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Discover the new Space Downstream opportunities

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EUSPA Funding Opportunities

Horizon Europe

R&D for Galileo, EGNOS and Copernicus **applications**

Supporting the integration of services into devices and their **commercialisation**



Fundamental Elements

Fostering the development of innovative Galileo and EGNOS-enabled **receivers, antennas and chipsets**



Fundamental Elements

CASSINI

Stimulating **innovation and entrepreneurship** in the aerospace ecosystem



CASSINI #EUSpace



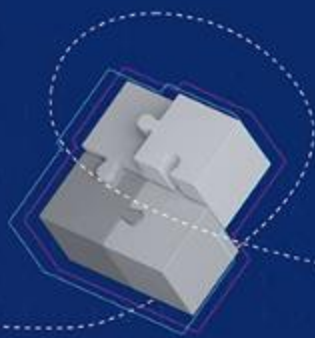
• Space Camps

The **Space Camps** build up interest for space and careers



• Hackathons & Mentoring

The **Hackathons & Mentoring** fosters EU Space ideas



• Challenges

The **Challenges** boost EU Space commercial solutions



• Business Accelerator

The **Business Accelerator** develops start-ups capabilities



• Matchmaking

The **Matchmaking** connects start-ups with new partners



• Investment Facility

The **Investment Facility** eases risk capital to EU Space companies



• EU Space Academy

The **EU Space Academy** introduces innovators to EU Space



• Investor Network

The **Investor Network** supports equity investment needs



• Entrepreneurship Days

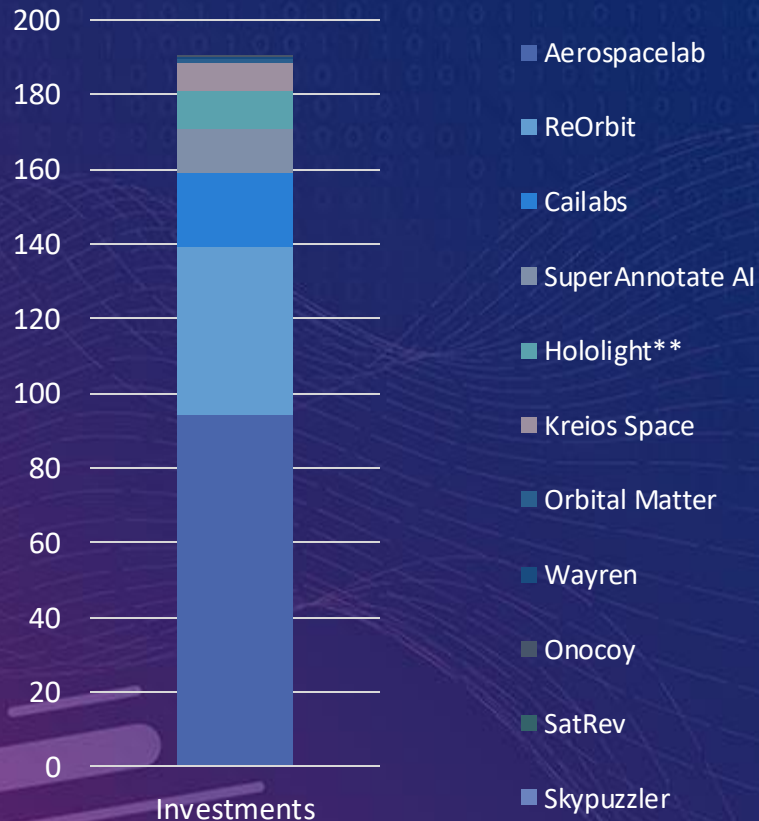
The **Entrepreneurship Days** bring together the CASSINI ecosystem



many other start-up & cross industry events in the EU

CASSINI and EUSPA companies raised 11 rounds and 190.2* mio. EUR in Q3 2025

Investments received



CASSINI and EUSPA Support Schemes

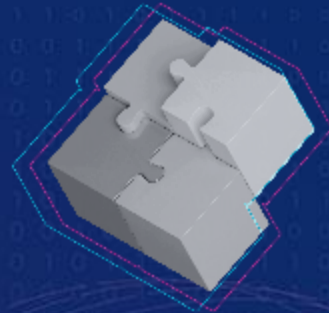
Support Scheme	Rounds	Investments (mio. EUR)
CASSINI Matchmaking	5	65.9
CASSINI Business Accelerator	2	114
Prizes and Competitions (CASSINI Challenges, #myEUspace)	1	0.1
Horizon Projects	1	10.1
Challenges + Matchmaking	1	Not disclosed
Accelerator + Matchmaking	1	Not disclosed

