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SpaceUp is a project financed by the EU Framework programme for Research and Innovation (Horizon 2020). The overall objective of SpaceUp is to contribute at a European level to the safeguarding and further development of a competitive and entrepreneurial space industry.

Throughout the project lifetime 6 Space Academies will take place in various locations in Europe, networking new space tech entrepreneurs with potential partners in Finance, Business, Space Clusters and Science Parks, plunging Start-ups into a genuinely European Space ecosystem.

Welcome to the very first SpaceUp newsletter! We are delighted to share with you the news from the first work period of this project as well as highlighting some key moments in the space industry and some dates for your diary.

We look forward to bringing you updates on the project progress as well as news and highlights from the space sector over the coming months.

SPACEUP NEWS



SpaceUp at the International Astronautical Congress Bremen 2018

SpaceUp manager Dr. Johanna Wesnigk from Aviaspace Bremen presented the SpaceUp project and promoted the Space Academies to interested start-ups at the EEN matchmaking desk at the [IAC 2018](#) in Bremen, 1-5 October.



SpaceUp project launch meeting, Bremen

SpaceUp aims at giving Europe's innovative start-ups in the space sector the opportunity to scale up and become world leading companies. In June 2018, the kick-off meeting for SpaceUp took place, hosted by project leaders Aviaspace Bremen (Germany).

SpaceUp, with 10 consortium members from 5 different European countries and two Europe-wide business organisations will work together to promote and encourage technology transfer, networking, outreach and matchmaking with business angels, crowd funders, investors, human resource specialists and CEOs from corporates, organising six European Space Academies throughout the project lifetime. The project will establish best practice recommendations for start-ups and SMEs, and will explore the sustainability of offering other space academies.

The initial meeting reviewed and consolidated the project plans for the future as well as establishing the next steps, which will soon include inviting start-ups to apply for the SpaceUp coaching services and to attend the Space Academies across Europe, where they will be offered access to expertise and customised one-to-one coaching, fast-tracking them on the road to maturity.



Dates set for first Space Academies

The SpaceUp Space Academies will provide space-specific commercial and technical assistance and will also help start-ups to apply space technology to non-space industrial, scientific and commercial fields, and vice-versa.

The first **Space Academy** will be held on the 3-4 June 2019 in Helsinki, Finland, just before the [Arctic15](#) conference and coinciding with the EBAN Annual Congress. More information and details on how to participate/apply will be released soon via the SpaceUp [website](#).

The EBAN Annual Congress is a two-day event attended by more than 300 representatives of the early stage financing industry and entrepreneurs from all over the world.

The second Space Academy has also been scheduled, and will be held back to back to the [Space Tech Expo](#) in Bremen, 19-21 November 2019.



Meeting with sister project Astropreneurs (AP)

In July the two SpaceUp representatives from ASB, Dr. Barbara Cembella and Dr. Johanna Wesnigk participated for one day in a project meeting of Astropreneurs, held in Barcelona. They presented SpaceUp to complement the Astropreneurs presentation given by its project manager Carla Duarte during the SpaceUp kick-off meeting. Thereafter cooperation options were discussed with all partners present. As Astropreneurs has already been running since early 2018 and focuses on young start-ups, including university students with project ideas the two projects complement each other well.

There will be cooperation along the lines of joint communication, especially for events with ongoing exchanges of strategies and elements; invitations to each others' event, train-the-trainer workshops, motivating mentors from the SpaceUp consortium for their programme, and students

the draft process, confirming these and other principles of the cooperation.

