Call for Expression of Interest

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“READY TO FLY” IOD/IOV SATELLITES

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0. Introduction

This is a call for Expression of Interest to gather "ready to fly" IOD/IOV satellites, which could be considered for IOD/IOV Flight Ticket actions under the **EU HORIZON EUROPE R&I PROGRAMME and ESA BOOST! PROGRAMME**.

The regulatory framework for this EU Funding Programme is set out in:

- Regulation 2018/1046 (EU Financial Regulation)
- Regulation (EU) 2021/695 establishing Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation Horizon Europe.

The call is launched in accordance with the 2023 – 2024 Work Programme[1], with the 2025 Work Programme[2] and the 2026-2027 Work Programme and will be managed by the **European Commission, Directorate-General for Defence Industry and Space (DG DEFIS)** with the participation of **ESA**.

These documents provide clarifications and answers to questions you may have when preparing your application:

- the Call Document (Expression of Interest) outlines the:
  - background, objectives, activities that can be funded and the expected results (sections 1 and 2)
  - timetable and deadline (section 3)
  - admissibility and eligibility conditions (including mandatory documents; sections 4 and 5)
  - exclusion (section 6)
  - analysis and selection process(section 7)
  - criteria (section 8)
  - constraints and requirement (section 9)
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1. Background

One of the main objectives of the space strategy for Europe is to foster a globally competitive and innovative European space sector in particular by improving support to

1 European Commission Decision C(2022)7550 of 6 December 2022 concerning the adoption of the Work Programme 2023 – 2024 7. Digital, Industry and Space.

2 European Commission Decision C(2025) 2779 of 14 May 2025 concerning the adoption of the Work Programme 2025 7. Digital, Industry and Space.

technological maturation, for sub-systems, equipment and technologies, including in-orbit demonstration and validation activities, to reduce time to market.

To ensure European non-dependence and competitiveness in technologies, there is a clear need for a regular, sustainable, cost-effective and responsive In Orbit Demonstration/Validation (IOD/IOV) service in Europe. Space flight heritage in real conditions and environment is often required to de-risk innovations such as new technologies, products, concepts, architectures, and operations techniques are they for unique or recurrent, institutional or commercial missions.

For this purpose, a set of activities to provide IOD/IOV services were introduced in the European Union Horizon 2020 programme for Research and Innovation. These activities are continued also under the successor programme for Research and Innovation, Horizon Europe 2021-2027 that cover all necessary tasks to prepare, provide and operate spacecraft(s), together with the related ground segment.

Likewise, ESA, under its Boost! programme, selects and co-funds space transportation services on a competitive basis among European space transportation services for the purpose of demonstrating and qualifying in orbit technologies or sub-systems on board of "ready to fly" IOD/IOV satellites on a regular basis.

In line with Horizon Europe, the European Commission entrusts the European Space Agency (ESA) with the execution of IOD/IOV activities that include:

i. Participate in the pre-selection of "ready to fly" IOD/IOV satellites;
ii. Interface with "ready to fly" IOD/IOV satellites providers;
iii. Procure and manage launch services for "ready to fly" IOD/IOV satellites.

Flight Ticket Initiative

The European Commission and the European Space Agency are jointly carrying out a Flight Ticket Initiative with the **objective** to:

- stimulate new European space transportation solutions through open competition for the procurement of launch services;
- provide regular opportunities of affordable and responsive launch services for European "ready to fly" IOD/IOV satellites;
- provide regular opportunities of affordable and responsive launch services for other EU IOD/IOV missions and possibly EU institutional missions.

The flight ticket initiative for IOD/IOV missions will use launch solutions from the following Launch Service Providers:

- Arianespace SAS (FR)
- Isar Aerospace Technologies SE (DE)
- Orbital Express Launch Ltd. (UK)
- Payload Aerospace S.L. (ES)
- Rocket Factory Augsburg AG (DE)

2. Objectives

The purpose of this Call for Expression of Interest is to gather "ready to fly" IOD/IOV satellites, which could be considered for IOD/IOV Flight Ticket actions.

