participation is free of charge.

Save the date for the next Horizon 2020 Space Infoday taking place on 4 – 5 October 2016 in Prague. More information will be soon published on the COSMOS2020 website.

[Horizon 2020 Space Infodays](#)



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Commission statement on UK participation in Horizon 2020

The European Commission has issued a statement on the eligibility of UK legal entities to participate in and receive funding from Horizon 2020.

The Statement of 29 June of the Heads of State or Government of 27 Member States, as well as the Presidents of the European Council and the European Commission, confirms that until the UK leaves the EU, EU law continues to apply to and within the UK, both when it comes to rights and obligations. This includes the eligibility of UK legal entities to participate and receive funding in Horizon 2020 actions.

[Read more](#)

Updated Annotated Model Grant Agreement published

An updated version of the Annotated Model Grant Agreement (AGA) has been published on 1 July 2016. The new version includes explanations on Article 18 regarding time records, including a model of timesheets with minimum requirements.

The AGA expands the Horizon 2020 Model Grant Agreement by providing numerous examples, best practice, and simplified explanations for each article of the standard and the specific grant agreements, such as ERC, SME instrument, or Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions.

[Annotated Model Grant Agreement \(Version 2.1.1\)](#)



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Once upon a time... Rosetta's second year at the comet

New ESA video on Rosetta's long journey!

Rosetta describes the exciting discoveries she made during her second year at Comet 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko, after the comet made its closest approach to the Sun along its orbit. She also tells us about her efforts to contact Philae, and starts counting down to her own mission finale.

[Watch the video](#)



Rosetta finale set for 30 September 2016

Rosetta is set to complete its mission in a controlled descent to the surface of its comet on 30 September.

The mission is coming to an end as a result of the spacecraft's ever-increasing distance from the Sun and Earth. It is heading out towards the orbit of Jupiter, resulting in significantly reduced solar power to operate the craft and its instruments, and a reduction in bandwidth available to downlink scientific data. Combined with an ageing spacecraft and payload that have endured the harsh environment of space for over 12 years – not least two years close to a dusty comet – this means that Rosetta is reaching the end of its natural life.

After consultation with Rosetta's science team in 2014, it was decided that Rosetta would follow its lander Philae down onto the comet. The final hours of descent will enable Rosetta to make many once-in-a-lifetime measurements, including very-high-resolution imaging, boosting Rosetta's science return with precious close-up data achievable only through such a unique conclusion. Communications will cease, however, once the orbiter reaches the surface, and its operations will then end.

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