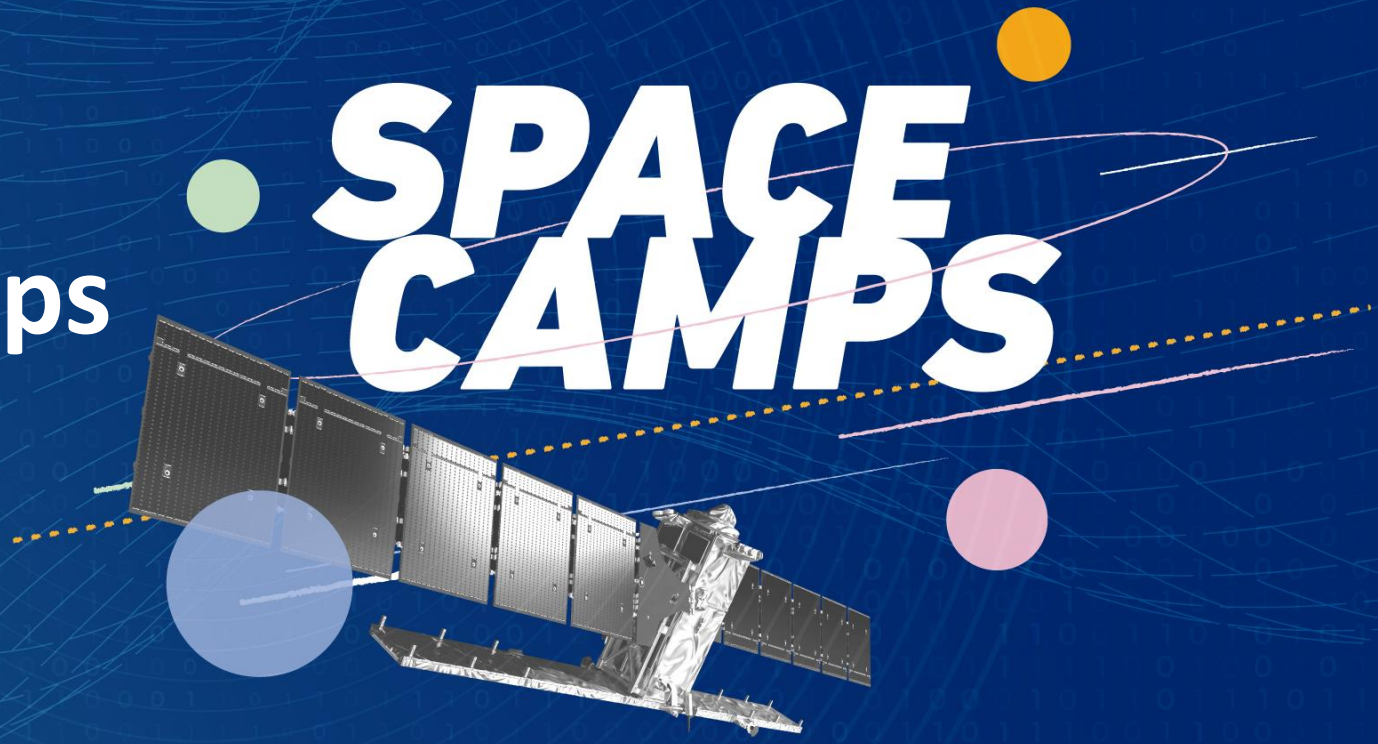
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Become a Local Organiser

Info Webinar

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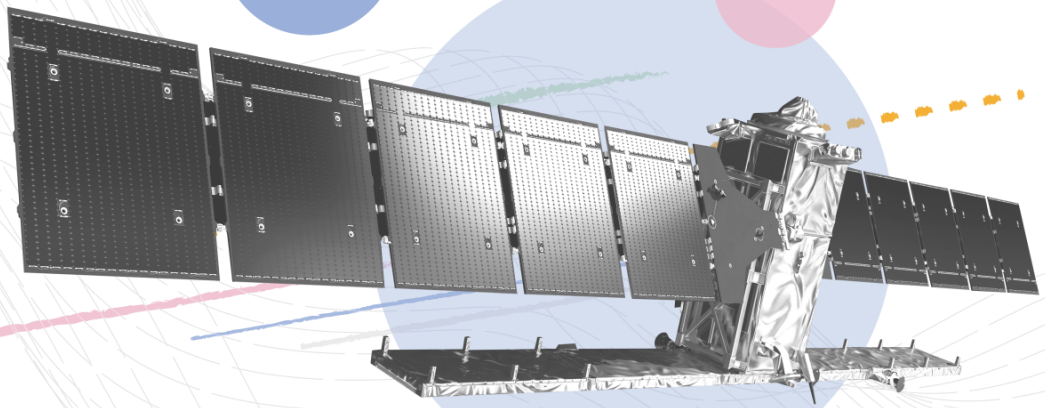


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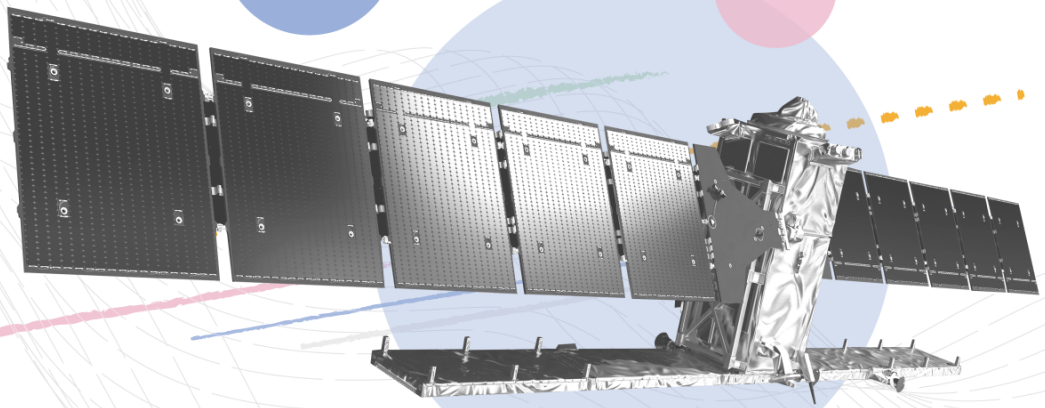
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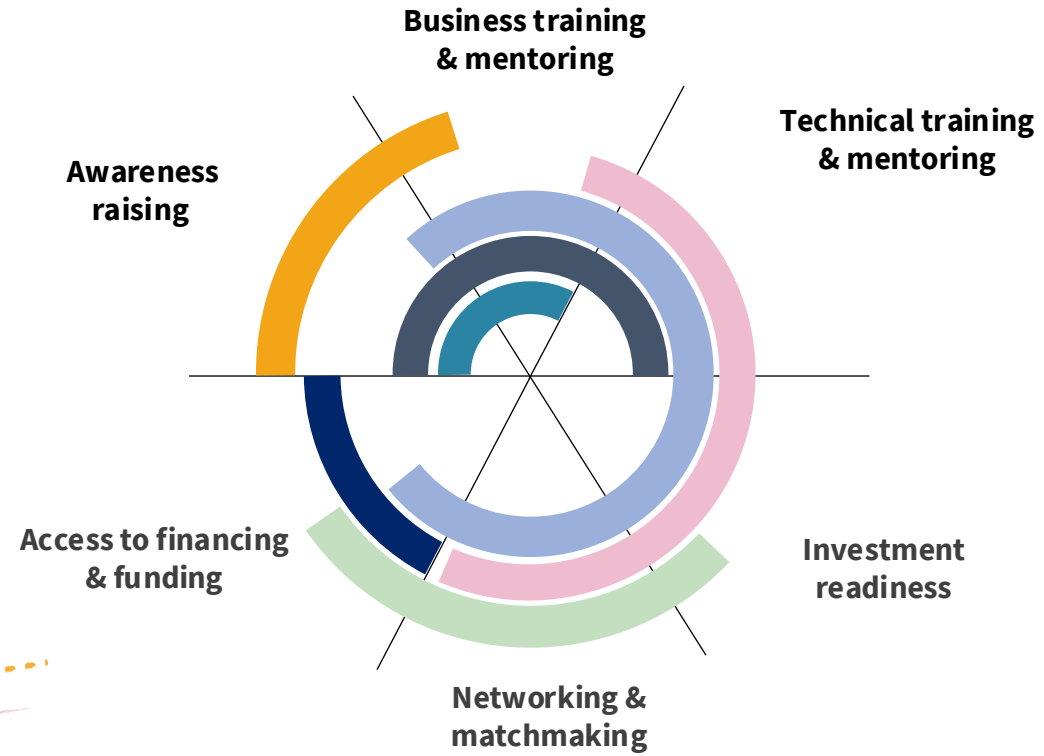
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2 | Overview of the CASSINI Space Camps

The CASSINI Space Camps initiative was conceptualised as part of the CASSINI Ecosystem

The European Commission launched the **Competitive Space Start-ups for Innovation initiative (CASSINI)** in 2021 as a part of broad effort in support of space entrepreneurship for a digital and sustainable Europe.



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CASSINI Space Camps 2026-2028 Objectives

The **objective** of the CASSINI Space Camps 2026–2028 project is to **spark teenagers' interest in STEM, space topics, and careers in the European space sector**, with a focus on **New Space**, entrepreneurship and the use of EU space technologies.

Organise **three annual** CASSINI Space Camps 2026-2028, across at least **36 physical locations** in EU Member States and associated countries.

Develop and **improve the Space Camp curricula**, building on the 2025 pilot to cover topics in New Space, entrepreneurship, and terrestrial uses of EU Space data.

Deliver **interactive, hands-on learning** and practical activities, culminating in a **final group project** like an ideathon, hackathon, or pitching event.

Promote cooperation and networking among youth across Europe, while ensuring diversity, inclusion, and balanced geographical distribution of camp locations.

Expose participants to CASSINI and EU-funded opportunities, such as the CASSINI Hackathons and Space Career Launchpad, keeping them engaged with the European space ecosystem after the camp.

Boost Europe's space skills pipeline, supporting the European Commission's ambition to **build a skilled workforce** and bolster the European space economy.

