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Investing in space applications for safety and security?

Capacity building for fund managers

Episode 2: Monday 2 May 13:30 – 16:30

Hosted by DG DEFIS, Avenue d'Auderghem 45, Brussels

Space technology, infrastructures and digital applications offer many market segments with a high growth rate and many opportunities to take a market leading role. This series of capacity building workshops has been created for VC fund managers interested in finding out more about space investments. Episode 2 is hosted by DG DEFIS in Brussels place on Monday 2 May and focuses on how space applications can contribute to safety and security in Europe. You are welcome to participate on site or online.

We will cover space security in orbit, space defence, how to protect critical infrastructures with space assets, and Space Situational Awareness – a new EU programme with more than €400M of funding where European companies will have significant opportunities to expand their businesses.

Each presentation will be followed by a Q&A session, where you can ask questions about e.g. emerging market segments, the major market players, dynamics, public funding, and so on. See the workshop structure below:

13:30 – 13:40	Welcome and introduction to the Commission's actions to improve access to venture capital and debt funding for space companies, by Guillaume de La Brosse, Head of Unit, DG DEFIS
13:40 – 14:00	Deep dive on Space Situational Awareness – a new EU programme where 80% of the budget of €400M will be outsourced to European companies and startups, by Rodolphe Munoz, DG DEFIS
14:00 – 14:10	<i>Q&A on investment opportunities: Space Situational Awareness</i>
14:10 – 14:30	Deep dive on space safety program by Holger Krag, ESA
14:30 – 14:50	Deep dive on telecommunications activities for security by Christopher Leigh, ESA
14:50 – 15:00	<i>Q&A on investment opportunities: space safety program and space safety program</i>
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee break
15:30 – 15:50	Deep dive on emergency response by Flavio Sbardellati, EUSPA
15:50 – 16:00	<i>Q&A on investment opportunities: emergency response</i>
16:00 – 16:20	Deep dive on critical infrastructures by Valeria Catalano, EUSPA
16:20 – 16:30	<i>Q&A on investment opportunities: critical infrastructures</i>
16:30	End of workshop

Registration

To register, you are invited to complete [the online registration via this link](#), **before 27 April 2022**, and indicate whether you participate physically and online. The workshop is free of charge.

Capacity building for fund managers in 2022

The series of workshops is aimed at building a stronger capacity for equity investments in Europe's space industry and ICT companies. There will be plenty of new business opportunities with the launching of new satellite constellations that will allow the creation of a plethora of digital services with space data.

The European Commission, EIF, ESA and EUSPA have joined forces to offer the capacity building workshops, and we intend to continue working together to improve the support provided to European entrepreneurs and venture capital investors.

Capacity building is a complement to the actions intended to improve access to finance, including the CASSINI Facility, an InvestEU facility offering capital to VC funds aiming to set up a new space-focused funds, with a total investment capacity of €1 billion.

CASSINI Matchmaking will also be launched in Q2 2022 to improve networking opportunities between startups, investors and large corporations.

If you are interested in space investments, but want to find out more about market growth and conditions, technology development and business models, these workshops will offer:

- experts from ESA, EUSPA and the Commission on space technology and downstream markets
- results from the latest European space market and investment studies
- advice from EIF on fund setup, investment strategy, and building the investment team
- an arena to discuss business models and best practices
- networking opportunities with other fund managers

The five thematic episodes in 2022 are summarised below:

Session	Theme	Venue + online	Dates in 2022
Episode 1	Infrastructure lifecycle support from space	EUSPA, Prague	Monday 28 March
Episode 2	Space applications for safety and security	COM, Brussels	Monday 2 May
Episode 3	Consumer space solutions: well-being, education and entertainment	EUSPA, Prague	Monday 23 May
Episode 4	Access to space (launchers, ground systems, modular technology, etc)	ESA, Paris	Tuesday 7 June
Episode 5	Fund setup, investment strategy, investment team, exit strategy	EIF, Luxemburg	Wed 29-Thu 30 June

We look forward to welcoming you in Brussels.

Yours sincerely,

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