"Ready to fly" IOD/IOV satellites are satellites with a payload or a set of payloads including innovative technologies, products, concepts, architectures, and operations techniques that require in orbit demonstration/validation.

Only satellites which have reached a sufficient maturity level will be considered. It shall be noted that "ready to fly" IOD/IOV satellites shall bear the costs of their own development up to and including the flight models as well as contribute to the co-funding of the launch service at a level specified in Chapter 9.

3. Timetable and deadlines

Timetable and deadlines	
Call opening:	31 March 2023
Deadline for registration of interest to apply:	one month prior to the relevant cut-off date
Call deadline	15 March 2027 – 18:00 CET (Brussels)
Cut-off date for application:	1. 31 May 2023, 18:00 (CET); 2. 15 March 2024, 18:00 (CET); 3. 2 September 2024, 18:00 (CET); 4. 15 March 2025, 18:00 (CET); 5. 1 October 2025, 18:00 (CET); 6. 15 March 2026, 18:00 (CET); 7. 1 October 2026, 18:00 (CET); 8. 15 March 2027, 18:00 (CET).
Evaluation:	2 – 4 months after cut-off dates
Information on evaluation results:	4 – 6 months after cut-off dates

For organisation purposes, applicants are kindly invited to register by email to DEFIS-IOD-IOV@ec.europa.eu their intention to apply. The registration of interest does not entail any obligation to participate.

4. Admissibility and documents

Applications must be submitted before the applicable **call cut-off date** *(see timetable section 3)*.

Applications shall be sent to DEFIS-IOD-IOV@ec.europa.eu with **"Call for Expression of Interest – READY TO FLY IOD/IOV SATELLITES"** in the subject line, together with the completed annexed forms.

Applications must be **complete** and contain all the requested information and all required annexes and supporting documents:

- Part I — Application and compliance matrix;
- Part II — Commitment on Flight Model delivery;
- Part III – Declaration of honour on exclusion criteria and absence of conflict of interest;
- Part IV – Legal Entity form.

Your application must be **readable**, **accessible, printable**.

Applications are limited to maximum **30 pages** (Part I). Members of the Jury will not consider any additional pages.

5. Eligibility

Eligible participants (eligible countries)

In order to be eligible, the applicants must:

- be legal entities (natural persons, public or private bodies[3])
- be established in one of the eligible countries, i.e.:
  - EU Member States (including overseas countries and territories (OCTs));
  - countries associated to the Horizon Europe Programme or countries which are in ongoing negotiations for an association agreement[4];
  - ESA Member States.

Specific cases

Countries currently negotiating association agreements — Applicants from countries with ongoing negotiations *(see above)* may participate in the call and be considered for IOD/IOV actions if the negotiations are concluded before the end of the pre-selection process.

EU restrictive measures — Special rules apply for certain entities *(e.g. entities subject to EU restrictive measures under Article 29 of the Treaty on the European Union (TEU) and Article 215 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU (TFEU)[5] and entities covered by*

[3] For the legal definition, see Article 156 EU Financial Regulation 2018/1046.

[4] https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/common/guidance/list-3rd-country-participation_horizon-euratom_en.pdf

[5] Please note that the EU Official Journal contains the official list and, in case of conflict, its content prevails over that of the EU Sanctions Map.

Commission Guidelines No 2013/C 205/05[6]*)*. Such entities are not eligible to participate in any capacity.

6. Exclusion

Applicants which are subject to an **EU exclusion decision** or in one of the following **exclusion situations** that bar them from receiving EU support shall be excluded from participating[7]:

- bankruptcy, winding up, affairs administered by the courts, arrangement with creditors, suspended business activities or other similar procedures (including procedures for persons with unlimited liability for the applicant's debts).
- in breach of social security or tax obligations (including if done by persons with unlimited liability for the applicant's debts).
- guilty of grave professional misconduct[8] (including if done by persons having powers of representation, decision-making or control, beneficial owners or persons who are essential for the implementation of the call for Expression of Interest).
- committed fraud, corruption, links to a criminal organisation, money laundering, terrorism-related crimes (including terrorism financing), child labour or human trafficking (including if done by persons having powers of representation, decision-making or control, beneficial owners or persons who are essential for the implementation of the call for Expression of Interest).
- shown significant deficiencies in complying with main obligations under an EU procurement contract, grant agreement, call for Expression of Interest, expert contract, or similar (including if done by persons having powers of representation, decision-making or control, beneficial owners or persons who are essential for the implementation of the call for Expression of Interest).
- guilty of irregularities within the meaning of Article 1(2) of Regulation No 2988/95 (including if done by persons having powers of representation, decision-making or control, beneficial owners or persons who are essential for the implementation of the call for Expression of Interest).
- created under a different jurisdiction with the intent to circumvent fiscal, social or other legal obligations in the country of origin or created another entity with this purpose (including if done by persons having powers of representation, decision-making or control, beneficial owners or persons who are essential for the implementation of the call for Expression of Interest).

Applicants will be refused if it turns out that during the application process they misrepresented information required as a condition for participating or failed to supply that information.

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[6] Commission guidelines No 2013/C 205/05 on the eligibility of Israeli entities and their activities in the territories occupied by Israel since June 1967 for grants, prizes and financial instruments funded by the EU from 2014 onwards (OJEU C 205 of 19.07.2013, pp. 9-11).

[7] See Articles 136 and 141 EU Financial Regulation 2018/1046.

[8] Professional misconduct includes: violation of ethical standards of the profession, wrongful conduct with impact on professional credibility, false declarations/misrepresentation of information, participation in a cartel or other agreement distorting competition, violation of IPR, attempting to influence decision-making processes or obtain confidential information from public authorities to gain advantage.

The objective of the exclusion criteria is to assess whether the applicant is in any of the exclusion situations listed in Article 136(1) of the Financial Regulation.

Applicants found to be in an exclusion situation will be rejected.

As evidence of non-exclusion, each applicant needs to submit with its application a Declaration on Honour in the model available in Part III. The declaration must be signed by an authorised representative of the entity.

The initial verification of non-exclusion of applicants will be done on the basis of the submitted declarations and consultation of the European Union's Early Detection and Exclusion System.

You may be asked at a later stage for further supporting documents on non-exclusion.

7. Analysis and selection process

Analysis of received applications

All applications will be subject to an analysis by a **jury** of independent experts and ESA experts.

The jury will analyse each application against the criteria as per chapter 8.

All participants will be informed about the outcome of their application. Successful applications will be retained for the next steps; the not successful ones will be rejected.

If you believe that the analysis procedure was flawed, you can submit a **complaint**.

Pre-selection

Applications that meet the threshold for each criterion will be pre-selected.

"Ready to fly" IOD/IOV satellites will be given priority based on:

1. Innovations developed or funded in the frame of Union programmes and/or ESA initiatives;

2. Applications that received the highest overall score, in case of ex-æquo, experiments that received a higher score on the innovation criterion will be given priority.

"Ready to fly" IOD/IOV satellite selection

The final selection of the "ready to fly" IOD/IOV satellite will be confirmed, considering available resources, and based on flight availability.

Way Forward

The selected "ready to fly" IOD/IOV satellite provider shall deliver their flight model within one to a maximum of two years following the cut-off date of application.

The launch service for the selected "ready to fly" IOD/IOV satellites will be subject to a separate procurement process in the endeavour to provide a launch service within 6 months following the planned flight model delivery date.

8. Criteria

If admissible and eligible, the applications will be analysed and ranked against the following **criteria**:

- **Criterion 1:** Technical fit
- **Criterion 2:** Programmatic fit
- **Criterion 3:** Innovation

Criteria	Minimum pass score	Maximum score
Technical fit Demonstration of readiness of candidate satellite to be considered for the launch service; Substantiation of compatibility with European launch services.	25	40
Programmatic fit Justification of the in-orbit demonstration/ validation need of the mission. Justification of programmatic elements (e.g. risks, planning, funding, development plan, etc.) and compliance with overall planning for flight model delivery.	25	40
Innovation Demonstration of the innovation content and potential. Justification of policy relevance with EU/ESA activities.	10	20
Overall (pass) scores	**60**	**100**

Applications must pass both the individual thresholds AND the overall threshold.