The CASSINI Space Camps are committed towards a dynamic camp curriculum as a gateway of the European youth towards a career in space

3 editions of the CASSINI Space Camps 2026-2028

Across 36 locations in EU Member States and associated countries

Young target group of **14 - 18 years old**

7-10 days fully residential camps

20 – 35 participants each camp

Inclusive and free of charge

Continuously improved **training curriculum**

1 concluding **final event** such as ideathon, hackathon or pitching event

Strengthen Europe's future space skills pipeline

Pilot insight: Highlights of the camps

Total of seven local camps across the EU

- Held in Cyprus, Czechia, Greece, Italy, Latvia, Poland, and Spain
- Hosting more than 180 young people aged 14–18 from across the EU

Applied interactive learning

- Hands-on workshops and hackathons
- Focused on downstream applications of EU Space data

Thematic focus areas on local level

- Team projects addressing climate resilience, precision agriculture, urban mobility, and environmental monitoring

Final event to showcase projects

- Final pitch events at each camp
- Teams presented innovative ideas from their projects to expert juries

Diverse range of activities

- Engaging outdoor and creative activities
- Astronomy nights, GNSS-based geocaching, and rocket building.

Skills and mindset development

- Strong emphasis on teamwork, problem-solving, and entrepreneurship
- Blending science with creativity and fun

Pilot insights: Key Achievements of the pilot

High engagement and satisfaction

Over 90 % of participants rated their **experience as excellent or very good** and would like to join a similar camp again..

Strong learning outcomes

85 % reported **improved understanding of EU space data** and its applications to fields like climate, mobility, and agriculture.

Career inspiration

Nearly 80 % expressed interest in pursuing further **studies or careers in STEM** and space entrepreneurship.



Pan-EU reach

Participants from across Member States, creating **new youth networks** and strengthening links with local authorities, research centres, universities, and industry.

Hands-on experience with EU space

Participants worked directly with EU Space data and tools, gaining **practical skills in applications and innovation** through real-world projects.

Inclusive access

All camps were **free of charge**, encouraging participation from diverse backgrounds and regions.

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BUILD YOUR FUTURE WITH SPACE

STUDENTS AGED 14–18 ACROSS EUROPE

7–10 DAYS OF HANDS-ON WORKSHOPS DURING A LOCAL CAMP

LEARN FROM EUROPEAN SPACE EXPERTS

EXPLORE SPACE CAREERS AND BUILD YOUR OWN PROJECT

LITHUANIA
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POLAND
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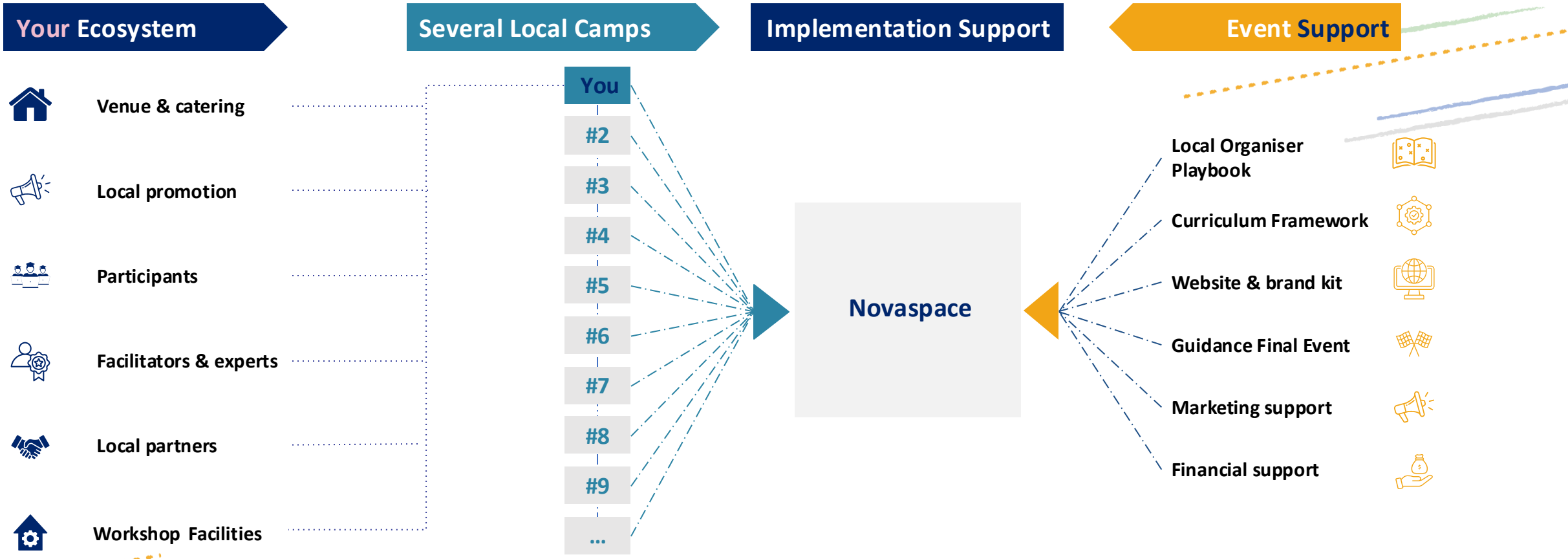
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Benefits of becoming a Local Organiser

Boost your space ecosystem

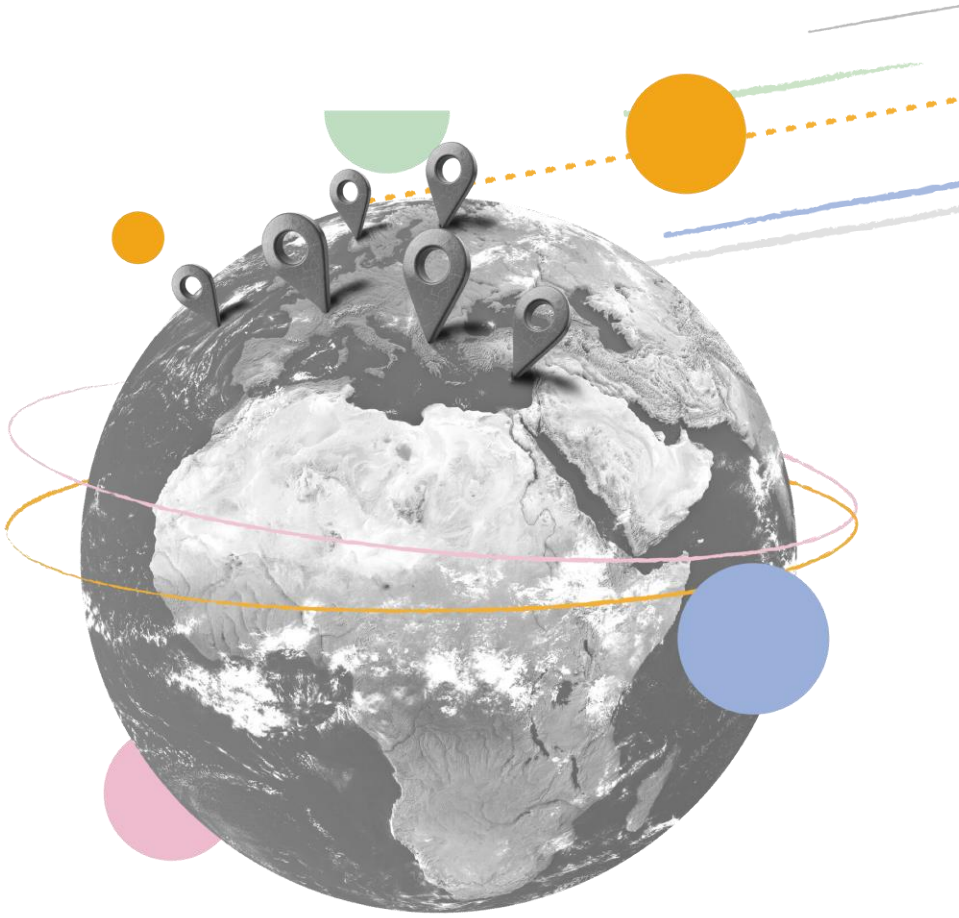
- **Position yourself** among the leading entrepreneurial space ecosystem
- **Plug and play** with a centrally-organised, Europe-wide space camp event
- **Attract local sponsors** with the power and backing of EU Space programmes
- **Grow your network** by connecting with local educational institutions and industry
- **Contribute** to raising the next generation of space entrepreneurs

How we will support you

- **Support package** for local organisers
  - Financial support is based on the approved Budget Template. The maximum budget ceiling is EUR 36,500 per Space Camp, VAT exclusive
- **Additional resources** to run the Space Camps
  - Training Curricula Framework, Local Organiser Playbook, brand kit, participant registration, support on privacy policies …
- **European-scale space camp**, supported through central guidance

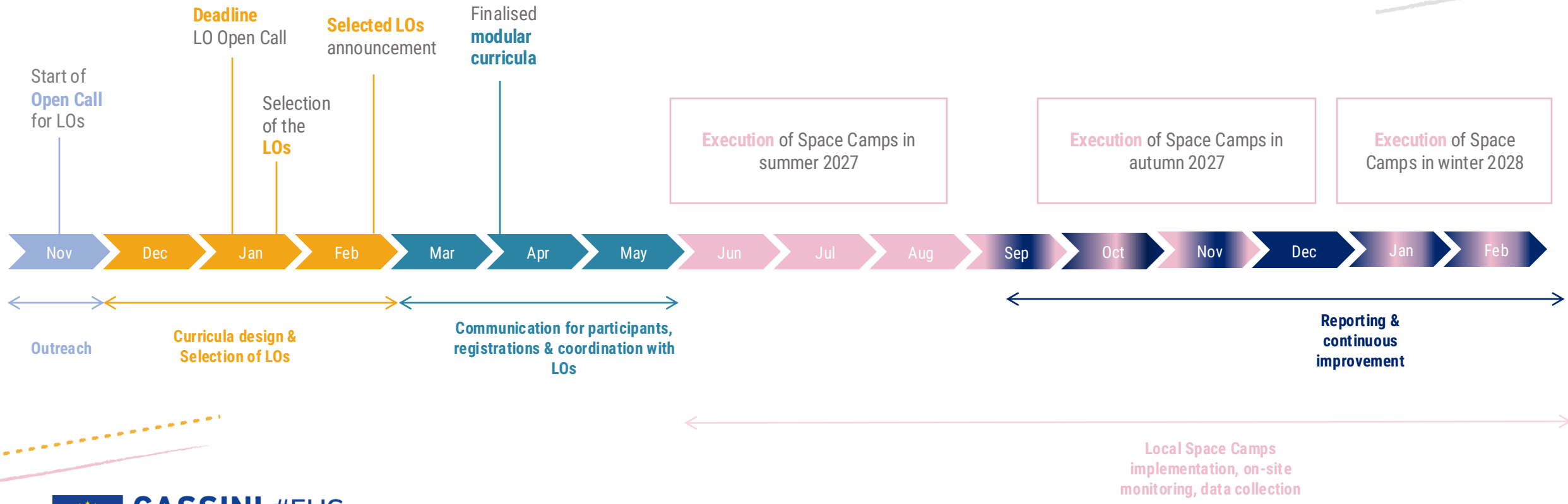
Regional cooperation and strategic alignment

- **Connect to regional and national ambitions:** show how your camp supports relevant strategies, for example in STEM education, skills development or space innovation.
- **Engage public authorities:** involve local, regional or national authorities and explain how they will support your camp.
- **Build lasting partnerships:** show how cooperation between authorities, educational institutions and space organisations can continue beyond the programme.



