European companies of any size, as a single entity or as part of a consortium:

- Small- and medium-sized enterprises
- Large enterprises
- Start-ups
- Research institutes as part of a consortium

InCubed is end-to-end and can co-fund the development and commercialisation of upstream developments such as satellites, constellations, onboard instruments and downstream developments such as data products and services.

InCubed activities can be any element of the Earth Observation Value Chain

Space Segment

Activities related to any on-board product/service







Ground Networks & Data Distributions



Ground Stations & Mission Management



Activities related to the ground segment of an earth observation satellite system

Data Segment

Activities related to management, processing and the use of the Earth observation data





Data Analytics, **Insights & Applications**

Broad landscape

What we offer

Innovation, collaboration, partnership and speed are all key factors in making Earth observation even more of a business success.

We work closely with national delegations. InCubed is open for proposals from the following ESA Member States: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Sweden and United Kingdom























Personalised technical and commercial guidance



Zero-equity and zero-IPR co-funding



ESA stamp of credibility



Privileged access to commercial services enabling your development



Access to ESA EO facilities and Φ-lab community

Pathways to market







InCubed **Investing in Industrial Innovation**

Learn how your business can bring ground-breaking commercial Earth observation systems, components and products to market faster.



Our approach

Major technology advances, the availability of more data than ever before and a new entrepreneurial spirit in the space industry are all placing EO in the middle of a perfect storm that is fostering an impressive industry growth.

As part of its drive to shape the commercialisation of Earth observation, ESA has set up the **InCubed** programme. This initiative provides financial, technical and business support to industry developing EO-based innovative commercial product/services.



Boosting commercial Earth observation



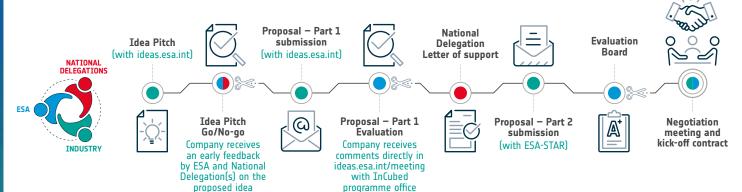
What we are looking for

- Highly innovative, concepts or technologies offering new capabilities or significantly better performance
- Novel business models, bringing together new channels of distribution, different approaches to commercial space, etc.
- Providing positive impacts to European Earth observation competitiveness.
- Ready for market and commercially sustainable at the end of InCubed co-funding

*Data updated on 30/08/2022

How to apply

The InCubed Call is always open. Since different countries have various proposal evaluation mechanisms and timeframes, check with your national delegate.



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