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European Space Solutions 2016 to address how space offers tools to address today's tough challenges and fuel business growth

From 30 May through 3 June, the 2016 European Space Solutions conference will take place in The Hague, Netherlands. It will showcase the essential role space technology plays in our everyday lives, and help European industry better understand – and access – its business potential.

How can we use space to tackle challenges in such areas as energy, healthcare, mobility and the environment? How can European businesses and entrepreneurs harness the power of space technology to build the innovative applications and services needed to address these challenges?

Providing answers to these questions and more will be the focus of the 2016 European Space Solutions event, from 30 May until 3 June in The Hague, The Netherlands.

The week-long event features an array of speakers including ESA Astronaut André Kuipers and government leaders such as Elżbieta Bieńkowska, European Commissioner for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs and Henk Kamp, Dutch Minister of Economic Affairs. Plus business leaders, including Shell Vice President of Technology and Chief Scientist Geophysics, Dirk Smit, TomTom NV Co-Founder and Director of Software Development, Pieter Geelen, and many more.

The week's packed programme includes a range of panel discussions, sector-specific focus sessions and numerous workshops and networking events – all aimed at helping European industry better harness the power of space within their business activities. Highlights include:

- High level [Panel discussions on Space Solutions](#) for the European Economy, New Perspectives in Space, Space and the Energy Union, Space and the Digital Economy and Space and Security
- [A dedicated session on Space Solutions for Business](#), where business leaders will join EU policy-makers to discuss how today's satellite navigation and Earth observation programmes are creating opportunities for game-changing growth
- [Six user-driven topic focus sessions](#) will offer information and insights on how Europe's space programmes can benefit businesses operating in the **Agriculture and Food, Smart Mobility, Climate Change and the Environment, Health and Safety, Energy and Water Management** sectors
- An [exhibition showcasing](#) over 50 innovative space applications, technology solutions

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and cutting-edge research coming from across Europe

- [An array of exhibitions, demonstrations, topic specific side events](#) plus opportunities for [one-on-one business meetings](#) and networking
- Conference reception, '**Space Solutions for Biking**' will showcase how space-based solutions are enhancing 2-wheel transportation across the continent.

Along with the conference, the popular [European Space Expo](#) will visit The Netherlands for the first time from 27 May to 5 June, touching down in The Hague's historic city centre. To date, over 900 000 European citizens have visited the free Expo. More information and registration is available at: <http://www.european-space-solutions.eu/space-expo>

European Space Solutions 2016 is organised by the European Commission and the European GNSS Agency (GSA), under the auspices of the Dutch Council Presidency. This is the 4th edition of European Space Solutions following successful events in London 2012, Munich 2013 and Prague 2014.

**Registration is open now at: <http://www.european-space-solutions.eu/>
Entrance is *free of charge* but registration is mandatory as space is limited.**

About the European GNSS Agency (GSA)

As an official European Union Agency (EU), the European GNSS Agency's (GSA) mission is to support EU objectives and achieve the highest return on Europe's investment in global navigation satellite systems (GNSS), in terms of benefits to users and economic growth and competitiveness, by:

- Designing and enabling services that fully respond to user needs, while continuously improving the European GNSS services and Infrastructure;
- Managing the provision of quality services that ensure user satisfaction in the most cost-efficient manner;
- Engaging market stakeholders to develop innovative and effective applications, value-added services and user technology that promote the achievement of full European GNSS adoption;
- Ensuring that European GNSS services and operations are thoroughly secure, safe and accessible.

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