9. Constraints and requirements

Co-funding for standard launch services

In case the candidate ready-to-fly IOD/IOV satellite provider is a for-profit private entity, it shall be ready to co-fund the launch service at the levels referred to in the following table, depending on the type of satellite:

Contribution from IOD/IOV satellite provider to standard launch service price

1U	2U	3U	6U	12U	16U	50kg	100kg	150kg	200kg	>200kg
15k€	30k€	35k€	70k€	90k€	100k€	110k€	220k€	310k€	400k€	2k€ per kg

In case the candidate ready-to-fly IOD/IOV satellite provider is a university or a research institute without further commercial interest, EU/ESA funding for launch services may rise to 100%.

Other requirements

The "ready to fly" IOD/IOV satellite shall:

a) Be provided by European private and/or public entities;

b) Not have direct commercial interest but shall aim at demonstrating/ validating a capacity;

c) Be delivered for launch services within one to a maximum of two years following the application cut-off date;

d) Be compatible with latest directives on debris mitigations.

In addition, the "ready to fly" IOD/IOV satellite provider shall:

e) Ensure that the satellite provided for launch will perform its functions as intended with a high probability of success;

f) Perform all activities as per the agreement with the selected launch service provider including the establishment of all technical and programmatic interfaces, transport, launch campaign;

g) Provide adequate visibility to ESA given its role to ensure the overall coherence of interfaces.

10. Legal effects of the Call for Expression of Interest

This Call is not binding for the European Commission nor for the European Space Agency and does not preclude future decisions.

The European Commission may cancel the Call for Expression of Interest without applicants being entitled to claim any compensation. This decision must be substantiated and applicants notified.

11. How to submit an application

All applications must be submitted **in English** to DEFIS-IOD-IOV@ec.europa.eu with **"Call for Expression of Interest – READY TO FLY IOD/IOV SATELLITES"** in the subject line, together with the completed annexed forms.

The application must be submitted **before the relevant cut-off date** (*see section 4*). Applications received after this deadline, will be considered for the subsequent cut off date, as applicable.

12. Help

Any requests for additional information must be made in writing to the European Commission using the following e-mail address DEFIS-IOD-IOV@ec.europa.eu.

Additional information can be found on the IOD/IOV website[9]

13. Data protection

Please refer to Annex I for the full Privacy Statement.

In addition, the applicant's personal data may be registered in the Early Detection and Exclusion System (EDES) if the applicant is in one of the situations mentioned in Article 136 of the EU Financial Regulation.

14. Important

IMPORTANT

- **Joint applications —** Joint applications by a group of applicants are admitted. In this case, you must appoint a lead applicant (coordinator) to submit the application and represent you towards the awarding authority. All applicants will be jointly responsible and must all fulfil and respect the conditions set out in these Rules of Contest.
- **Resubmission —** Applications may be changed and re-submitted until the deadline for application.
- **Rejection —** By submitting the application, all applicants accept the call conditions set out in this document. Applications that do not comply with all the call conditions will be **rejected**. This applies also to applicants: All applicants need to fulfil the criteria; if any one of them doesn't, they must be replaced or the entire application will be rejected.
- **Cancellation —** The European Commission and the European Space Agency may cancel the call or decide not to retain any application — without any obligation to compensate participants. In this case, you will be informed via a call update.
- **Language —** Please submit your application in **English**.
- **Form** – Please submit your application in Word or *searchable* PDF.
- **Transparency —** Details on selected applicants shall be published on the website of the European Commission as soon as possible. These details include name and country of the applicant.

9 https://defence-industry-space.ec.europa.eu/eu-space-policy/eu-space-research/orbit-demonstration-and-validation-iodiov_en

Part I: Application and Compliance Matrix

The application should not exceed 30 pages.