For more information on the Astropreneurs project, please visit their website at <https://astropreneurs.eu/>

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- [2019 Living Planet Symposium](#) - 13th - 17th May 2019 (Milan, Italy)
 - This symposium focuses on how Earth Observation contributes to science and society, and how disruptive technologies and actors are changing the traditional Earth Observation landscape, which is also creating new opportunities for public and private sector interactions.
- **Space Academy / EBAN Annual Congress 2019 - 3rd - 4th June 2019** (Helsinki, Finland)
 - *SpaceUp* Space Academy - networking new space entrepreneurs with potential partners in finance, business, clusters, science parks, plunging start-ups into a genuinely European space ecosystem.
 - The EBAN Annual Congress is one of Europe's largest and most international Business Angel events held annually by EBAN in cooperation with its best members and partners.
- [Arctic15](#) - 5th - 6th June 2019 (Helsinki, Finland)
 - Matchmaking start-up event in the Baltics with a focus on making deals and quality networking
- **New Space Economy International Expo - Last quarter of 2019** (Rome, Italy)
 - This Expo will include in-depth interviews, forums and conferences, organized by the world's leading experts in the sector and will feature a large exhibition area.
- **Space Academy / [SpaceTechExpo Europe](#) - 19th - 21st November 2019** (Bremen, Germany)
 - The second *SpaceUp* Space Academy will take place back-to-back with Aviaspace's Space Tech Expo.
 - This three-day trade fair will showcase the latest from technical designers, sub-system suppliers, manufacturers and components through the systems integrators for civil, military and commercial space.

SPACE INDUSTRY NEWS

New Calls of H2020 SPACE-2018-2020 opening in October 2018

Italy-based Venture Capital Fund for space is set to launch



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On 16 October 2018, the new set of Calls in the frame of H2020, Work Programme Leadership in Enabling and Industrial Technologies – Space, will be opened for submission of new innovative ideas. The parts of the Work Programme that relate to 2019 (topics, dates, budget) have been updated in July and are now available for consultation. As reported in the Call, the Horizon 2020 interim evaluation confirmed that the objectives and challenges of LEITSpace remain highly relevant and are fully in line with the Space Strategy for Europe, adopted by the Commission on 26th October 2016. It sets out the following priorities: maximising the benefits of space for society and the EU economy; fostering a globally competitive and innovative European space sector; reinforcing Europe's autonomy in accessing and using space in a secure and safe environment; strengthening Europe's role as a global actor and promoting international cooperation.

All the proposed activities are in coordination with the activities of the operational space programmes Copernicus and EGNSS (Galileo and EGNOS), with activities in other parts of Horizon 2020 and with the activities of Member States and ESA. The Calls last 5 months and the closing date is set for 12 March 2019. The main topics, just to cite some, include: Copernicus market uptake, Space hubs, scientific instrumentation and technologies enabling space science and exploration, Space Weather and [many others](#).

More headlines from the space sector

[June marked the 20th anniversary of the Copernicus programme, the EU's leading](#)

name of the Fund, specialised in technology transfer and seed/early stage investments, will invest in space technology companies, start-up business, spinouts, small and medium-sized enterprises in Italy and Europe. Italy-based venture capital firm Primomiglio will manage the Fund with the support of Fondazione E. Amaldi for the scouting and advisory activities. The Italian Space Fund has already attracted the Italian Space Agency as a cornerstone investor, and the fundraising for the first closing planned for the end of the year is ongoing.

Agreement between Fiera di Roma and E. Amaldi Foundation to launch the first Space Symposium in Rome



From an agreement between Fiera di Roma and E. Amaldi Foundation, the New Space Economy International Expo has been launched in July 2018 and it is scheduled for its first edition on 10-12 December 2019. It is planned to be the first European fair able to bring together all the actors of the space economy ecosystem: agencies, governments, companies, research centers, investors, international buyers, SMEs, start-ups, innovators, venture capital.

The event, which will be held in Rome at Fiera di Roma, will host forums and conferences by world-renowned experts as well as a large exhibition area open to businesses and visitors.

The New Space Economy International Expo was presented during the International Astronautical Congress held in Bremen on 1-5 October 2018.

[Four more Galileo satellites were successfully launched from the European spaceport in French Guiana on the European launcher Ariane-5](#)

[ESA celebrates 10 years of providing tracking services for rockets out of Kourou](#)

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