Preparing demonstration missions for Earth Observation and Satellite telecommunication for Space solutions (Space Partnership)

Horizon Europe

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Code
HORIZON-CL4-2026-SPACE-03-32

Scope
International

Location
Europe

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FINANCIAL DETAILS

Support type
Non-Refundable

Maximum Funding Rate
100%

Budget
26M€

Eligible Project Value
Up to 10M€

DATES & DEADLINES

Publication Date
June 15, 2026

Opening Date
March 10, 2026

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September 3, 2026 at 05:00 PM GMT+2

DESCRIPTION

Objectives

This Horizon Europe Innovation Action (IA) , implemented under the European Partnership on Globally Competitive Space Systems (Space Partnership) , aims to prepare and demonstrate advanced Earth Observation (EO) and Satellite Communications (SatCom) missions that strengthen the competitiveness, resilience and technological autonomy of the European space sector. The call supports the development of end-to-end space solutions integrating digital technologies, artificial intelligence, advanced payloads and secure communications to enable more flexible, reactive and commercially attractive space-based services.

Funding

The topic is funded as a Horizon Europe Innovation Action (IA) with an indicative budget of €26 million . The European Commission expects to support approximately four projects , with indicative EU contributions generally ranging between €5 million and €10 million per project . The call is designed to support large-scale demonstration activities and accelerate the market deployment of innovative European space technologies.

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

- Personnel Costs
- Travel and Subsistence
- Equipment costs
- Other goods, works and services costs
- Subcontracting
- Indirect Costs

ELIGIBILITY

Application Mode
Consortium / Copromotion

Action Types
Innovation Action

Eligible Sectors

- Aerospace & Defense
- ICT & Software

Company Typologies

- Micro
- SME
- Small Mid-Cap
- Mid-Cap
- Large
- Private non-profit entities
- Public entities

EU PROGRAMME DETAILS

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Cluster
Digital, Industry and Space (Cluster 4)

Destination
D4. Open Strategic Autonomy in Developing, Deploying and Using Global Space-Based Infrastructure, Services, Applications and Data

Submission Mode
Single-stage

EU Contribution
Around €5,000,000.00 to €10,000,000.00 per project

Expected Projects
4

Funding Rate Rule
Up to 100% funding for non-profit entities, up to 70% for commercial entities, according to Horizon Europe rules.

OFFICIAL LINKS

Official Regulation
https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-CL4-2026-SPACE-03-32?order=DESC&pageNumber=1&pageSize=50&sortBy=relevance&keywords=HORIZON-CL4-2026-SPACE-03-32&isExactMatch=true

Grantavia page
https://grantavia.com/en/incentives/preparing-demonstration-missions-for-earth-observation-and-satellite-telecommunication-for-space-solutions-space-partnership

Schedule a meeting
https://calendly.com/filipa-silva-epsa/reuniao