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Horizon 2020 Space Information Days 2015
28 - 29 September 2015 in Warsaw
09 – 10 November 2015 in Brussels

In early autumn 2015 the new Space Work Programme providing the content of the Space calls for the next two years will be published. COSMOS is therefore organising two major international information days for Space. Don't miss these if you are interested in meeting other motivated Space actors from Europe & abroad and receiving first-hand information on the next Space calls.

From 28 to 29 September 2015 the earliest possible information day will be organised in Warsaw, Poland. Join in if you want to have the longest period of time to prepare for the competition under the 2016 call and get inspired.

From 9 to 10 November 2015 you will have a second chance to meet the authors of the call text – this time in Brussels, Belgium at the place of the European Commission.

The information days will be jointly organised by the Space NCP network COSMOS and the European Commission.

For the moment just the Warsaw event sessions are bookable.

But you can register without choosing any event session. You will then receive a notification once the Brussels sessions will be made available for booking.

If you cannot make it to neither of the two events you can still create a profile in our registration system and become part of our online partner search database – your chance to be seen by potential project partners.

Use your chance to exchange with hundreds of other participants from Europe and beyond!

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66th IAC- International Astronautical Congress 2015, 12 – 16 October 2015 in Jerusalem, Israel

The IAC is one of the world's largest space congresses, bringing together international space actors from around the globe. The conference offers the latest space information, developments and above all contacts and potential partnerships and is organised by the IAF – the International Astronautical Federation.

The IAC is the platform by which over 40 administrative and technical committees support the Federation in its mission to advance knowledge about space and to foster the development of space assets by facilitating global cooperation.

The conference will held a Brokerage event, organized by the EEN with the participation of ISERD. The Brokerage event offers an excellent opportunity to find research and business contacts, as well as partners for future EU projects. It is aimed at industrial and academic professionals who are looking for potential partners for collaboration and joint projects.

[IAC Congress](#) [IAC Brokerage Event](#)



Sentinel 2A

Second Copernicus environmental satellite safely in orbit and delivers first images

The ESA-developed Sentinel satellite – Sentinel-2A – was launched on 23 June, adding a high-resolution optical imaging capability to the European Union Copernicus environmental monitoring system. Six families of Sentinel satellites will make up the core of EU's Copernicus environmental monitoring network.

An EU flagship space initiative, Copernicus will provide operational information on the world's land surfaces, oceans and atmosphere to support environmental and security policymaking, and meet the needs of citizens and service providers. Sentinel-2A will complement the all-weather, day-and-night radar imagery provided by the first in the fleet, Sentinel-1A, launched on 3 April 2014.

"Sentinel-2 is the second satellite of a constellation of 20 satellites which will scrutinise planet Earth and will vastly improve the ability of Copernicus to provide European citizens with the most comprehensive data for environmental and security applications available anywhere in the world," noted ESA Director General Jean-Jacques Dordain.

Just a few days after being lofted into orbit, Europe's Sentinel-2A satellite delivered its first images of Earth, offering a glimpse of the 'colour vision' that it will provide for the Copernicus environmental monitoring programme. With a swath width of 290 km, the satellite's first acquisition began in Sweden and made a strip-like observation through central Europe and the Mediterranean, ending in Algeria. The data were relayed in real time to Italy's Matera ground station, where teams eagerly awaited their arrival for processing.

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EBAN and ESA join forces to make Entrepreneurship and Investment in Space a new asset class for Europe

EBAN, the European Trade Association for Business Angels, Seed Funds and Early Stage Market Players, and ESA, the European Space Agency, have announced to have entered into a wide-ranging agreement to help start-up entrepreneurs, active in space related activities professionalize their businesses and value propositions, all the while encouraging and inspiring private and public investors to see space related businesses as a most attractive investment opportunity and asset class.

"ESA has played a pioneering role not only in leading European governments and corporations into space but also in inspiring, facilitating, encouraging, and funding entrepreneurs and start-ups to develop new space related businesses with their ground-breaking ESA Business Incubation Centres (BICs)," noted EBAN President Candace Johnson. "Europe's space programmes in satellite navigation (Galileo), Earth observation (Copernicus), and satellite communications offer fantastic opportunities. We are excited to be working with ESA throughout the entire selection, mentoring, accompanying and investment process to turn these start-ups into scale-ups and a new asset class for Europe's early-stage investors."

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