

EUSPA announces #myEUspace competition winners!

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11 companies promising to disrupt Europe's technological tomorrow with the power of space.

Launched in September 2021 as part of the European Commission's CASSINI initiative and with over EUR 1 million in prize money on the line, #myEUspace is one of the biggest competitions ever organised by EUSPA.

Innovators and entrepreneurs were challenged to develop and commercialise products/applications that use data and services from the EU Space Programme. While the solutions ranged from diverse sectors such as location-based services, smart mobility, geomatics and smart agriculture, they all share a foundation in their use of Galileo or Copernicus data as well as leveraging the synergies between the two.

The competition's results were announced during Entrepreneurship Day, an event organised at EUSPA's headquarters in Prague. The 43 accelerated startups had the chance to give an elevator pitch in front of some of Europe's top venture capitalists as well as the Director-General of DG DEFIS, Timo Pesonen.

"With the CASSINI Initiative, we are supporting innovation and growth to give their chance to the many untapped talents in the European Union. The applications presented today during the Entrepreneurship Day at EUSPA are solid proof of what can be achieved when we mix entrepreneurial spirit, innovation and EU Space data" declared Timo Pesonen.

"Space data and services are driving innovation and enabling disruptive technologies in a wide range of sectors," says EUSPA Executive Director, Rodrigo da Costa. "Start-ups have been particularly enthusiastic in embracing the potential offered by the EU Space Programme. I would like to congratulate the winners and also the participants for the effort they put."

Following the award ceremony at Entrepreneurship Day, EUSPA is now pleased to publicly announce the winners of the #myEUspace competition:

In Track 1, the innovators had to develop their theoretical idea into a prototype:

- **SANGENE:** Integrated GNSS based passive radar for detection and first localisation of obstacles
- **EO4ART:** Web application for artistic and personalised products based on satellite images acquired over a specific region of interest
- **ALTIWAVE:** Satellite-derived regional wave heights for the marine energy sector
- **Master Map:** Automatic road mapping status for maintenance optimisation
- **VirtualCrop:** Application for sustainable precision farming that turns phones into data gathering and analysis tools
- **RIGOROUS:** Efficient and effective development and deployment of solutions based on using Randomness-Intensive algorithms for near-real-time route optimization

...while in Track 2, the innovators had to turn their existing prototype into a product and launch it on the market:

- **C-ITS Platform:** C-ITS Platform to increase road safety, powered by Galileo and Copernicus

- **E20.Green:** Intelligent Platform powered by GNSS, AI, EO and IoT to enable Golf Course and Urban Green Space Management companies to effectively manage assets, operations and land fields
- **SPAI:** Solution to easily integrate satellite analytics in the work practices of experts and non-expert users, extracting the EO value through AI effortless
- **SOILSPECT:** Automatic monitoring of ground settlement at construction sites
- **Agricircle:** Dashboard for Outcomes of Regenerative Agriculture

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