1. Name of the proposed actions

2. Applicant: Entity(ies) making the proposal and type (e.g. individual, consortium, industry, research centre, university)	
Name of organisation(s) ("ready to fly" IOD/IOV satellite provider)	
Country (ies)	
Person(s)[10] responsible for implementation	
Phone(s)	
Email(s)	

3. Executive summary

4. Objective of the proposed "ready to fly" IOD/IOV satellite

5. Themes *(e.g. Earth observation, Telecommunication, Navigation, Space Science, Technology, Space environment, quantum, connectivity)*

6. **Justification of the need for IOD/IOV** *Explain the necessity of the flight demonstration with respect to other options on ground and/or in space.* *Provide an overview of the exploitation plan following the launch.*

7. Previous space application/heritage of the proposed IOD/IOV mission

[10] Where the application is being made by a group, one lead person should be identified.

8. Funding plan of the "ready to fly" IOD/IOV satellite up to flight model delivery and associated tasks

Detailed description of the "ready to fly" IOD/IOV satellite *funding plan in terms of:*

- *funding for development, including amount, date of availability of funds and remaining conditional clauses, if any, for the obtaining of these funds,*
- *risk margin for, inter alia, potential additional qualification requirements, funding party(ies) demonstrated by letter(s) of intent, availability of own funds declared*

9. Detailed development plan

Describe the development activities and related planning from the current status up to flight model delivery including

- *Design,*
- *Remaining development activities,*
- *Models definition and manufacturing (Engineering Model, etc.),*
- *Tests and qualification status up to flight readiness (Manufacturing Assembly Integration Testing/ Validation plan).*

An associated risk log should be included if any significant risk still remains with the development and schedule.

10. Policy relevance

Describe the relevance of the proposed IOD/IOV mission with respect to EU/ ESA activities.

11. Complementarity

Describe how your "ready to fly" IOD/IOV satellite *is complementary to other existing/ planned actions within EU, ESA, EU Member States/ associated countries or industry and consistent with Union and ESA technology programs and trends.*

12. Detailed description of the "ready to fly" IOD/IOV satellite and justified compliance with launcher interfaces

a) Functional description of the "ready to fly" IOD/IOV satellite

Provide general functional description of the "ready to fly" IOD/IOV satellite.

b) Technical presentation of the "ready to fly" IOD/IOV satellite

Present the technical specifications, components and technologies existing or to be developed, sources of supply, maturity level. For the maturity levels, the relevant TRL scale is the ISO 16290:2013 one applicable to the space sector, which can be consulted at https://www.iso.org/standard/56064.html. Please provide sufficient evidence of the claimed maturity levels.

c) Engineering drawings of the "ready to fly" IOD/IOV satellite

Provide the engineering drawing of the "ready to fly" IOD/IOV satellite *and, for Cubesats, present the compatibility with Cubesat standards;*
Indicate the required volume including all appendages, baffles etc.

d) Total mass of the "ready to fly" IOD/IOV satellite; mass breakdown and margins

Provide the overall mass of the "ready to fly" IOD/IOV satellite *including possible appendages, brackets, thermal hardware etc.*

e) "Ready to fly" IOD/IOV satellite Mechanical Interfaces

Indicate current mechanical qualification approach and environment.

f) Launcher interface requirements

Describe your satellite interface requirements with European launchers by European launch service providers listed in chapter 1. If difficulties to access the launch manuals of the "new" launch services providers, the ones of Vega and Ariane are easily accessible.

g) Additional environment requirements

Describe any requirement beyond the following typical environment (e.g. contamination and cleanliness requirements, magnetic cleanliness, etc.).

13. Mission needs

Describe:

- *acceptable orbit range and local time(s), (typical orbits can be found on the respective European launcher user manuals),*
- *compatibility with applicable legislation,*
- *other specific needs as applicable.*

14. Innovation

Describe the innovative character of the proposed "ready to fly" IOD/IOV satellite *in terms of:*

- *European technology non-dependence, and*
- *Industrial competitiveness and related commercial prospects (business case following IOD/IOV opportunity), or*
- *Scientific breakthrough and related scientific application and/or exploitation, and*
- *differentiators and added-value compared to competitors, especially European ones.*

15. Please use this space to provide any other comments or additional information.

16. Compliance matrix

Please provide a declaration of compliance to the constraints and requirements listed in §9 (Constraints and Requirements) of this document. Please provide rationale in case of partial and non-compliance.

