

ASTROPRENEURS Space Startup Accelerator

CALL FOR STARTUPS

Notes and Guidance for Applicants

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Introduction

Astropreneurs is turning space-related ideas into viable businesses and promoting opportunities for coming from space and non-space sectors.

The purpose of this call is to select entrepreneurs, spin-outs, start-ups, SME or others to receive mentoring, as part of the EU-Horizon2020 funded project “Astropreneurs”. Up to 50 hours of mentoring is available for each successful applicant, over a 3-month period. This will be an open call, running until January 2020 and all mentoring will be completed until June 2020.

Eligibility Criteria

The Astropreneurs Space Startup Accelerator is targeted at start-ups, i.e., either entrepreneurs in idea phase or a registered SME.

The idea should be space-related, meaning either:

- Based on a transfer of space technology to the non-space sectors,
- Based on space data used in a non-space sector,
- Aimed to address the space sector.

Applications not meeting the criteria below will be ineligible and will not go forward to full project evaluation. To be eligible, applicants have to comply with the following criteria:

- Applicants have to be located in a European Union member state or a country participating in H2020 programme.
- Non-EU entrepreneur, if selected, will have to establish a company in an EU country to be eligible before being accepted on the programme.
- Applicants shall be above legal age.
- Applicants must be able to communicate in English.
- Only one application per individual (or company) will be accepted.
- Applicants have to declare on honour that the submitted information is true and the project is original.

Evaluation Criteria

This is an open call with an evaluation of applications every after the following closing dates. Applicants can submit at any time, but applications will not access until after the closing dates. Results and any feedback will be communicated with 4 weeks of the closing date.

| Call | Cut off date | Results | Call | Cut off date | Results |
|-----------------|--------------|------------|-----------------|--------------|------------|
| 1 st | 27/09/2018 | 25/10/2018 | 4 th | 05/09/2019 | 03/10/2019 |
| 2 nd | 24/01/2019 | 21/02/2019 | 5 th | 31/10/2019 | 28/11/2019 |
| 3 rd | 11/04/2019 | 09/05/2019 | 6 th | 06/02/2020 | 27/02/2020 |



Once an application has been reviewed against the eligibility criteria, each application will be assessed based on the answers to the questions below and information supplied in the application.

| SCORE | QUESTIONS |
|-----------|---|
| 30 points | What is your business idea? |
| 30 points | What is the space connection of your business idea? |
| 20 points | Why do you want to be an Astropreneur? |
| 20 points | How will you use the Astropreneurs support help you to achieve your objectives? |

Applicants will have to score a total of 60 points [out of 100] to be eligible to join the Astropreneurs Space Accelerator.

Astropreneurs project will reserve the right to select fewer projects if there are not enough quality proposals.

Acceptance Agreement

By submitting the application, you are agreeing:

- Your personal data can be accessed by the partners listed below for the purposes of the ‘Astropreneurs’ project and for it to be held by these partners at least until the end of the project in 30/06/2020 and for the necessary time determined by Horizon2020 regulations.
- If successful you will provide updates on the following metrics every six months until 30/06/2020:
 - Number of hours of mentoring received;
 - Number of applications for funding / SME instrument; funding won.
- You may also be asked to contribute to a short case study about how you have benefitted from Astropreneurs.

An acceptance agreement with the selected start-ups and the consortium will be signed, in which the type of commitment from each side will be clear, as well as the type of support provided.

Contact

Should you have any questions please contact space@ipn.pt

Astropreneurs Partners

- Portugal: Instituto Pedro Nunes-IPN (coordinator)
- Austria: Brimatech Services GmbH-BRI
- Belgium: Verhaert-VH
- Czech Republic: Czechinvest-CI
- France: Aerospace Valley-AV
- Germany: Centrum für Satellitennavigation Hessen-CESAH
- Spain: Fundación Knowledge Innovation Market Barcelona-KIMbcn
- UK: Science and Technology Facilities Council-STFC

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