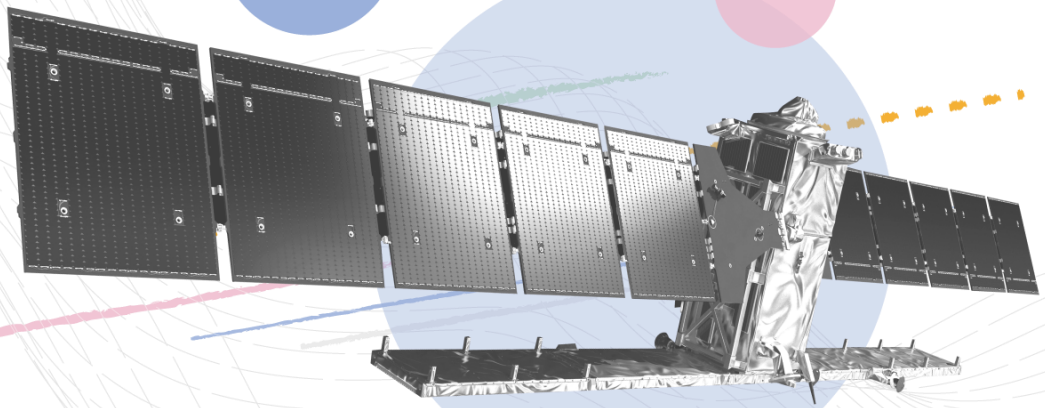
In your technical application, describe the strategic alignment, partners' roles and expected long-term benefits for your region.

Timeline for the 2nd edition of the CASSINI Space Camps in 2027 and early 2028



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3 | Insights: Training Curricula

The 7 core Training Modules of the CASSINI Space Camps 2026-2028

1. Introduction to the Space Industry

Space ecosystem, actors & value chain

2. Space-for-Earth

Real-world uses of space data

3. Entrepreneurship for innovation

From ideas to impactful space ventures

4. EU Space Programmes

Galileo, Copernicus, IRIS² & more

5. New Space industry

Commercialisation, start-ups & investment

6. Space Exploration

Missions, Moon, Mars & future frontiers

7. Careers in space

Study paths, jobs & role models

Final Event

Team challenge, pitch & awards

Learning objectives for Local Training Curricula

Overview of learning objectives

The local training curriculum should enable participants aged 14–18 to gain a first, inspiring and practical understanding of the European space sector, the EU Space Programme, New Space entrepreneurship, and the role of space technologies in addressing real-world challenges. Local Organisers are expected **to adapt the curriculum to their local context, language, ecosystem and available expertise**, while maintaining coherence with the common CASSINI Space Camps learning framework. The curriculum should combine accessible theory, interactive methods, hands-on activities, local examples and a final group project or pitching activity.

By the end of the Space Camp, participants should be able to:

Area	Learning objective
Space awareness	Understand the basic structure of the space sector and the role of institutions, companies, researchers, start-ups and downstream users.
EU Space Programme	Identify the main EU Space Programme components, including Galileo, Copernicus, IRIS², GOVSATCOM and SSA, and describe examples of how they support society, security, sustainability and economic activity.
New Space and entrepreneurship	Understand how commercialisation, private investment, start-ups and innovation are changing the space sector.
Space-for-Earth applications	Describe how satellite data and space-based services can support areas such as climate change, agriculture, disaster management, urban development and connectivity.
Hands-on skills	Apply basic space-related knowledge through practical activities, experiments, data use, design challenges or prototyping exercises.
Problem-solving and teamwork	Work in teams to identify a real-world problem and develop a space-enabled solution, concept or mission idea.
Communication and pitching	Present ideas clearly to peers, mentors, families and local ecosystem representatives during the final event.
Career orientation	Recognise that space careers are diverse and include technical, business, policy, legal, creative and entrepreneurial pathways.
European and local ecosystem awareness	Connect with the European space ecosystem with local opportunities, organisations, role models and follow-up learning pathways.

The objective of the space camps is to have a comprehensive curriculum comprising of seven training modules leading to the final event

1. Introduction to the Space Industry

2. Use of space on Earth & practical cases

3. Entrepreneurship for innovation-driven enterprises

4. EU Space Programmes

5. ‘New Space’ industry

6. History & Future of space exploration

7. Imagining a career in space

8. Final Event

The participants will be working on space-for-earth projects during the camp that will be presented at the final event

Welcome event

- What's ahead during the week
- Foreshadowing final event

2. Use of Space on Earth & practical use cases

- Explore downstream space applications
- Understand Earth-focused space benefits
- Apply space technology to challenges

3. Introduction to entrepreneurship for innovation-driven enterprises

- Explore space entrepreneurship fundamentals
- Develop innovative business solutions
- Prototype, validate, and pitch ideas

4. Introduction to the EU Space Programme components

- Explore EU Space Programme components
- Understand strategic programme benefits
- Apply EU space data creatively

Final Event

- Presentation of the space-for-earth projects during **pitching event**

Final Event: From learning to team-based space solutions

Final Event Focus: Teams develop **space-based solutions** addressing real-world challenges, drawing on Space-for-Earth applications, EU Space Programme components, New Space and space exploration topics.

Format

- Concluding event on the **final day**
- Prepared during the **last 2–3 camp days**
- e.g. Space ideathon, hackathon or pitching competition
- Hands-on, **team-based challenge** using space knowledge
- **Storytelling element** based on real or hypothetical space scenarios
- Possible hybrid / cross-location format

Participants & audience

- Teams of Space Camp participants
- Families invited
- Local space ecosystem representatives invited

Closing

- Focus on teamwork over competition
- Equal participation opportunities for all teams
- **Diploma or award ceremony** after the final event

Journey of space business ideas – from basic training to pitching the idea

Background

Project Development

2.1	2.2	3.1	3.2	4.1	2.3	3.3	3.4	4.2	4.3
Presenting practical space-for-earth use cases	**Deep dive into sectoral applications**	**A deep dive into Space Entrepreneurship**	**What makes a good team**	**The EU Space Programme unpacked**	**Problem Definition: Which challenges can be solved?**	**Entrepreneurship crash course**	**Solution Design**	**Introduction to EU Space Data**	**Solving earth challenges with EU Space data**
Students explore practical Earth-focused space applications across sectors and real-world challenges	Students choose relevant sectors and explore space applications through practical case studies	Students connect entrepreneurship concepts to space businesses and explore cases, business models, MVPs, and ecosystem challenges	Learn about team dynamics, psychology types, and working effectively together	Students learn key EU Space Programme components, stakeholders, strategic goals, and societal benefits	Students define real-world challenges and explore how available space data can support solutions	Students learn entrepreneurship basics, including strategy, business models, marketing, MVPs, and team building	Students turn business ideas into MVP concepts using prototyping, TRLs, and development roadmaps	Students learn how to access and interpret EU space data for real-world applications	Students combine EU space data and entrepreneurship to develop business ideas for Earth challenges
Example outcome									
Students learn how Earth Observation helps farmers monitor crops and irrigation needs	Students identify precision farming as a promising market for satellite data	Students map a satellite-based startup idea using value proposition, customers, revenues, partners, and MVP assumptions	Students form balanced teams by combining technical, business, creative, and communication skills	Students explain how Galileo, Copernicus, GOVSATCOM, SSA, and IRIS² support European space applications	Students formulate how satellite data could help farmers optimize irrigation and reduce crop losses	Students define a simple business model and pitch structure for their first startup idea	Students design a simple prototype or roadmap showing how their solution could be tested	Students explore Copernicus or Galileo data to identify patterns relevant to their chosen sector	Students structure a business idea using value proposition, customers, revenue streams, and partnerships

The final event will be an inclusive competition where the business ideas will be pitched from the teams in front of an audience

Some mandatory modules are in place for the local organisers to adapt with their own innovative learning methods

1. Introduction to the space industry: structure, specificities, capabilities

- 1.1 Who is who in space?
- 1.2 The space value chain 101

2. Use of space on Earth & practical use cases

- 2.1 Presenting practical space-for-earth use cases
- 2.2 Deep Dive into sectoral applications

3. Introduction to entrepreneurship for innovation-driven enterprises

- 3.1 A deep dive into Space Entrepreneurship
- 3.2 What makes a good team

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4. Introduction to the EU Space Programme components

- 4.1 The EU Space Programme unpacked

5. The emerging 'New Space' industry

- 5.1 New Space Disruptors: Who's Changing the Game?

6. History and future of space exploration

- 6.1 History of Space Exploration

7. Imagining a career in space

- 7.1 The Space Career Handbook

Note: These are suggestions. You may adapt the learning methods to your preference.