17. Signature of organisation/partnership representatives:

The signature certifies that the provided data result from the entity's commitments. In addition, the entity engages itself to inform immediately the Commission (by email to DEFIS-IOD-IOV@ec.europa.eu if any changes occur.
At any stage of the "ready to fly" IOD/IOV satellite development, the entity may be requested to provide additional information to the Commission if necessary.

Name

Position

Date

Part II: Commitment on Flight Model delivery and Launch Service Co-funding

The undersigned, ……, in my capacity as……..confirm the availability of the funding required for the Flight Model development and delivery within one to a maximum of two years following this application.
I also confirm the ability to co-fund the associated launch service in line with Chapter 9 of this call, for the In-orbit Demonstration/ Validation (IOD/IOV) "ready to fly" satellite …….

I acknowledge that failure to comply with the timely delivery of the Flight Model, as indicated in the planning, and co-funding for the associated launch service may result in an exclusion of the "ready to fly" IOD/IOV satellite from this initiative.

Date ……

Place ……

Signature ……

Part III: Declaration of honour on exclusion criteria and absence of conflict of interest

(To be filled out by the applicant and signed by its legal representative.)

I, the undersigned:

for natural persons: in my own name

or

for legal persons[11]: representing the following entity:

[**insert full official name**]
[insert full official address]
[insert VAT registration number]

hereby confirm

that (subject to the additional declarations below):

1 — The **information** provided for action [**insert project number**] **—** [**acronym**] is **correct** and **complete**.

2 — The information concerning the legal status in the Participant Register for me/my organisation is correct and complete.

3 — I/my organisation commit(s) to comply[12] with the **eligibility** criteria and all other conditions set out in the call conditions — for the entire duration of the action.

4 — I/my organisation:

- are committed to participate in the action
- have stable and sufficient sources of funding to maintain the activities throughout the action and to provide any counterpart funding necessary
- have or will have the necessary resources needed to implement the action
- acknowledge to be fully responsible for my affiliated entities which participate in the action

[11] This includes 'entities without legal personality' under Article 197(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 ('EU Financial Regulation') (OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1).

[12] 'Commit to comply' means complying now and for the duration of the grant.

- for actions involving EU classified information (EUCI): acknowledge that any sensitive information or material that qualifies as EU classified information under Commission Decision 2015/444[13] must be handled in accordance with specific rules and follow the instructions given by the EU

5 — For applicants from non-EU countries: I/my organisation

- undertake to comply with the obligations under the agreement and to:
  - respect general principles (including fundamental rights, values and ethical principles, environmental and labour standards, rules on classified information, intellectual property rights, visibility of funding and protection of personal data)

6 — I/my organisation:

- are NOT subject to an **administrative sanction** (i.e. exclusion or financial penalty decision)[14]

I/my organisation (or persons with unlimited liability for debts):

- are NOT in one of the following **exclusion situations**[15]:
  - **bankrupt**, being wound up, having the affairs administered by the courts, entered into an arrangement with creditors, suspended business activities or subject to any other similar proceedings or procedures
  - in breach of **social security** or **tax** obligations

I/my organisation (or persons having powers of representation, decision-making or control, beneficial owners or persons who are essential for the award/implementation of the action):

- are NOT in one of the following **exclusion situations**[16]:
  - guilty of grave professional **misconduct**[17]
  - committed fraud, corruption, links to a **criminal** organisation, money laundering, terrorism-related crimes (including terrorism financing), child labour or human trafficking

[13] See Commission Decision 2015/544/EU,Euratom of 13 March 2015 on the security rules for protecting EU classified information (OJ L 72, 17.3.2015, p. 53).

[14] See Article 136 EU Financial Regulation.

[15] See Articles 136 and 141 EU Financial Regulationn.

[16] See Articles 136 and 141 EU Financial Regulation.