*Value of 9 rounds was disclosed (out of 11)

** Part of Horizon 2.4 project

The CASSINI Challenges boost #EUSpace commercial solutions

New edition
coming soon



CASSINI #EUSpace
Challenges



An innovation competition showcasing how #EUSpace technology & data enable solving pressing global challenges

Solutions shall address **commercial, social and environmental** challenges

Winners receive **cash prizes & opportunities** to evolve their products and bring them to market

The CASSINI Business Accelerator programme helps start-ups grow



Calls typically 2 times per year – watch out early 2026



CASSINI
Business Accelerator

Acceleration programme offering coaching, training & events to boost the commercial evolution of top space start-ups

Helps participants developing sales and fundraising skills, extending their network & accessing local stakeholders

Tailored to space companies in growth stage that have a product on the market & already achieved pre-commercial success

The CASSINI Matchmaking connects start-ups with new partners



2026 events to be announced in January



CASSINI
Matchmaking

Dedicated events for connecting start-ups, scaleup companies and SMEs to investors and corporates

Start-ups receive pitch training, curated intros, and 1-to-1 meetings, to help them secure funding & form partnerships

Investors connect with investment-ready companies & corporates can have early access to fresh tech inputs

Stay updated on the latest
entrepreneurship opportunities

The CASSINI Newsletter
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Horizon Europe calls overview

Call n.	Call code	Call budget [M.EUR]	Topic code	Topic name	Ind. budget	Submitted proposals n.	Running Projects n.
1st	HORIZON-EUSPA-2021-SPACE	32.6	HORIZON-EUSPA-2021-SPACE-02-51	EGNSS and Copernicus applications fostering the European Green deal	14.0	28	7
			HORIZON-EUSPA-2021-SPACE-02-52	EGNSS applications for Safety and Crisis management	9.3	12	3
			HORIZON-EUSPA-2021-SPACE-02-53	EGNSS applications for the Digital Age	9.3	10	3
Over 41% of budget awarded to SMEs							
2nd	HORIZON-EUSPA-2022-SPACE	48.1	HORIZON-EUSPA-2022-SPACE-02-51	EGNSS applications for Smart mobility	9.5	17	4
			HORIZON-EUSPA-2022-SPACE-02-52	Public sector as Galileo and/or Copernicus user	5.2	2	1
			HORIZON-EUSPA-2022-SPACE-02-54	Copernicus downstream applications and the European Data Economy	9.6	13	3
			HORIZON-EUSPA-2022-SPACE-02-55	Large-scale Copernicus data uptake with AI and HPC	9.6	15	3
			HORIZON-EUSPA-2022-SPACE-02-56	Designing space-based downstream applications with international partners	5.1	24	4
			HORIZON-EUSPA-2022-SPACE-02-61	GOVSATCOM Service developments and demonstrations	9.1	6	4
Over 26% of budget awarded to SMEs							
3rd	HORIZON-EUSPA-2023-SPACE	34.5	HORIZON-EUSPA-2023-SPACE-01-41	EGNSS - Transition toward a green, smart and more secure post-pandemic society	3.5	2	1
			HORIZON-EUSPA-2023-SPACE-01-42	EGNSS - Closing the gaps in mature, regulated and long lead markets	8.0	8	3
			HORIZON-EUSPA-2023-SPACE-01-43	Copernicus-based applications for businesses and policy-making	7.0	21	4
			HORIZON-EUSPA-2023-SPACE-01-46	Designing space-based downstream applications with international partners	6.0	27	6
			HORIZON-EUSPA-2023-SPACE-01-61	EU GOVSATCOM for a safer and more secure EU	10.0	5	3
Over 37% of budget awarded to SMEs							