Mandatory | Final Event | Optional | LO suggestions

The centre of the camp is a series of entrepreneurship-oriented project-based activities that lead to a final event

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To guide the local organisers, there is a series of optional modules that can be included by choice

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- 1.3 Icebreaker: What do you actually know about space?
- 1.4 Science Slam
- 1.5 Tackling space challenges
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- 3.7 Pitch training
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- 3.10 Financing your space solution

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- 6.10 Building a HAM radio ground station
- 6.11 On-the-Air

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- 7.1 The Space Career Handbook
- 7.2 Space Talks: Beyond Astronauts
- 7.3 Space Markets & Technologies
- 7.4 Personal USP
- 7.5 Career Mentoring

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Interactive learning methods tailored to young audiences aged 14 to 18 to deliver the training sub-modules



Workshop

Interactive workshops will include entertaining features for active engagement

Training

Trainings shall be held in an interactive format, rather than traditional lectures

Excursion

The format of excursions is encouraged for active learning



Game

Gamification shall be used to deliver the training contents

Examples

- Flipped classroom
- Experiments
- Coding
- Case studies
- Problem-based learning
- Storytelling

- Expert talks
- Instructor-led multimedia presentations
- VR/ AR learning videos
- Software demos
- Videos

- Stargazing and astronomy
- Company visits
- Musea visits
- Planetarium/ Observatory
- University visits

- Quiz nights
- Space trivia
- Team-building activities
- Space movie nights
- Geocaching game (outdoor)
- VR/ AR gaming
- Mock Debate
- Role Playing exercises
- Board games

Modules and learning methods may be adapted by levels: **Introductory, Applied and Advanced** for potential adaption to different age groups.

The training guidelines provide a framework to Local Organisers (LOs) while leaving space for local adaption

01

LO’s include the **mandatory modules into their curriculum** to ensure consistency across all Space Camps.

02

LO’s select **optional submodules** based on local priorities, audience needs and available recourses.

03

LO’s may propose additional modules that fit the **learning objectives** of the overall programme.

04

LO’s dedicate time for **team-based project work** during the last 2–3 camp days, leading to a concluding final event.

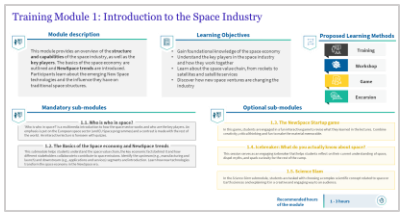
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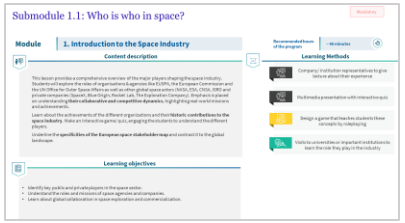
LO’s choose qualified **experts/ trainers** to deliver the selected programme content.

Programme planning & finalising local modular curricula

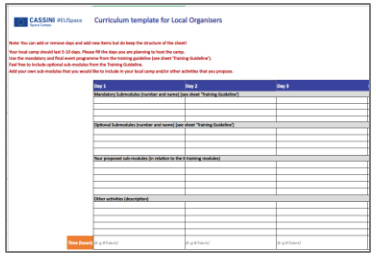
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Curricula template





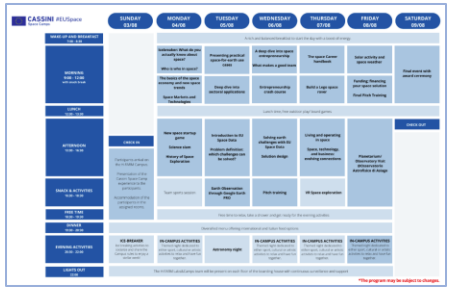


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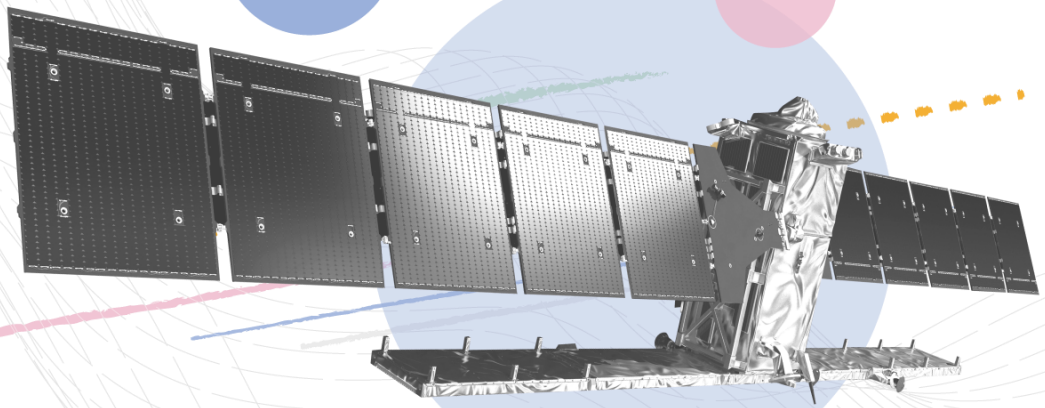
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9:00	Wake-up
9.30	Breakfast
10.00 – 11:30	astronaut's morning exercise
11.30 – 13:00	What space is all about? 1.1 Who is who in space 1.2 Basics of the space economy (Bekasova)
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch and free time
14:30 – 16:00	Active space-themed game: tbd
16:00 – 17:30	Space for us 2.1 Presenting practical space-for-earth use cases 4.1 The Space Career Handbook 3.3 What makes a good team (Irbins)
17:30 – 19:00	Group meeting
19:00 – 19:30	Dinner
19:30 – 21:00	Time with councelors: PITCH/THEATER PREPARATION 3.1 Entrepreneurship crash course
21:00 – 21:30	Evening group meeting (discuss the day)
21:30 – 22:00	Campfire: 4.2 Space Talks: Beyond Astronauts
22:00 – 22:30	Campfire evening:
22:30 – 23:00	Getting ready for bed in your room
23:00	Good night

Review & finalisation

upon selection



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4 | Open Call application process

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OPEN CALL

HOST A SPACE CAMP IN YOUR COUNTRY



Eligibility of Local Organisers and participants

Local Organisers

Eligible

EU Member States +

Horizon Europe Active Associates :

- Albania
- Armenia
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Canada (for 2024+)
- Egypt (for 2025+)
- Faroe Islands
- Georgia
- Iceland
- Israel
- Kosovo
- Moldova
- Montenegro
- New Zealand (for 2023+)
- North Macedonia
- Norway
- Republic of Korea
- Serbia
- Switzerland (for 2025+)
- Tunisia
- Turkey
- Ukraine
- United Kingdom

Participants

Eligible

Students aged 14-18 who:

1. Are citizens of an EU Member State or associated country, **or** hold permanent residency in an EU Member State or associated country

And in both cases

2. Are enrolled in a school located in an EU Member State or an associated country

What is needed for an application?

Extract from Application Guide

How to Apply?

If you want to become a Local Organiser for the CASSINI Space Camps, you must prepare and submit the following documents:

- Completed Application Template, submitted as PDF
- Completed Curricula Template, submitted as XLSX
- Completed Budget Template, submitted as XLSX

Further documentation required:

- Consolidated CV file for all proposed team members, submitted as PDF
- Consolidated signed Declarations of Confidentiality and Absence of Conflict of Interest for all proposed team members, submitted as PDF
- Completed Legal Entity Form, submitted as PDF
- Professional registration proof, submitted as PDF
- VAT registration proof or equivalent, submitted as PDF
- Completed and signed Declaration of Honour, submitted as PDF
- Completed and signed L4 - Statement of Absence of Professional Conflicting Interests, submitted as PDF
- *Optional*: letters of interest or support from partners, submitted as PDF

Application Guide and Template

Application Guide

- Contains information and explanations for completing your application, including FAQs

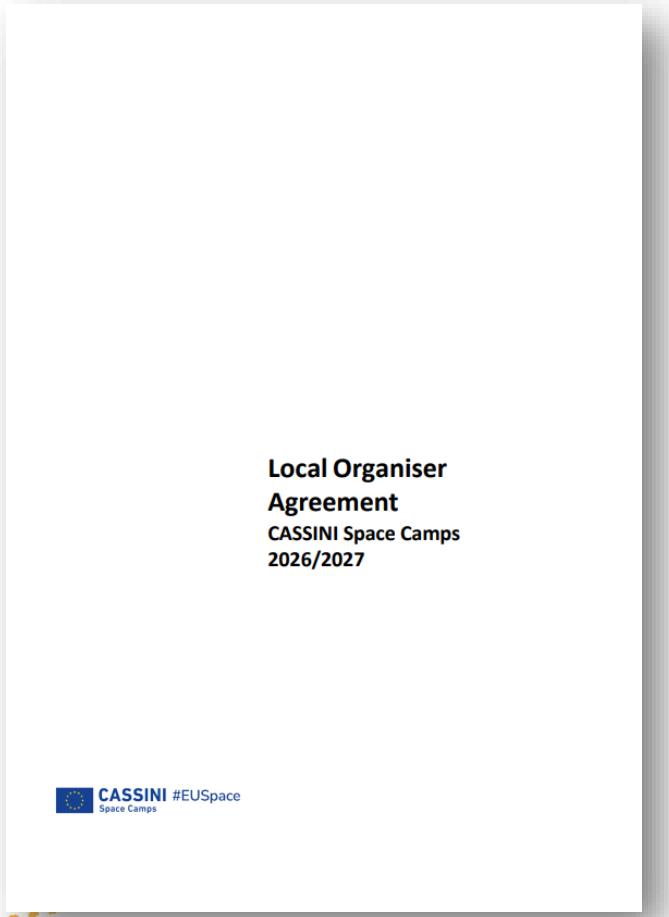


Application Template

- Template to fill in and submit as part of your application



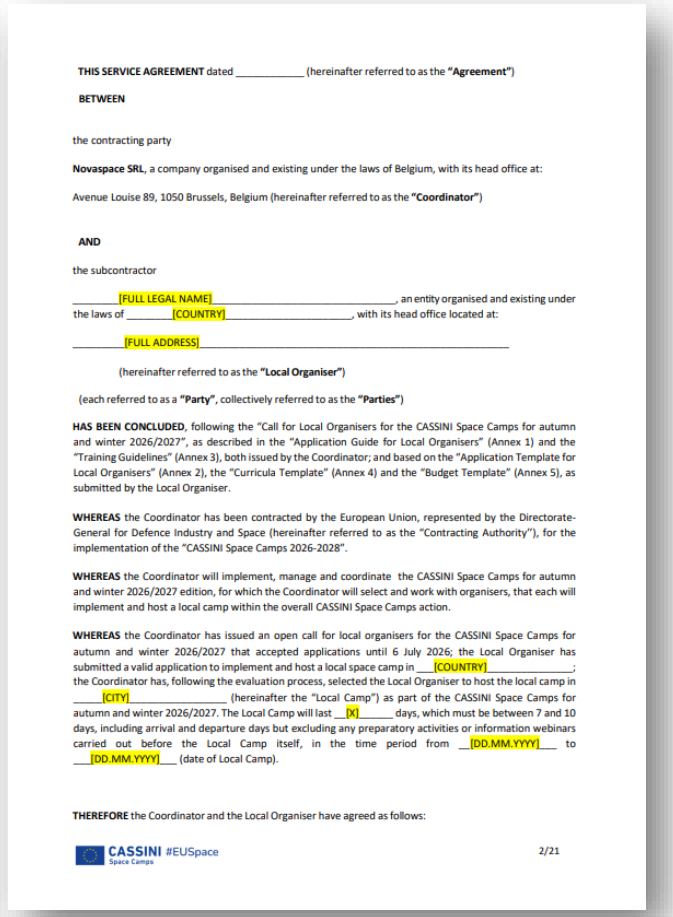
Screenshots of the Local Organiser Agreement