[17] Professional misconduct includes: violation of ethical standards of the profession, wrongful conduct with impact on professional credibility, false declarations/misrepresentation of information, participation in a cartel or other agreement distorting competition, violation of IPR, attempting to influence decision-making processes or obtain confidential information from public authorities to gain an advantage.

- shown significant deficiencies in complying with main obligations under an **EU** procurement **contract**, grant agreement, prize, expert contract, or similar
- guilty of **irregularities** within the meaning of Article 1(2) of Regulation No 2988/95
- created under a different jurisdiction with the intent to circumvent fiscal, social or other legal obligations in the country of origin (including creation of another entity with this purpose).

7 — I/my organisation am/is NOT subject to a **conflict of interest** in connection with this Call and will notify — without delay — any situation which could give rise to a conflict of interests.

8 — I/my organisation have/has NOT and will NOT, neither directly nor indirectly, grant, seek, obtain or accept any advantage in connection with this Call that would constitute an illegal practice or involve **corruption**.

9 — I/my organisation have/has **not received** any **other EU grant** for the same purpose and will give notice of any future EU grants related to this action AND of any EU operating grant(s)[18] given to my organisation.

10 — I/my organisation am/is aware that **false declarations** may lead to rejection, suspension, termination of the action.

SIGNATURE
For the applicant
[function/forename/surname]
[electronic signature]
Done in [English] on [electronic time stamp]

[18] See Article 180 EU Financial Regulation.

Part IV – Legal Entity

Please download the relevant form from:
https://ec.europa.eu/info/publications/legal-entities_en

Annex I – Privacy Statement

This privacy statement provides information about the processing and the protection of your personal data.

Processing operation: *IOD/IOV Call for Expression of Interest*

Data Controller: *Directorate-General DEFIS / Directorate C. Secure and Connected Space / Unit C.2 Space Single Market*

Record reference: *DPR-EC-01011*

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1. Introduction

The European Commission (hereafter 'the Commission') is committed to protect your personal data and to respect your privacy. The Commission collects and further processes personal data pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data (repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001).

This privacy statement explains the reason for the processing of your personal data, the way we collect, handle and ensure protection of all personal data provided, how that information is used and what rights you have in relation to your personal data. It also specifies the contact details of the responsible Data Controller with whom you may exercise your rights, the Data Protection Officer and the European Data Protection Supervisor.

The information in relation to processing operation IOD/IOV Call for Expression of Interest undertaken by Directorate-General DEFIS / Directorate C. Secure and Connected Space / Unit C.2 Space Single Market is presented below.

2. Why and how do we process your personal data?

Purpose of the processing operation: Directorate-General DEFIS / Directorate C. Secure and Connected Space / Unit C.2 Space Single Market collects and uses your personal information to process your expression of interest to participate in the IOD/IOV programme.

Your personal data will *not* be used for an automated decision-making including profiling.

3. On what legal ground(s) do we process your personal data

We process your personal data, because processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the Union institution or body.

The Union law which is the basis for the processing based on Article 5(1)(a) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 is the Treaty of the European Union, and more specifically its Articles 1 and 11, Article 298 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, read in conjunction with Recital 22 of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725), as well as the Protocol 2 on the application of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality.

4. Which personal data do we collect and further process*?*

In order to carry out this processing operation Directorate-General DEFIS / Directorate C. Secure and Connected Space / Unit C.2 Space Single Market collects the following categories of personal data:

- *Name;*
- *Function;*

- *Contact details (e-mail address, telephone number, mobile telephone number, fax number, postal address, company and department, country of residence, IP address, etc.);*
- *Bank account reference (IBAN and BIC codes), VAT number, passport number, ID number;*
- *Information for the evaluation of selection criteria or eligibility criteria: expertise, technical skills and languages, educational background, professional experience, including details on current and past employment;*
- *Other types of data specific to the processing operation. Be aware that some are possibly sensitive data subject to specific rules (see Articles 10 and 11 of the Regulation).*

5. How long do we keep your personal data?

Directorate-General DEFIS / Directorate C. Secure and Connected Space / Unit C.2 Space Single Market only keeps your personal data for the time necessary to fulfil the purpose of collection or further processing, namely for a period of maximum ten years.