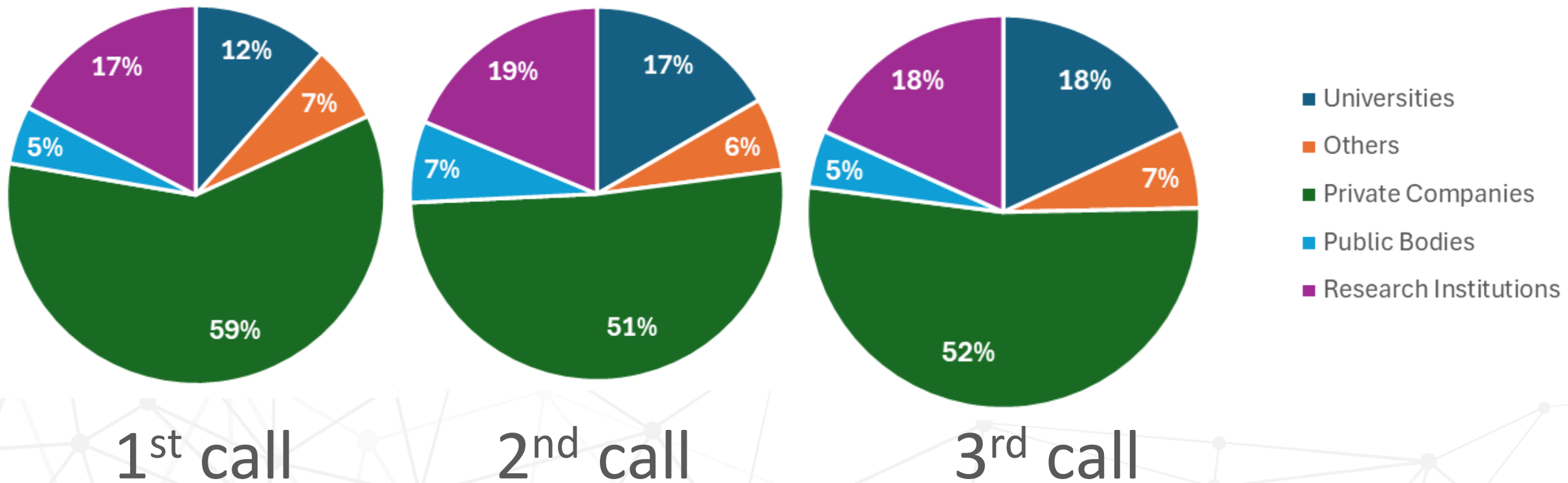
26 % success rate

25% success rate

27 % success rate



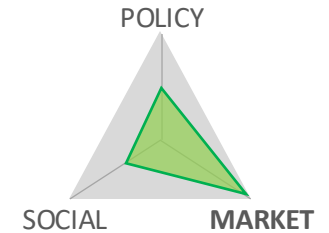
More than 50% of participants are private companies



Certifying agricultural production with space data

AgroApps acquires new important customers

AgroApps is an SME from Greece that brings technology closer to agriculture with sustainable digital solutions. They participate in AgriBIT project.



AgriBIT



- Agricultural models have large variety from country to country → **difficult to scale** agricultural forecasts
- **Long sales cycles** requiring proper education of customers

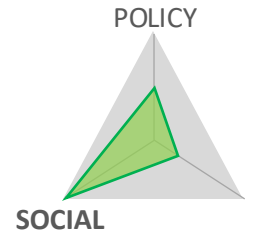


- AgriBIT helps AgroApps to create multiple agri-models with space data and **fast-track** their fit-to-market validation **with internal customers**
- The company acquired **additional customers**: a pasta producer, a beer brewing company and a vegetable producer

An alert system for landslides that proved to be crucial during a real disaster

How GReD transformed research into a practical solution

GReD is a spin-off SME of Politecnico di Milano that coordinated GIMS project, bringing landslide monitoring expertise to the consortium.