Local Organiser Agreement

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THIS SERVICE AGREEMENT dated _____ (hereinafter referred to as the **"Agreement"**)

BETWEEN

the contracting party

Novaspace SRL, a company organised and existing under the laws of Belgium, with its head office at:

Avenue Louise 89, 1050 Brussels, Belgium (hereinafter referred to as the **"Coordinator"**)

AND

the subcontractor

_____[FULL LEGAL NAME]_____, an entity organised and existing under the laws of _____[COUNTRY]_____, with its head office located at:

_____[FULL ADDRESS]_____

(hereinafter referred to as the **"Local Organiser"**)

(each referred to as a **"Party"**, collectively referred to as the **"Parties"**)

HAS BEEN CONCLUDED, following the "Call for Local Organisers for the CASSINI Space Camps for autumn and winter 2026/2027", as described in the "Application Guide for Local Organisers" (Annex 1) and the "Training Guidelines" (Annex 3), both issued by the Coordinator; and based on the "Application Template for Local Organisers" (Annex 2), the "Curricula Template" (Annex 4) and the "Budget Template" (Annex 5), as submitted by the Local Organiser.

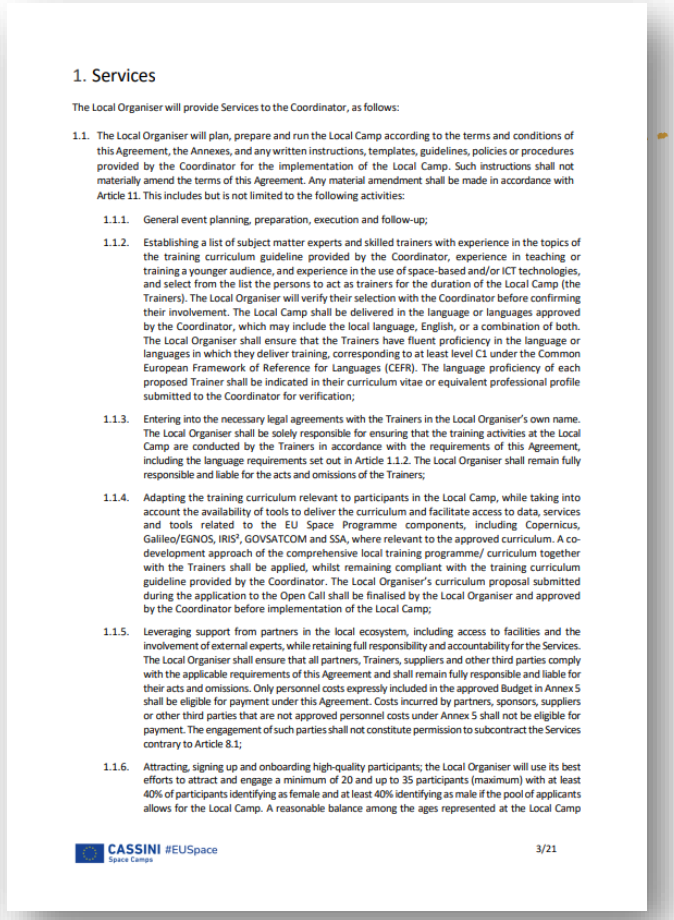
WHEREAS the Coordinator has been contracted by the European Union, represented by the Directorate-General for Defence Industry and Space (hereinafter referred to as the "Contracting Authority"), for the implementation of the "CASSINI Space Camps 2026-2028".

WHEREAS the Coordinator will implement, manage and coordinate the CASSINI Space Camps for autumn and winter 2026/2027 edition, for which the Coordinator will select and work with organisers, that each will implement and host a local camp within the overall CASSINI Space Camps action.

WHEREAS the Coordinator has issued an open call for local organisers for the CASSINI Space Camps for autumn and winter 2026/2027 that accepted applications until 6 July 2026; the Local Organiser has submitted a valid application to implement and host a local space camp in ___[COUNTRY]_____; the Coordinator has, following the evaluation process, selected the Local Organiser to host the local camp in _____[CITY]_____ (hereinafter the "Local Camp") as part of the CASSINI Space Camps for autumn and winter 2026/2027. The Local Camp will last __[X]_____ days, which must be between 7 and 10 days, including arrival and departure days but excluding any preparatory activities or information webinars carried out before the Local Camp itself, in the time period from __[DD.MM.YYYY]___ to ___[DD.MM.YYYY]___ (date of Local Camp).

THEREFORE the Coordinator and the Local Organiser have agreed as follows:

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1. Services

The Local Organiser will provide Services to the Coordinator, as follows:

1.1. The Local Organiser will plan, prepare and run the Local Camp according to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Annexes, and any written instructions, templates, guidelines, policies or procedures provided by the Coordinator for the implementation of the Local Camp. Such instructions shall not materially amend the terms of this Agreement. Any material amendment shall be made in accordance with Article 11. This includes but is not limited to the following activities:

1.1.1. General event planning, preparation, execution and follow-up;

1.1.2. Establishing a list of subject matter experts and skilled trainers with experience in the topics of the training curriculum guideline provided by the Coordinator, experience in teaching or training a younger audience, and experience in the use of space-based and/or ICT technologies, and select from the list the persons to act as trainers for the duration of the Local Camp (the Trainers). The Local Organiser will verify their selection with the Coordinator before confirming their involvement. The Local Camp shall be delivered in the language or languages approved by the Coordinator, which may include the local language, English, or a combination of both. The Local Organiser shall ensure that the Trainers have fluent proficiency in the language or languages in which they deliver training, corresponding to at least level C1 under the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). The language proficiency of each proposed Trainer shall be indicated in their curriculum vitae or equivalent professional profile submitted to the Coordinator for verification;

1.1.3. Entering into the necessary legal agreements with the Trainers in the Local Organiser's own name. The Local Organiser shall be solely responsible for ensuring that the training activities at the Local Camp are conducted by the Trainers in accordance with the requirements of this Agreement, including the language requirements set out in Article 1.1.2. The Local Organiser shall remain fully responsible and liable for the acts and omissions of the Trainers;

1.1.4. Adapting the training curriculum relevant to participants in the Local Camp, while taking into account the availability of tools to deliver the curriculum and facilitate access to data, services and tools related to the EU Space Programme components, including Copernicus, Galileo/EGNOS, IRIS², GOVSATCOM and SSA, where relevant to the approved curriculum. A co-development approach of the comprehensive local training programme/ curriculum together with the Trainers shall be applied, whilst remaining compliant with the training curriculum guideline provided by the Coordinator. The Local Organiser's curriculum proposal submitted during the application to the Open Call shall be finalised by the Local Organiser and approved by the Coordinator before implementation of the Local Camp;

1.1.5. Leveraging support from partners in the local ecosystem, including access to facilities and the involvement of external experts, while retaining full responsibility and accountability for the Services. The Local Organiser shall ensure that all partners, Trainers, suppliers and other third parties comply with the applicable requirements of this Agreement and shall remain fully responsible and liable for their acts and omissions. Only personnel costs expressly included in the approved Budget in Annex 5 shall be eligible for payment under this Agreement. Costs incurred by partners, sponsors, suppliers or other third parties that are not approved personnel costs under Annex 5 shall not be eligible for payment. The engagement of such parties shall not constitute permission to subcontract the Services contrary to Article 8.1;

1.1.6. Attracting, signing up and onboarding high-quality participants; the Local Organiser will use its best efforts to attract and engage a minimum of 20 and up to 35 participants (maximum) with at least 40% of participants identifying as female and at least 40% identifying as male if the pool of applicants allows for the Local Camp. A reasonable balance among the ages represented at the Local Camp

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Screenshot of the Training Guidelines



