

# Insurance Technology KickStart

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## **European Space Agency (ESA)**



### **EUROPE'S GATEWAY TO SPACE**

**WHAT** 

23 Member States, 5000 employees

WHY

Exploration and use of space for exclusively peaceful purposes

WHERE

HQ in Paris, 7 sites across Europe and a spaceport in French Guiana

**HOW MUCH** 

~ €7 billion = ~ €12 per European per year



## What is ESA Space Solutions?



ESA Space Solutions is the go-to place for great business ideas involving space in all areas of society and economy. Our mission is to support companies - small and large - in Europe in the development of products and services using satellite applications and space technologies.



### **Our focus**



INDUSTRY COMPETITIVENESS

SUSTAINABILITY (socio-economic and environmental)

**SPACE USE** 







### What we offer



Our aim is to work together to make your idea commercially viable, with:



Zero-Equity Funding (€75k - €2M+)



Tailored
Project
Management
Support



Access to our Network and Partners



Use of ESA brand for credibility



Insurance Technology Kick Start funding opportunity

### Scope and funding level



#### Kick-starts look at 3 main elements:

 Engagement with potential end users and customers to understand their needs → service requirements

Evaluation of the technical feasibility of the service
 → service definition and system architecture

3. Evaluation of the economic viability of the service

→ business plan

The study lasts for 6 months and is funded at 75%, up to a maximum of 75,000 EUR (per contract).

## **Insurance Technology – background**



Digitalisation and evolving customer expectation

Al standards and regulation

Ever-changing environment (climate change, cyber attacks, regulatory changes) Insurance fraud

Harness technological solutions to detect and prevent damage

### **Topics of interest**



#### Al trust and risk management

Responsible use of AI, meeting national and European standards and addressing requirements of transparency, accuracy and robustness.

#### Prediction instead of mitigation

Move from a 'repair and replace' model to 'predict and prevent', enabled by the Internet of Things (IoT) from smart home sensors or connected vehicles that provide opportunity for loss avoidance and risk mitigation.

#### Customer experience

Adapting technological solutions and overcome poor digital experiences, in order to enhance customer experience, streamline processes and enable remote transactions.

#### Fraud detection

Detect fraudulent insurance claims.

### Value of space





#### **Earth Observation (SatEO)**

- SatEO can be used to monitor environmental and geographical conditions of the areas of interest, such as, the detection and proof of disasters (e.g., floods, fire, wind), agricultural conditions (e.g., yield, crop health) or infrastructure (e.g.,built area, unauthorised logging).
- SatEO enables comparison of pre and post events to support claims management.
- Satellite imagery can also enable historical analysis of different events supporting the understanding of potential trends and patterns.
- SatEO enables services such as parametric insurance where pay outs are triggered when particular thresholds are met (e.g., rainfall, temperature).

### Value of space





#### **Satellite Communications (SatCom)**

- Information can be relayed in real time even when no terrestrial connectivity is present, supporting the robustness of response and reducing insurance costs.
- Automated claim services can use satellite communications for real time information about assets or areas of interest for usage-based insurance policies (e.g., telemetry devices).
- For claims after a natural disaster, satellite communications can be an important vehicle to transmit data in a secure and resilient manner, particularly for remote or inaccessible locations.

### Value of space





#### **Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS)**

- GNSS is instrumental in the development of applications requiring certified geo-referencing, timestamping of transactions metadata or geo-fencing.
- Automated claims services related to thefts or accidents can rely on GNSS for accurate geolocation, as well as predictive maintenance services using IoT sensor data or asset transportation and goods tracking.
- Time-stamping services can ensure the integrity and authenticity of digital records and transactions, supporting the accuracy of insurance solutions and providing robust record keeping.

### How to apply



- 1. Register by completing the **online questionnaire** on ESA-STAR Registration

  <u>Doing Business with ESA</u> (minimum 'light registration')
- Download the official tender documents via ESA STAR Publication (a letter of invitation, proposal and cover letter template, draft contract, tendering conditions and additional information about this opportunity) from the call opening date (28th April 2025)
- 3. Create the 'Bidder Restricted Area' in ESA STAR Tendering
- 4. Write your **proposal** and request an *Authorisation of Funding Letter* from your National Delegation
- 5. Submit your proposal via the 'Bidder Restricted Area' before the deadline (9th June 2025).

### **Authorisation from the National Delegation**



- 1. ESA Space Solutions can provide funding to perform Kick-Start activities to any company (economic operator) residing in the following Member States: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom.
- 2. Germany and Luxembourg have pre-authorised the funding to this call. Applicants from these countries do not need to apply for a letter of authorisation from their National Delegation.
- 3. Contact details of each National Delegate can be found here.



Thank you

Q&A

For more information, please visit

Space for Insurance Technology