Gims

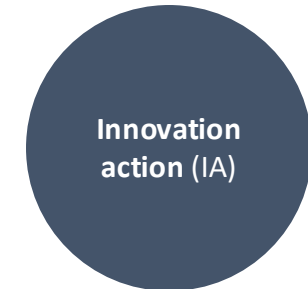


- Support landslide monitoring with accurate & low-cost solutions
- The Copernicus and Galileo-enabled monitoring system was **deployed in Slovenia and used** during an emergency in August 2023 (after the project finished)
- Its deployment **supported decision making** during the critical **evacuation of 900 people** from Koroška Bela, in Slovenia

EUSPA Horizon Europe 4th call (HORIZON-EUSPA-2026-SPACE)

Opening date: 22 October 2025
Deadline: 24 February 2026

Type of MGA	Type of Action	Topic	Indicative budget (EUR mln)	Indicative number of grants
Lump Sum Grant	IA	HORIZON-EUSPA-2026-SPACE-02-51 Space Data Economy	10	5
Lump Sum Grant	IA	HORIZON-EUSPA-2026-SPACE-02-52 Innovative space-based applications enhancing capabilities for a resilient Europe	5	4
Total budget:			15	



Activities to produce plans and arrangements or **designs for new, altered or improved products, processes or services.**



HORIZON-EUSPA-2026-SPACE-02-51: Developing the European Space Data Economy

Challenge to overcome: The market for space data and services is fragmented, both on the side of supply and demand. A fragmented and underdeveloped demand from both public and private users does not allow for scaling up, hindering the realization of the full potential of the EU Space infrastructure.

Expected outcome: activities shall enable or contribute to overcoming sectorial demand fragmentation and support scale up of the space data usage, increasing the wider uptake and mass adoption of the EU space data in selected priority areas that are strategic for Europe.

Focus Areas

- **Energy:** Enhance renewable energy deployment, energy efficiency, and infrastructure monitoring.
- **Climate & Environment:** Improve climate resilience through better planning and monitoring.
- **Green Finance & Insurance:** Increase transparency and risk assessment in sustainable investments.
- **Liveable Cities:** Enable smarter urban planning, waste management, transport, and sustainability.

Funding Overview

- **Total Budget:** €10 million
- **Funding per Project:** €1.5–2.5 million
- **Type of Action:** Innovation Action



HORIZON-EUSPA-2026-SPACE-02-52: Space-Based Solutions for a Resilient Europe



Challenge to overcome: Gaps in space data and service usage of EGNSS differentiators and Copernicus can prevent the penetration of EU space data in new and traditional sectors, the creation of new space-based commercial opportunities for businesses requires activities to foster the development and validation of integrated space technologies that support the operational work of crisis and security practitioners.

Expected outcome: Proposals should be built on the exploitation of the distinguishing features of Galileo and EGNOS seeking to enhance the way **security practitioners** prepare for and manage crises and security operations. Proposals should develop applications and technologies that focus on commercial exploitation in the development of EGNSS solutions

Focus Areas

- **Security-Critical Operations:** e.g. maritime and land border surveillance, law enforcement, customs operations, environmental crime.
- **Critical Infrastructure:** e.g. digital infrastructure, water and water waste management, healthcare.
- **Crisis Management:** support coordination centers and first responders with Space-powered solutions (e.g. drones, AR/VR tools, smart wearables)

Funding Overview

- **Total Budget:** €5 million
- **Funding per Project:** €1.5–1.8 million
- **Type of Action:** Innovation Action

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HORIZON-EUSPA-2026-SPACE-02-51 | Calls for proposals
Opening date: 22 October 2025 | Deadline date: 24 February 2026 | Single-stage
Programme: **Horizon Europe (HORIZON)** | Type of action: **HORIZON Innovation Actions**



Admissibility

Same general admissibility conditions

- Applications must be submitted before the call deadline, **electronically** via the Funding & Tenders Portal
- Applications must be **complete, readable, accessible and printable**, and include a **plan for the exploitation and dissemination of results**, unless provided otherwise in the specific call conditions.

