



Access to Finance for the Space Industry - Expert Workshop

European Fund for Strategic Investments, COSME, Horizon 2020

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DG GROW Auditorium, Breydel Building, Avenue d'Auderghem 45, Brussels

Space is more than a technological issue. It is not only a driver to innovation and scientific progress which enables systems and services that have become essential for our well-being and security. Space is in the pocket of the European citizens when they use their mobile phones, do financial transactions, take an airplane, watch the weather forecast or look for the nearest restaurant in their cars. Based upon the panoply of services and applications it enables, space has also a high growth potential not only within the sector in areas such as telecommunications, navigation and Earth observation, but also well beyond it.

The global economic and financial crisis seriously affected the levels of investment in Europe. Collective and coordinated efforts at the European level are needed to reverse this downward trend and put the EU on the path of economic recovery. The €315 billion European Fund for Strategic Investment (EFSI) is an important tool to speed up the economic growth and job creation in Europe. It has huge potential to contribute to the modernisation of the European industry but its success depends on the industrial participation.

This workshop is aimed at the space sector representatives and will be an occasion to get a better understanding about practical tools for access to finance including EFSI, COSME and Horizon 2020 both for SMEs and big players. Register [here](#)



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| 09:00-09:30 | Coffee & registration | |
| 09:30-10:00 | Opening Address <i>Philippe Brunet, Director for Space Policy, Copernicus and Defence, DG GROW</i> | |
| 10:00-10:30 | European Fund for Strategic Investment – Overview <i>Alessandro Carano, DG ECFIN</i> | |
| 10:30-11:00 | European Fund for Strategic Investment – Implementation Aspects <i>Juan José Febles Acosta, European Investment Bank</i> | |
| 11:00-12:30 | Panel 1: Financing infrastructures - <i>Jean-Jacques Tortora, Eurospace</i> - <i>Euroconsult</i> - <i>Airbus Defence and Space</i> - <i>Thales Alenia Space</i> - <i>Juan José Febles Acosta, European Investment Bank</i> | |
| 12:30-13:30 | Lunch | Individual sessions with EIB experts |
| 13:30-14:00 | Financial instruments for SMEs in COSME <i>Monica Salgado Fernandez, DG GROW</i> | |
| 14:00-14:30 | Financial instruments for SMEs in Horizon 2020 <i>Jean-David Malo, DG RTD</i> | |
| 14:30-16:00 | Panel 2: Financing services - <i>Geoff Sawyer, EARSC</i> - <i>SpaceTec Partners</i> - <i>DHI GRAS A/S</i> - <i>Jean-David Malo, DG RTD</i> - <i>Monica Salgado Fernandez, DG GROW</i> | |
| 16:00-16:30 | Concluding remarks <i>Apostolia Karamali, DG GROW</i> | |