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European Space Week 2017

3 – 9 November 2017, Tallinn (Estonia)

The European Space Week 2017 is conceived to be a constellation of events ranging from a hackathon, accelerator boot camps, a festive Awards Ceremony, conferences, a Horizon 2020 Space Info Day, a ministerial meeting, to the opening of ESA BIC to an exhibition. The week will address different space-related topics that will interest different audiences from policy makers to startups, the public and authorities to industry players. The knowledge exchange will take place through debates, award ceremonies, workshops, symposia and exhibitions in nine different locations.

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Space Week 2017 in Rome

21 – 23 November 2017, Rome (Italy)

Established in 2013 with the aim of promoting opportunities offered by the European Commission under the space Horizon 2020 programme, the 3rd edition of the SPACE Week 2017 will aim to provide new opportunities and competitive advantages in science and technology for the participants. It is addressed to universities, research centers, industries, SMEs and SME associations or local administrations.

This 3rd edition of the SPACE week in Rome aims:

- to get to know the new space Horizon 2020 work programme to foster the creation of consortia for the next calls;
- to learn more about the opportunities offered by the European Commission's flagships Copernicus and Galileo;
- to increase the awareness of international partners countries stakeholders on research/technological opportunities under Horizon 2020/Copernicus and Galileo;
- to raise awareness of the benefits offered by Copernicus and Earth Observation services.

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**SATELLITE
MASTERS
CONFERENCE**

TALLINN, 7 - 8 NOV 2017 **7 - 9 November 2017, Tallinn (Estonia)**

Satellite Masters Conference 2017

The fourth edition of the Satellite Masters Conference will take place in line with the Horizon 2020 Space Info Day. The conference represents an innovation marketplace for satellite downstream business. This pioneering event connects high-level representatives from leading institutions and forward-thinking industry with thriving startups and award-winning entrepreneurs.

The 2017 Satellite Masters Conference & Horizon 2020 Space Info Day features:

- 3 days of business-driven events
- Awards Ceremony of the Copernicus Masters and the European Satellite Navigation Competition (ESNC)
- Horizon 2020 Space Info Day
- Famous Speakers

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Entrepreneurs / Investors needed as Expert Evaluators for EIC



Are you an entrepreneur or investor with experience of helping innovative companies to grow? A call for evaluators with expertise in innovation or investment has been launched to review proposals submitted by SMEs from across the EU. The SME Instrument supports the development of breakthrough innovations and evaluators will also interview and select the top innovators to be funded.

From autumn 2017, the EU's research and innovation programme Horizon 2020 will support innovation projects from innovators, researchers, corporates and SMEs active in any sector or technology. The aim is to identify companies and entrepreneurs with the potential and ambition to grow internationally, as part of a pilot [European Innovation Council](#). The Commission is therefore looking to expand its pool of expert evaluators to include:

- entrepreneurs who have started up and scaled up innovative enterprises at European or global level
- investors (including those affiliated with banks, venture capitalists, business angels, crowd-funders etc.)
- experts involved in the innovation ecosystem (business schools, universities, innovation hubs, accelerators, etc.)

To register, experts need to fill in their data on the EC website.

Register soon! The first interview panels will be drawn up in October 2017.

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Space Exploration Master

Explore Space for Business Innovation!

Universities, scientific institutions and associations, scientists, researchers, students, engineers and R&D departments now have the chance to write their own chapter of the Space Exploration Masters success story.

The European Space Agency (ESA) invites candidates from all over the world to join Europe's first innovation competition on space exploration. The Space Exploration Masters 2017 is organised by AZO on behalf of ESA, in line with the goals of the ESA Space Exploration Strategy, and in cooperation with strong world-class partners.

The winners will receive access to a leading international network, corresponding data, start-up funding adding up to more than EUR 500 000 in total. The Space Exploration Masters competition includes two different prize categories „Technology Transfer Success“ and „New Business Innovation“ and targets the fields of human space and robotic missions, space resources and industry, discovery and space observation, spacecraft, rockets, propulsion, space tourism, deep space communication and navigation, and space habitats – just to name a few.

Submissions of innovative business ideas benefitting Earth are welcomed until **8 September 2017**.

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Latest SME Instrument results

64 small and medium-sized companies from 16 countries have been selected for funding in the latest round of the Horizon 2020 SME Instrument Phase 2. The total amount to be distributed between the SMEs working on 57 projects is € 96.815 million.

Spanish SMEs were the most successful with 12 companies selected for funding. They were followed by 8 companies from Denmark and 7 businesses from France and Italy. Most projects are in the field of transport (10 projects) and ICT (9 projects).

In the latest round two space projects were funded under the topic 'Engaging SMEs in space research and development':

- Project: HERMES
High Efficiency Real-Time Multithreading Engine for Space applications
Beneficiary: TAITUS Software Italia SRL (Italy)
- Project: WATER4AGRI
Securing water for food and safety with the world's most advanced soil moisture information derived from satellites
Beneficiary: VanderSat B.V. (Netherlands)

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