Proposal page limit

- IAs type of actions: limit for a full application is 45 pages. For topics using lump sum funding, the limit for 'Innovation' actions is **50 pages**

This slide provides an incomplete summary of the conditions. For the authoritative and final version of the call conditions, please refer to the publication on the official Funding & Tenders Portal and Work Programme. This summary is provided for informational purposes only and does not replace or modify the final text.

Who is eligible for funding?



EU COUNTRIES

- Member States (MS) including their outermost regions
- The Overseas Countries and Territories (OCTs) linked to the MS.



NON-EU COUNTRIES

- Countries associated to Horizon Europe (AC)
- Low and middle income countries: See [HE Programme Guide](#).
- Other countries when announced in the call or exceptionally if their participation is essential



SPECIFIC CASES

- Affiliated entities established in countries eligible for funding.
- EU bodies
- International organisations (IO):
 - International European research organisations are eligible for funding.
 - Other IO are not eligible (only exceptionally if participation is essential)
 - IO in a MS or AC are eligible for funding for Training and mobility actions and when announced in the call conditions



Eligibility

Consortium composition (collaborative projects)

- **at least one** independent legal entity established in a **Member State**, and
- **at least two** other independent legal entities each established either in a **different Member State or an Associated Country**.

Gender Equality Plan

Participants that are public bodies, research organisations or higher education establishments from Members States and Associated countries must have a gender equality plan, covering minimum process-related requirements.

- A self-declaration will be requested at proposal stage (for all types of participants).
- Included in the entity validation process (based on self-declaration)

Preliminary Business plan

Applicable to

- HORIZON-EUSPA-2026-SPACE

The purpose of the preliminary business plan is to demonstrate the **commercial potential** of the product and/or service (offering) and describe **how this potential will be realized**.

The document should not be longer than 6 pages, 13 pages with annexes.

Horizon EUROPE

Template for: Business Plan

HORIZON-EUSPA-2023-SPACE-01-41
HORIZON-EUSPA-2023-SPACE-01-43

Please follow the structure of this template when preparing the Business Plan.

Page limit: The document should not be longer than 8 pages, 15 pages with annexes. The minimum font size allowed is 11 points. The page size is A4, and all margins (top, bottom, left, right) should be at least 15 mm (not including any footers or headers). Please do not regard the page limit as a target! It is in your interest to keep your text as concise as possible, since experts rarely view unnecessarily long proposals in a positive light.

Guiding questions: Delete *guiding questions* before submitting the proposal.

Business Plan is applicable for the following topics: HORIZON-EUSPA-2023-SPACE-01-41, and HORIZON-EUSPA-2023-SPACE-01-43.

The document will be considered as an annex to the part B and should be coherent with the proposal.

Please upload it as a separate document in the PDF format.

Writing a lump sum proposal

- Use the standard Horizon Europe proposal template.
- Your proposal must describe in detail the activities covered by each work package.
- To define and justify the lump sum, you need to provide **detailed breakdown of cost estimations**. The estimates must be an approximation of your actual costs and meet the basic eligibility criteria of Horizon Europe.
- You find the MS **Excel template** to prepare your detailed costs estimations in the submission tool.
- The cost estimations are used to generate automatically a breakdown of lump sum shares per work package and per participant (i.e., beneficiaries and affiliated entities, if any).

Better submit early than risk submitting late



Manage proposal

Deadline
31 March 2025 11:25:00 Brussels Local Time

47 days left until closure

✔ Your proposal was submitted on: **11 February 2025 17:27:39 (Brussels Local Time)**

Your proposal is part of call **CERV-2025-CITIZENS-CONTACT-IBA**. The call deadline is 31 March 2025 11:25:00 (Brussels Local Time).

Your proposal ID is **100003849**. This number is important and will be used as future reference during the evaluation process.

Call data

Call: **CERV-2025-CITIZENS-CONTACT-IBA**

Topic: **CERV-2025-CITIZENS-NCP-IBA**

Type of action: **CERV-LS**

Type of MGA: **CERV-AG-LS**

Revisit your proposal

You can edit your proposal and re-submit at any time before the deadline 31 March 2025 11:25:00 (Brussels Local Time).