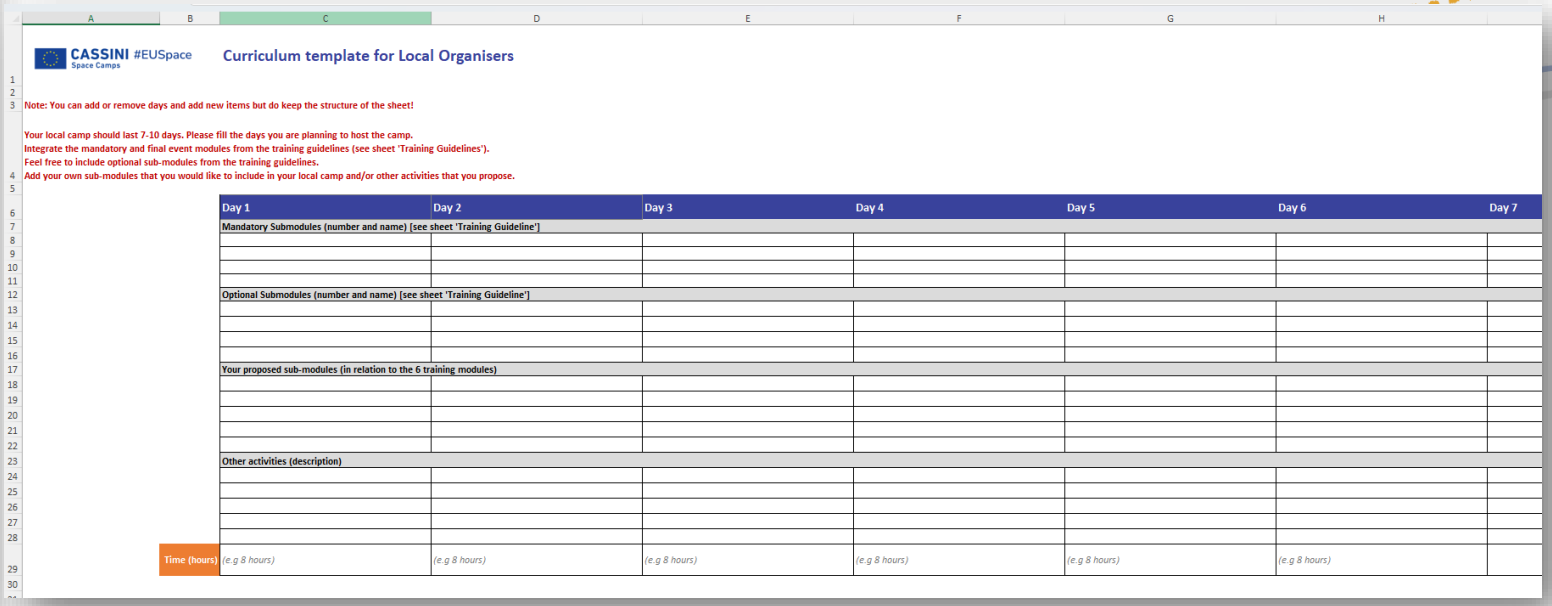
Screenshots of the Curricula Template



CASSINI Space Camps - Training Guideline

Module Number	Module Name	Treatment
1	Introduction to the space industry – structure, specificities, capabilities	
1.1	Who is who in space?	Mandatory
1.2	The space value chain 101	Mandatory
1.3	Icebreaker: What do you actually know about space?	Optional
1.4	Science Slam	Optional
1.5	Tackling space challenges	Optional
1.6	Space dual-use: Treaties & critical thinking	Optional
2	Use of space on Earth & practical use cases	
2.1	Presenting practical space-for-earth use cases	Mandatory
2.2	Deep Dive into sectoral applications	Mandatory
2.3	Problem Definition: Which challenges can be solved?	Final Event
2.4	Geocaching: Space Treasure Hunt	Optional
2.5	EO Imagery Game	Optional
2.6	App API Development related to EO space	Optional
3	Introduction to entrepreneurship for innovation-driven enterprises	
3.1	A deep dive into Space Entrepreneurship	Mandatory
3.2	What makes a good team	Mandatory
3.3	Entrepreneurship crash course	Final Event
3.4	Solution Design	Final Event
3.5	Understanding users & market	Optional
3.6	Team building activity	Optional
3.7	Pitch training	Optional
3.8	Critical thinking on data & information	Optional
3.9	Responsible use of LLM	Optional
3.10	Financing your space solution	Optional
4	Introduction to the EU Space Programme components	
4.1	The EU Space Programme unpacked	Mandatory
4.2	Introduction to EU Space data	Final Event
4.3	Solving earth challenges with EU Space data	Final Event
4.4	#EUSpace matchmaking: connect the dots!	Optional
5	The emerging 'New Space' industry	
5.1	New Space Disruptors: Who's Changing the Game?	Mandatory
5.2	The New Space Startup game	Optional
5.3	The New Space Investment game	Optional
5.4	Role play: public-private cooperation in motion	Optional
6	History and future of space exploration	
6.1	History of Space Exploration	Mandatory
6.2	Astronomy Night	Optional
6.3	Planetarium/ Observatory Visit	Optional
6.4	Design of mission proposal	Optional
6.5	Launch your rocket	Optional
6.6	Skywalk - Space object tracking using apps	Optional
6.7	Exploring with the 'Kerbal Space Programme' game	Optional
6.8	Build a LEGO moon/ mars rover	Optional

Training Guidelines | Curricula template



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Curriculum template for Local Organisers

Note: You can add or remove days and add new items but do keep the structure of the sheet!

Your local camp should last 7-10 days. Please fill the days you are planning to host the camp.
Integrate the mandatory and final event modules from the training guidelines (see sheet 'Training Guidelines').
Feel free to include optional sub-modules from the training guidelines.
Add your own sub-modules that you would like to include in your local camp and/or other activities that you propose.

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
Mandatory Submodules (number and name) [see sheet 'Training Guideline']							
Optional Submodules (number and name) [see sheet 'Training Guideline']							
Your proposed sub-modules (in relation to the 6 training modules)							
Other activities (description)							
Time (hours)	(e.g 8 hours)	(e.g 8 hours)	(e.g 8 hours)	(e.g 8 hours)	(e.g 8 hours)	(e.g 8 hours)	

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The Open Call can be accessed via the website where all documents are available for download

Apply to become a Local Organiser of the CASSINI Space Camps

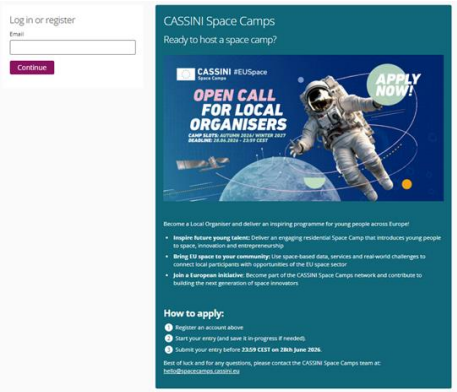
1. **Please complete the online application form and upload all required documents by 11 January 2027, 23:59 CEST.**

2. **Before starting your application, please make sure to review the following documents:**
    1. Application Guide for Local Organisers
    2. Application Template
    3. Training Guidelines
    4. Curricula Template
    5. Budget Template

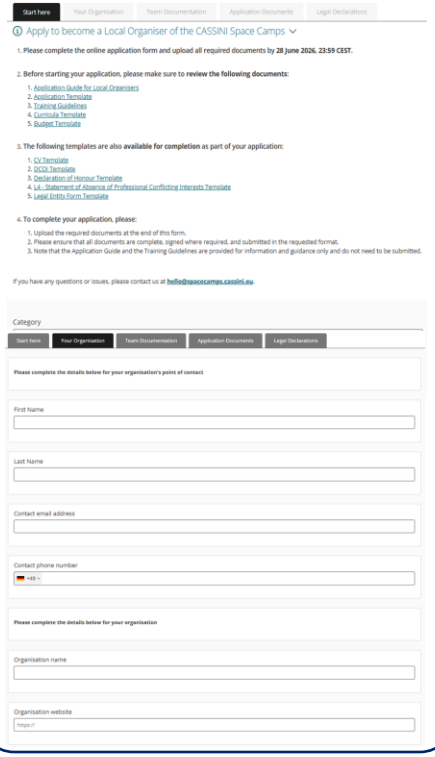
3. **The following templates are also available for completion as part of your application:**
    1. CV Template
    2. DCOI Template
    3. Declaration of Honour Template
    4. L4 - Statement of Absence of Professional Conflicting Interests Template
    5. Legal Entity Form Template

How to apply: Application via Award Force

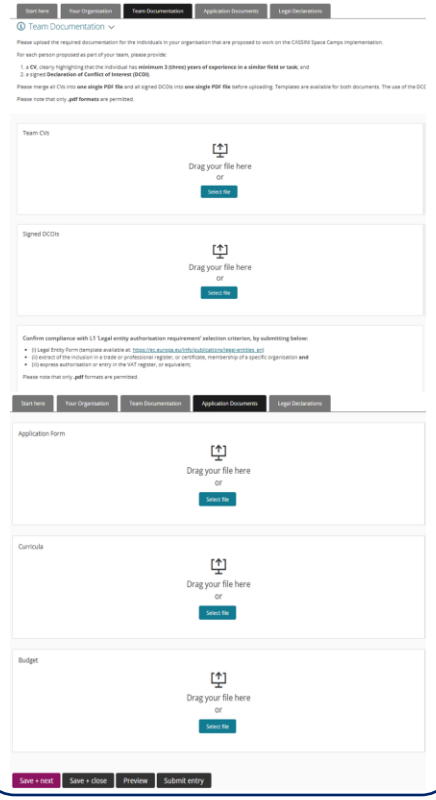
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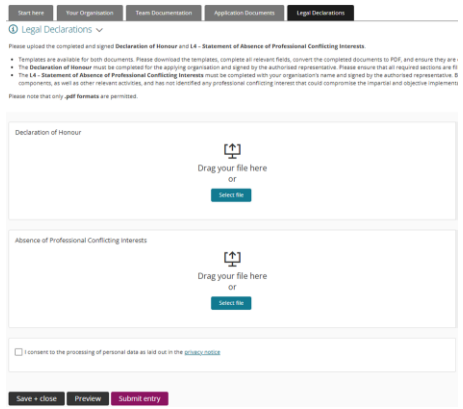
Choose a time & add organisation details



Upload documents



Legal & submit



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An overview of the selection process



Mid of January	End of January	Beg of February	After the final evaluation	After the approval
Technical & Organisational Requirements	Legal Requirements & Evaluation Criteria	Evaluation Criteria	Eligibility Check	Signature of LO Agreements

Selection criteria for Local Organisers

Overall approach	**Quality and innovativeness of the proposed approach** and curriculum tailored to the needs of the local ecosystem where the camp is carried out.	30%
Experience with training programmes	**Experience and ability to deliver the programme in a pedagogical and engaging manner** with skilled trainers, experience in the topics of the curriculum, and experience in the use of space-based and/or ICT technologies (e.g. earth observation technologies, GIS, global positioning, AI, big data and data analytics).	30%
Involvement of partners	**The involvement of relevant partners** (e.g., universities, research centres, schools, companies active in various segments of the space sector, etc.)	20%
Communication approach	**The quality of the plan for outreach and promotion** of the Space Camp events, and the commitment on the number of participants.	20%