6. How do we protect and safeguard your personal data?

All personal data in electronic format (e-mails, documents, databases, uploaded batches of data, etc.) are stored either on the servers of the European Commission or its implementing partner the European Space Agency (ESA). All processing operations are carried out pursuant to the Commission Decision (EU, Euratom) 2017/46 of 10 January 2017 on the security of communication and information systems in the European Commission.

The Commission's implementing partner ESA is bound by a specific contractual clause for any processing operations of your data on behalf of the Commission, and by the confidentiality obligations deriving from the transposition of the General Data Protection Regulation in the EU Member States ('GDPR' Regulation (EU) 2016/679).

In order to protect your personal data, the Commission has put in place a number of technical and organisational measures. Technical measures include appropriate actions to address online security, risk of data loss, alteration of data or unauthorised access, taking into consideration the risks presented by the processing and the nature of the personal data being processed. Organisational measures include restricting access to the personal data solely to authorised persons with a legitimate need to know for the purposes of this processing operation.

7. Who has access to your personal data and to whom is it disclosed?

Access to your personal data is provided to the Commission staff responsible for carrying out this processing operation and to authorised staff according to the "need to know" principle. Such staff abide by statutory, and when required, additional confidentiality agreements.

Potential transfers of personal data to the partner/beneficiary countries take place on the basis of derogations set out in Regulation (EU) 2018/1725, namely for important reason of public interest (Article 50(1)(d)). Such public interest is outlined in articles 1 and 11 of the Treaty on European Union as well as in Article 298 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

In particular, the controller might transfer your personal data to the authorities of the partner/beneficiary country where the project/programme is implemented. In addition, processing of personal data by the processor may qualify as international transfer when the contractor is a non-EU/EEA entity, use a local office located in the country where the project/programme is implemented or a non-EU/EEA subcontractor.

The information we collect will not be given to any third party, except to the extent and for the purpose we may be required to do so by law.

8. What are your rights and how can you exercise them?

You have specific rights as a 'data subject' under Chapter III (Articles 14-25) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725, in particular the right to access, your personal data and to rectify them in case your personal data are inaccurate or incomplete. Where applicable, you have the right to erase your personal data, to restrict the processing of your personal data, to object to the processing, and the right to data portability.

Insofar you have consented to the certain processing of your personal data to the Data Controller for the present processing operation, you can withdraw your consent at any time by notifying the Data Controller. The withdrawal will not affect the lawfulness of the processing carried out before you have withdrawn the consent.

You can exercise your rights by contacting the Data Controller, or in case of conflict the Data Protection Officer. If necessary, you can also address the European Data Protection Supervisor. Their contact information is given under Heading 9 below.

Where you wish to exercise your rights in the context of one or several specific processing operations, please provide their description (i.e. their Record reference(s) as specified under Heading 10 below) in your request.

9. Contact information

- **The Data Controller**

If you would like to exercise your rights under Regulation (EU) 2018/1725, or if you have comments, questions or concerns, or if you would like to submit a complaint regarding the collection and use of your personal data, please feel free to contact the Data Controller, Directorate-General DEFIS / Directorate C. Secure and Connected Space / Unit C.2 Space Single Market, defis-iod-iov@ec.europa.eu.

- **The Data Protection Officer (DPO) of the Commission**

You may contact the Data Protection Officer (DATA-PROTECTION-OFFICER@ec.europa.eu) with regard to issues related to the processing of your personal data under Regulation (EU) 2018/1725.

- **The European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS)**

You have the right to have recourse (i.e. you can lodge a complaint) to the European Data Protection Supervisor (edps@edps.europa.eu) if you consider that your rights under Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 have been infringed as a result of the processing of your personal data by the Data Controller.

10. Where to find more detailed information?

The Commission Data Protection Officer (DPO) publishes the register of all processing operations on personal data by the Commission, which have been documented and notified to him. You may access the register via the following link: http://ec.europa.eu/dpo-register.

This specific processing operation has been included in the DPO's public register with the following Record reference: *DPR-EC-01011*.