

## ASTROPRENEURS Space Startup Accelerator

# CALL FOR MENTORS

**The Astropreneurs Space Startup Accelerator is turning space-related ideas into viable businesses and is promoting opportunities for entrepreneurs coming from the space and non-space sectors**

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## Notes and Guidance for Applicants

### Introduction

Astropreneurs is an acceleration programme that gives business, funding and technical mentorship through our “Space Economy network”, to accelerate their idea from concept through to commercialization. By linking the Astropreneurs to a network of people with the expertise and experience in business, financial and technology. The Astropreneurs programme covers ideas and concepts for exploitation in the space sector, from an entrepreneur outside the space sector, from people in the space sector who has an idea for use of space data or technology [processes, products and services] in another sector and people from any sector that would require data, expertise and/or technology from the space sector to exploit their idea. Astropreneurs joining the programme will be assigned a manager from the programme, who will assign a single or group of selected mentors to meet the Astropreneurs’ requirements.

The programme has an open call, with closing dates to evaluate and choose the startups and mentors to join the Astropreneurs programme.

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

### Applicants Information

We are seeking mentors for the Astropreneurs programme; all mentoring will be remotely and be delivered over a duration no longer than three months for each individual mentor.

There will be a per day payment up to €500 for paid mentors; costs will be calculated on an hourly basis. We will accept mentors who want to undertake the mentoring as part of their existing role, ‘Pro Bono’.

Mentors will support the following startups:

- Those outside the Space sector with an innovative idea for the Space sector;
- Those inside the Space sector with an innovative idea that has an application outside the Space sector;
- Those outside the Space sector with an innovative idea for any sector, but the innovation clearly benefits from technology and/or data from the Space sector.



The mentors' selection process will be the following:

1. Fulfil and submit the application form – once submitted it will be valid for the programme duration;
2. Pre-selection on the cut-off dates according with the eligibility criteria – on each cut-off date only new applications will be assessed: <https://www.f6s.com/astropreneurs-callformentors/apply> ;
3. Pre-selected applicants join the pool of Astropreneurs programme as mentors;
4. Selection of mentors from the pool according to each startup needs;
5. Contract\* between Astropreneurs partner organization and each selected mentor;
6. Deliver of mentorship, including reporting procedures.

\*If selected on the Astropreneurs programme as a mentor you will be asked to sign a contract containing a confidentiality agreement.

After completion of two successful mentoring services to an individual Astropreneurs, mentors can use the experience and relationship with the Astropreneurs programme as reference for any further non-Astropreneurs contracts and we will be providing Astropreneurs mentors with a certificate and a logo they can use on their electronic and paper documentation as a reference.

## 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 selected you will provide updates on the following metrics after ending each mentoring process:
  - o Number of hours of business, technical and funding mentoring given per startup;
  - o 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.

## Contact

Should you have any questions please contact [space@ipn.pt](mailto: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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