Legal requirements for Local Organisers

Area	Legal requirement
EU restrictive measures	Applicants must not be subject to EU restrictive measures, sanctions, asset freezes or prohibitions on receiving funds or economic resources
Equal access	Participation must be open on equal terms to eligible natural and legal persons under the EU Treaties and to international organisations
Third-country eligibility	Participation may also be open to entities from third countries with relevant EU public procurement agreements
WTO GPA eligibility	Participation must be open to entities from countries that have ratified the WTO Government Procurement Agreement, under its conditions
Horizon Europe eligibility	Participation must be open to entities from third countries eligible for funding under Horizon Europe
Country of establishment	Applicants must indicate their country of establishment and provide supporting evidence accepted under national law
Exclusion criteria	Applicants must not be in any exclusion situation and must submit a completed, dated and signed Declaration on Honour
Legal entity authorisation	Applicants must provide a Legal Entity Form, proof of registration in a trade/professional register or equivalent, and VAT registration or equivalent
Absence of conflict of interest	Applicants must submit a signed statement confirming absence of professional conflicting interests, with justification linked to previous/current space programme involvement
Sanctions compliance	Applicants must prove that they, their associated entities, employees and contractors are not subject to EU or Member State sanctions or restrictions
Hosting minors	Applicants must comply with all relevant national laws for hosting minors, including accommodation, supervision, care and organised activities for under-18s
Insurance coverage	Applicants must ensure adequate insurance coverage for every Space Camp participant

Technical requirements for Local Organisers

Area	Technical requirement
Relevant experience	Demonstrated experience in organising training programmes, especially for students and/or children, camps, hackathons, innovation competitions or innovation support activities such as incubators or accelerators
Logistical capacity	Ability to organise the local Space Camp logistics, including participant safety and wellbeing, full legal and insurance coverage, and written parental/guardian consent
Venue and facilities	Capacity to host participants in an appropriate physical location compliant with national and EU health and safety standards, with all required services and amenities
Curriculum delivery tools	Availability of tools to deliver the curriculum and enable access to public data from EU Space Programme components
Trainers and expertise	Access to skilled trainers with curriculum-relevant expertise, experience teaching younger audiences, and knowledge of space-based and/or ICT technologies
Outreach capacity	Ability to conduct outreach and promotional activities independently and in line with the Contractor's communication and promotion plan
Community access	Ability to reach relevant communities, including schools, associations and public authorities, to attract a wide range of potential participants
First aid coverage	Capacity to ensure the 24/7 presence of a certified first aider throughout the full Space Camp duration
Safety responsibility	Commitment to take full responsibility for participant safety and wellbeing, including precautions for smooth execution and immediate escalation of serious incidents

Funding the local Space Camps

Commission contribution

Overall budget max. €36.500/ local camp

Calculation:
Fixed Unit Price (890 EUR per 8h day) x Implementation Days per Person

Optional organiser & partner contributions

Optional support to enrich your camp

Local Organisers may complement the Commission contribution with their own resources or compatible cash and in-kind contributions from partners.

What your camp budget can cover

- **Up to €36,500 per camp -** Calculated at €890 per person-day (8 hours)
- **The daily rates are all-inclusive:** The daily rate covers both your team's time and the related costs of delivering the camp.

People and expertise	**Camp delivery costs**
Planning and coordination	Venue, accommodation and catering
Camp delivery and supervision	Materials, equipment and related purchases
Trainers and subcontracted support	Administration and relevant overheads

- Those costs must be factored into the agreed rate, within the applicable ceiling.

How to build your budget

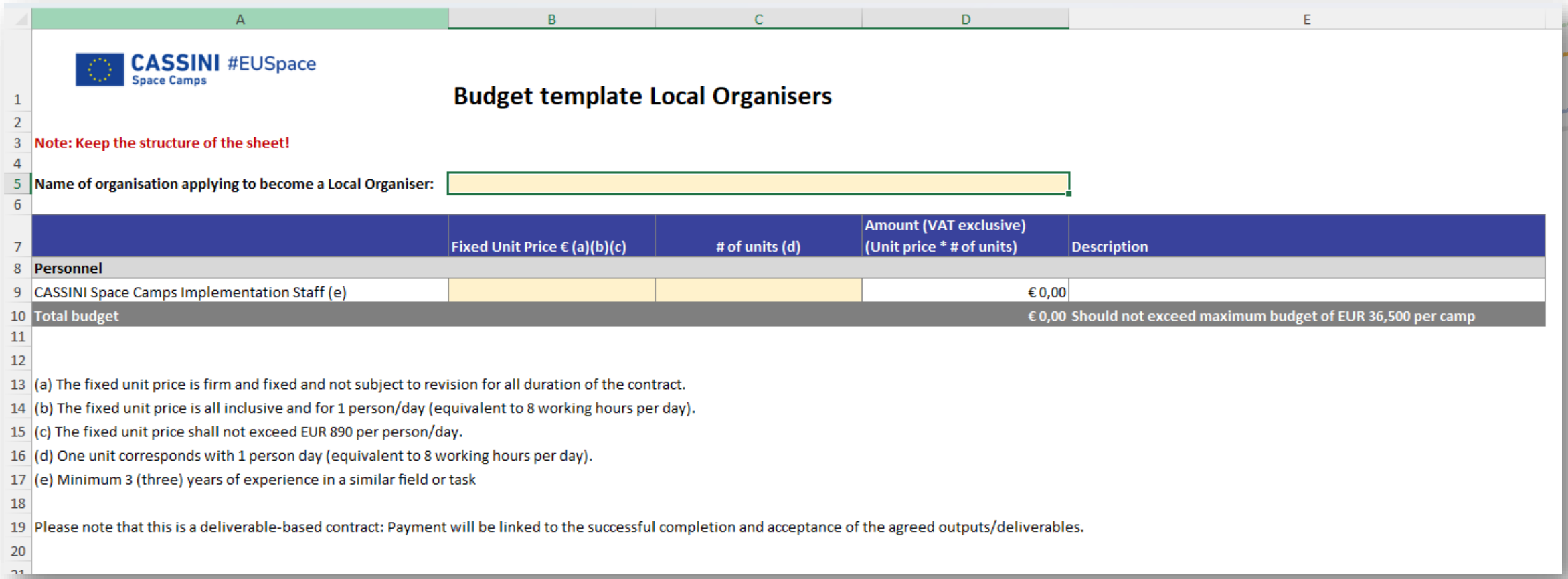
Calculation: Person-days × all-inclusive daily rate = total camp budget

- **Example: €30,000 total camp budget**

Cost item	Total budget	Share of €890 daily rate
Staff time for planning and implementation	€10,000	€296.67
Venue	€5,000	€148.33
Marketing and outreach	€5,000	€148.33
Training and activity delivery	€5,000	€148.33
Logistics and catering	€5,000	€148.34
Total	**€30,000**	**€890.00**

- **All costs are expressed through the all-inclusive daily rate.**
- **33.71 person-days x** €890 per person-day = €30,000
- **The all-inclusive daily rate covers both staff time and related camp delivery costs.**

Screenshot of the Budget Template



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Budget template Local Organisers

Note: Keep the structure of the sheet!

Name of organisation applying to become a Local Organiser:

	Fixed Unit Price € (a)(b)(c)	# of units (d)	Amount (VAT exclusive) (Unit price * # of units)	Description
Personnel				
CASSINI Space Camps Implementation Staff (e)			€ 0,00	
Total budget			€ 0,00	**Should not exceed maximum budget of EUR 36,500 per camp**

(a) The fixed unit price is firm and fixed and not subject to revision for all duration of the contract.
(b) The fixed unit price is all inclusive and for 1 person/day (equivalent to 8 working hours per day).
(c) The fixed unit price shall not exceed EUR 890 per person/day.
(d) One unit corresponds with 1 person day (equivalent to 8 working hours per day).
(e) Minimum 3 (three) years of experience in a similar field or task

Please note that this is a deliverable-based contract: Payment will be linked to the successful completion and acceptance of the agreed outputs/deliverables.

Commission contribution

Calculation: Fixed Unit Price × Implementation Days per Person

Fixed unit price of €890 per person-day

One person-day = **8** working hours

Maximum **€36,500** per camp

VAT excluded

Payment linked to **accepted deliverables** (reports)

No itemised reimbursement of individual expenses

Implementation staff may include as part of the LO team:
Project management, administration, curriculum coordination, trainers, communication, facilitation and safety coordination, etc.

Insights that would strengthen your Space Camp concept

Most space camps seem to benefit when they implement a series of **project-based activities** at the core of their curriculum during a set time period. These project-based activities often lead to a final event.

It is generally favourable when **larger consortia** with complementary abilities join forces, to form a local task force behind a summer camp organisation.

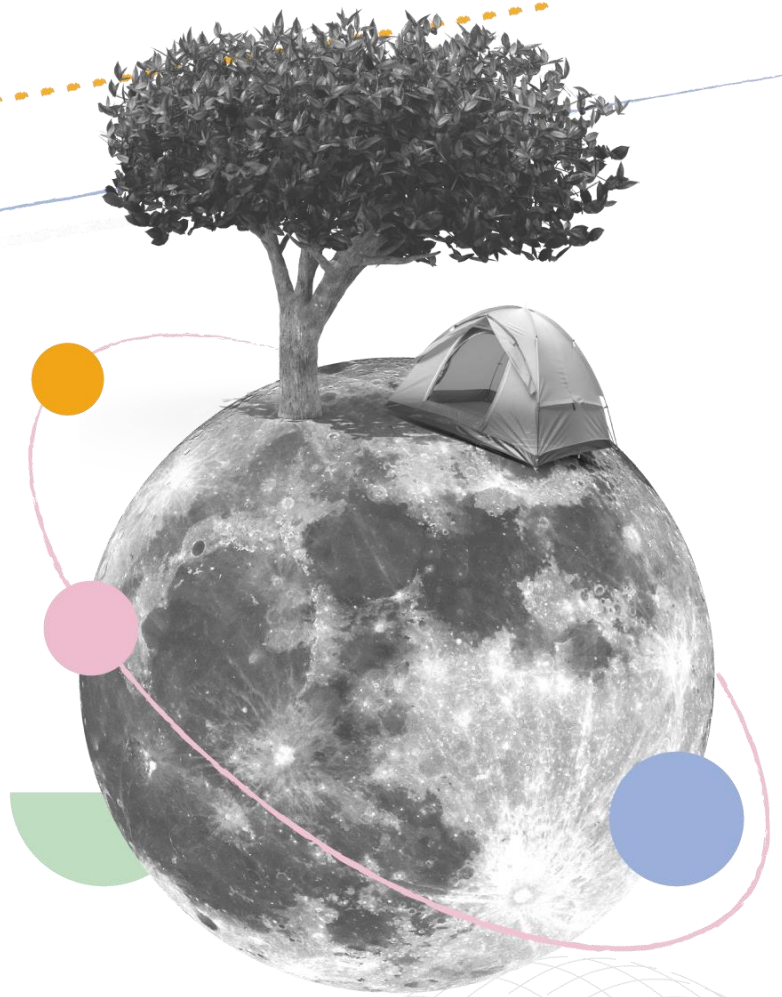
Students tend to benefit from a **balanced curriculum** augmented with interactive **learning methods** and activities (e.g., museum visits, time outside, etc.)

