



## COSMOS2020 NEWSLETTER #35

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### **Space for Climate and Smart Mobility - Brokerage Event in Paris, 27 April 2018, Paris**

**Matching Space, Environment and Transport communities targeting 2019-2020 topics.  
Get involved in the next Horizon 2020 proposals !**

National Contact Point for Space, Environment and Transport, the French clusters ASTech Paris Region and Mov'eo and Enterprise Europe Network are pleased to invite to the first Horizon 2020 Brokerage Event dedicated to the space, environment and transport communities

Why participate?

- Get the latest information from the European Commission
- Get the chance to present your project in front of an international audience
- Meet future partners and start building your consortium

The targeted audiences are universities and research laboratories interested in space, environment and transport.

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Business, Energy  
& Industrial Strategy

## Update – UK's future involvement in H2020

**UK entities' eligibility in Horizon 2020 remain unchanged for the duration of the programme.**

A new statement on the UK's involvement in Horizon 2020 has been published. It follows the publication of a Joint Report on progress during the first phase by the UK Government and the European Commission on the 8th December and states:

*"following withdrawal from the Union the UK will continue to participate in the Union programmes financed by the MFF 2014-2020 until their closure (excluding participation in financial operations which give rise to a contingent liability for which the UK is not liable as from the date of withdrawal). Entities located in the UK will be entitled to participate in such programmes. Participation in Union programmes will require the UK and UK beneficiaries to respect all relevant Union legal provisions including co-financing. Accordingly, the eligibility to apply to participate in Union programmes and Union funding for UK participants and projects will be unaffected by the UK's withdrawal from the Union for the entire lifetime of such projects."*

This means that the UK and the EU fully intend UK entities' eligibility in Horizon 2020 to remain unchanged for the duration of the programme. This includes eligibility to participate in all Horizon 2020 projects and to receive Horizon 2020 funding for the lifetime of projects.

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## EC Survey on 'Understanding industrial capacities to support the Copernicus Programme

**In the context of the evolution of the Copernicus Programme the European Commission wishes to conduct a market survey to assess the current capacities of the space market and its possible transformations in the future.**

Economic operators interested to take part in the survey are invited to notify the Commission in writing to [GROW-I3@ec.europa.eu](mailto:GROW-I3@ec.europa.eu) by **4th April 2018** at the latest, indicating their formal interest, together with a preliminary indication of assets (existing or planned) which could be made available to the Copernicus programme in its evolution post-2020. All information will be treated in a confidential manner.

Among the issues the survey will address how to leverage the capacities of both industry and Member States and better use public funds to meet the user needs with the industrial offer, and how that offer can enhance the capacities of the Sentinel constellation. Through this survey and further exploratory discussions the Commission expects to gain a better understanding of the industrial interest and capacities (including new and innovative asset types) which could be available to the Copernicus programme together with a high-level characterisation thereof.

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## **EU signs Copernicus arrangements with Brazil, Chile, Colombia and India**

**These arrangements grant free, full and open access to data from the EU's Copernicus earth observation programme, as well as information and forecasts from Copernicus services. The EU will gain reciprocal access to observations and archives from India and Brazil's non-commercial remote sensing satellites. In addition, the arrangements will benefit Copernicus data gathering through the availability of in-situ data for the calibration and validation of EU satellite data.**

The arrangements follow similar ones that the EU already has in place with the United States and Australia. As a result, one-third of the world's population now has privileged high bandwidth access to Copernicus free and open data and information. Governments, local authorities, academics, researchers and businesses from the six partner countries are also able to benefit from Copernicus' environmental and climate monitoring, emergency management, and disaster risk reduction services.

These arrangements are particularly important because:

- they highlight the global nature of the Copernicus programme.
- some of the planet's most vital and endangered ecosystems are located in or near the partner countries.
- partner countries can take advantage of earth observation data as a tool for economic development.

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## **Adapted Evaluation Procedure for SME Instrument Phase 2**

**Under the EIC pilot, the SME Instrument will undergo a radical change. Companies that pass the initial selection stage for Phase 2 awards, will have to pitch their innovation projects in front of a panel of jury experts, consisting of private investors, business angels and other players in the innovation ecosystem.**

This complements the existing paper based assessment in order to take full account of the personal qualities and motivations of the applicant innovators.

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## EC Call for Feedback on Missions of Future Framework Programme

**This call for feedback collects views on different aspects of future research and innovation missions. The results will feed into the preparatory work for the post-2020 EU R&I programme and its implementation. The survey is addressed to the general public as well as to research and innovation stakeholders.**

The Interim Evaluation of Horizon 2020 as well as the high level group chaired by Pascal Lamy highlighted the need to maximise the impact of the next framework programme for research and innovation and to find a way to make it easier for citizens and society to understand the value of the investments in research and innovation. Furthermore, it is important to find out how to direct innovation to solve the pressing global challenges of our time.

Part of the answer to these challenges could be to go for a mission-oriented approach in the global challenge pillar in the next Framework Programme for research and innovation. Missions could be a powerful way to create measurable impact and could be set in between broad global challenges and specific projects.

Professor Mariana Mazzucato has been asked by Research, Science and Innovation Commissioner Carlos Moedas to advise him on missions. On 22 February 2018 Professor Mariana Mazzucato presented her report on missions. The report describes the rationale for EU level research and innovation missions, the concept, as well as key criteria to select missions and important considerations for their successful implementation. The call for feedback on missions is based on Mazucatos report.

The call for feedback will be open until Tuesday 3 April 2018.

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## INNOspace Masters "Space Moves!", 5 June 2018, Berlin (Germany)

**Competition set to culminate in conference and awards ceremony. The winners of the INNOspace Masters competition will be announced at a festive awards ceremony alongside a conference devoted to the competition's theme, "Space Moves!".**

While the conference and awards ceremony are free to attend, those interested are asked to register as soon as possible as the number of participants is limited.

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**The document shows the European opportunities for innovative SMEs with a special focus on InnovFin tools, reports on selected success stories from both financial intermediaries and successful applicants and a dedicated chapter with Tips & Tricks for a successful proposal.**

Main achievements are:

- Identify key success factors that enable Financial Intermediaries to allocate InnovFin products more effectively
- Provide SMEs and NCPs with tips for promoting a more inclusive utilization of Financial Instruments 2014-2020
- Focus on InnovFin SME Guarantee facility (SMEG), InnovFin SME Venture Capital
- Study conducted through ad hoc surveys addressed to both more performing and less performing Financial Intermediaries"

The Promotional Guide has been published thanks to a joint exercise carried out by Horizon 2020 National Contact Points for Access to risk finance and SMEs in cooperation with financial intermediaries accredited by the European Investment Bank and European Investment Fund (EIB-EIF).

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## EC Publications – New Releases for Space/H2020

**Several studies have been released that are relevant to space and Horizon 2020:**

- Study in support of the impact assessment of an EU GOVSATCOM initiative, [LINK](#)
- Study on the competitiveness of the European sector in the domain of access to space, [LINK](#)
- Assessment of the role and participation of the European services industry in the EU Earth observation research and innovation actions, [LINK](#)
- Socio-economic impacts from space activities in the EU in 2015 and beyond, [LINK](#)
- Interim evaluation of space research and innovation under Horizon 2020, [LINK](#)
- Dependence of the European economy on space infrastructures, [LINK](#)