The time-stamped and digitally signed PDF version of your proposal is not yet available (and may still take some time). Please contact the Helpdesk if it is not available within **24 hours** after the deadline.

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Draft ID: **SEP-202610051**

Final ID: **100003849**

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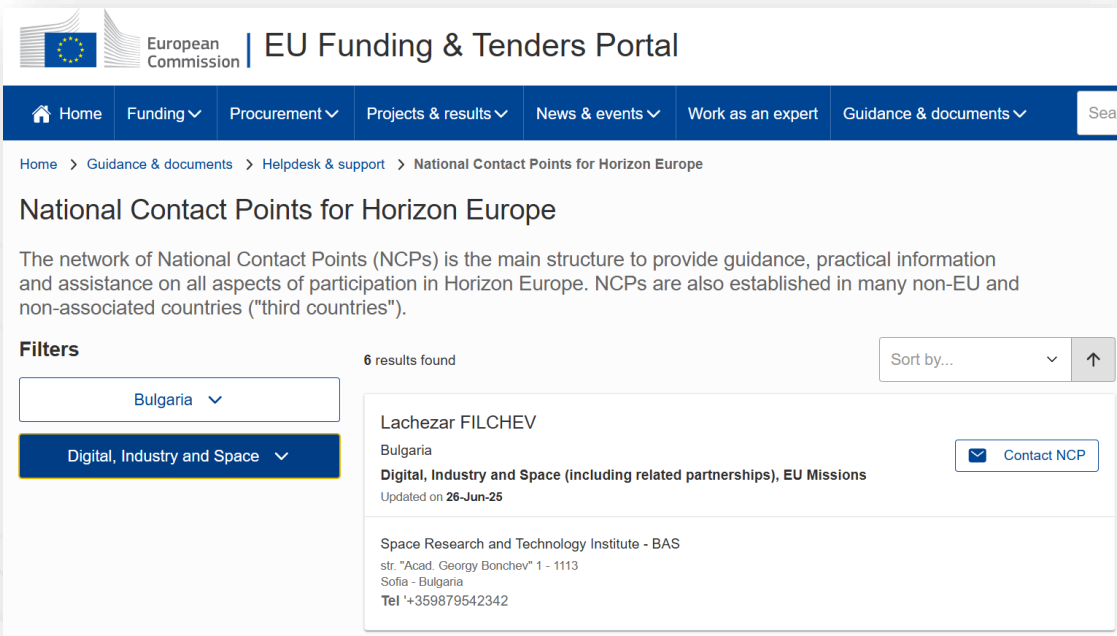
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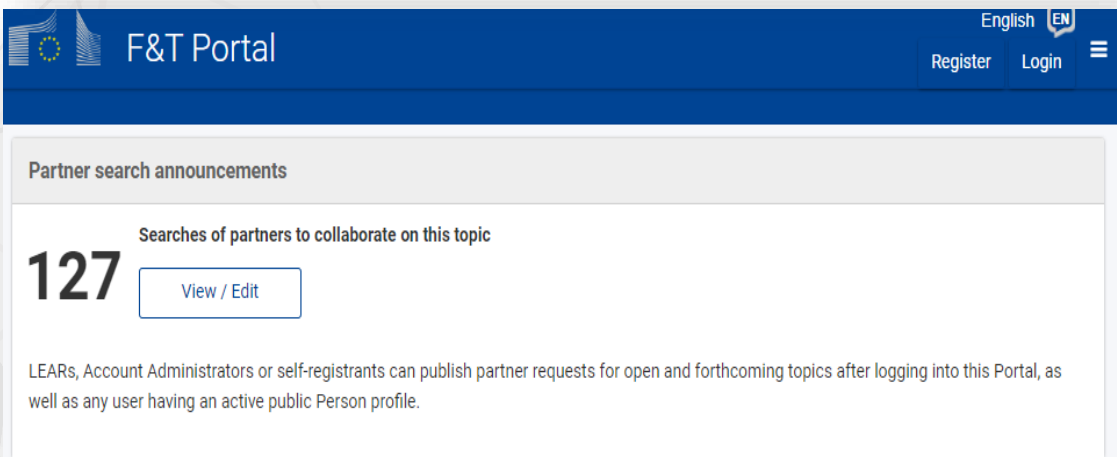
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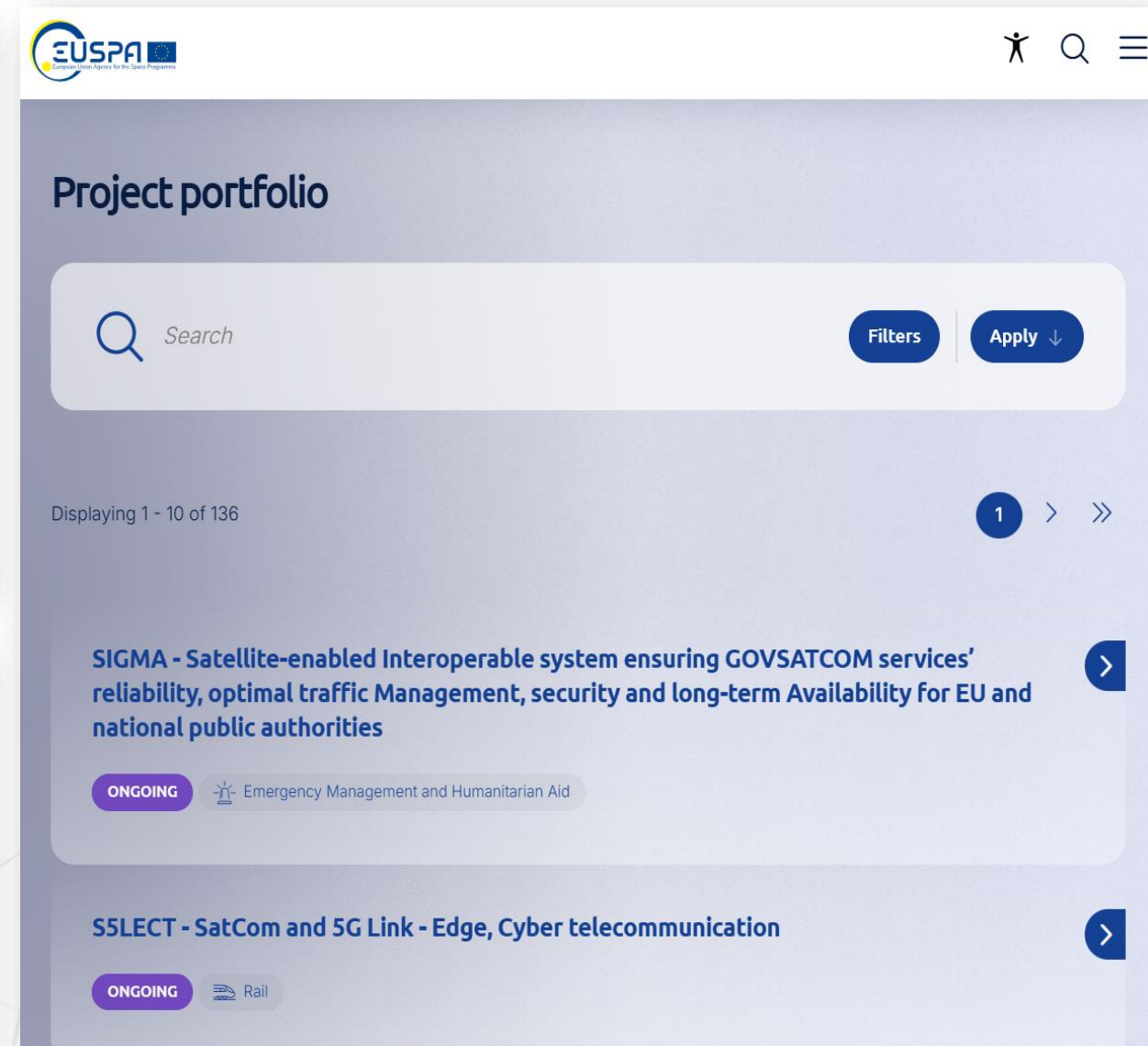
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