There is a gap to be addressed for a **multidisciplinary approach** in space-related training curricula and **space entrepreneurship** programmes, related to the commercialisation of space data and services.

Camps typically benefit when **a motivation letter** is included in the selection process.

It is advised to show how your camp can **strengthen regional cooperation**, foster lasting partnerships and contributing to the region's strategic goals

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Recommendations for your application

- Cooperate with local/ regional or national authorities
- Tailor optional submodules to your regional space ecosystem while covering all mandatory programme content
- Involve universities, research centres and space companies in workshops, mentoring and visits
- Explain how mentors will help participants explore space-related studies and career opportunities
- Combine theoretical learning with practical activities, excursions and engaging workshops, for example using Copernicus data
- Show how your camp can strengthen regional cooperation and create partnerships that continue beyond the programme

Applications are accessible via the CASSINI website

Call will be published and made accessible via

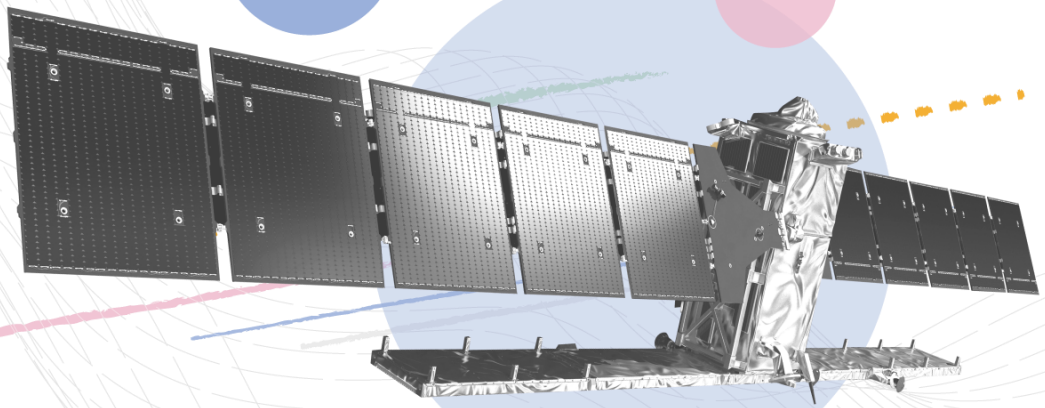
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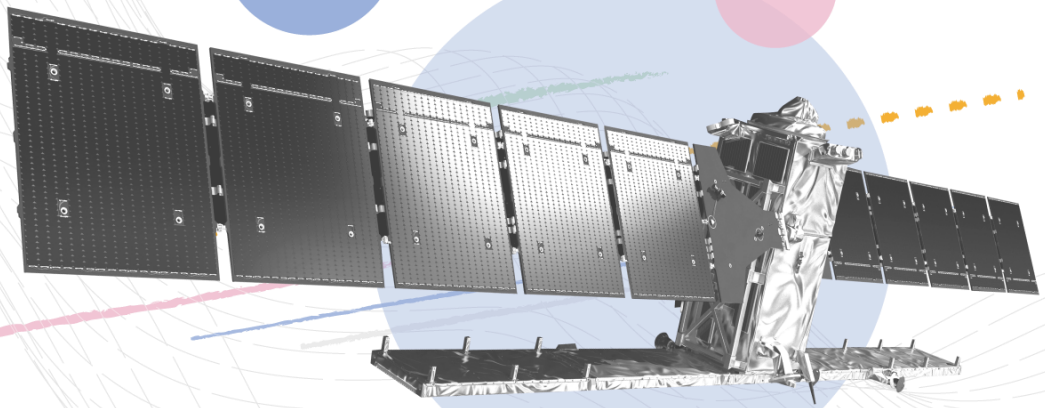
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Deadline Open Call

Submission of applications
before 11 January 2027 at 23:59 CET

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5 | Q&A Session

FAQ

When should the Space Camp take place?

- Within the **approved project timeframe** (June 2027 to February 2028) and during the host country's **official school holidays**
- Applicants must provide **evidence of the holiday period**

FAQ

Will the event include an overnight stay or only a daily programme?

- All local camps must be **physical, in-person and residential Space Camps with overnight stay**
- The programme must include **accommodation, supervision, care, catering, safety and logistical support** for students aged **14–18**

FAQ

Can we organise a local camp as a consortium?

- Yes, Local Organisers may involve **academia, industry, schools, public authorities, youth organisations, research centres, companies, venues or local ecosystem partners**
- One organisation must remain the **Local Organiser**, responsible for **planning, preparation, implementation**, main contact and recipient of the **support package**

FAQ

Can I charge a fee for camp participants?

- No, CASSINI Space Camps must be **free of charge for participants**
- Participants cover their own **transfer to the camp location**, unless officially communicated otherwise

FAQ

Who selects the camp participants?

- Participant registration and selection follow the **central enrolment process,** supported by the Local Organiser
- Eligibility checks and selection must be **fair, transparent and unbiased**, coordinated with the **Coordinator**

FAQ

Which costs can be covered by the proposed budget?

- The budget is based on a **fixed unit price per person-day for implementation staff**, not itemised reimbursement, and must use the **Budget Template**
- The fixed unit price must not exceed **EUR 890 per person-day**, with a total cap of **EUR 36,500 per Space Camp**, covering planning, preparation, coordination, delivery and follow-up activities

FAQ

Is co-funding from other sources required, and how much co-funding can we accept?

- No, **co-funding is not required**
- In-kind or cash contributions from partners are allowed if the camp remains aligned with the **CASSINI concept, visual identity, public-interest character and applicable rules**
- No fixed limit applies to **co-funding, sponsorship or partner contributions**
- Contributions must remain compatible with the **CASSINI objectives, excluded-activities rules, visual identity requirements and public-interest character**

FAQ

Can we accept participants from multiple countries?

- Participants may come from any **EU Member State or Horizon Europe associated country**
- Participants must have **citizenship or permanent residency** in an EU Member State or Horizon Europe associated country
- Participants must also have **school enrolment** in an EU Member State or Horizon Europe associated country
- Outreach must remain realistic for the camp's **location, language, residential setup and supervision arrangements**

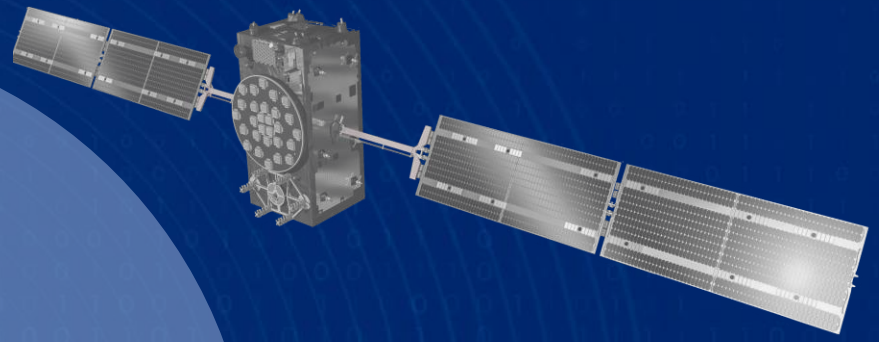
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What are Local Organisers responsible for?

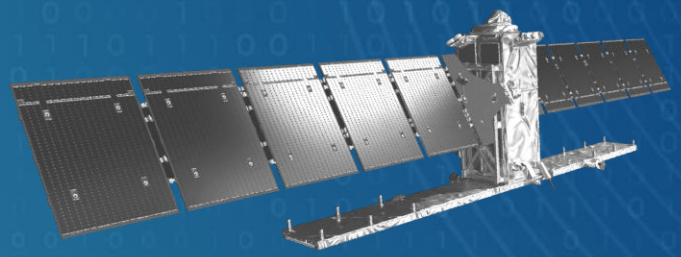
- Local Organisers are responsible for **planning, preparation, implementation and follow-up**, including programme setup, logistics, accommodation, supervision, catering, safety, outreach, participant support and reporting

- They must comply with all **national laws for hosting minors**, including accommodation, supervision, care and organised activities for under-18 participants

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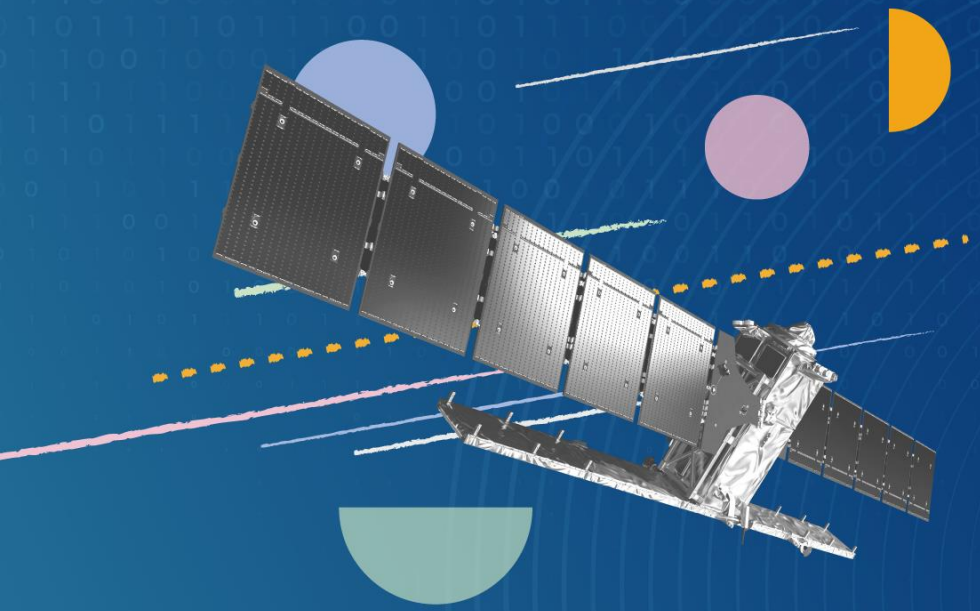


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