

# WANTED: BUSINESS IDEAS FOR LUNAR ECONOMY APPLICATIONS

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### We are going back to the Moon.....



Credits: BBC Science Focus Magazine



... and stay there

### The case for cislunar Communication and Navigation services



A dedicated **COM and NAV infrastructure** serving many
moon missions

For a more efficient return to the Moon





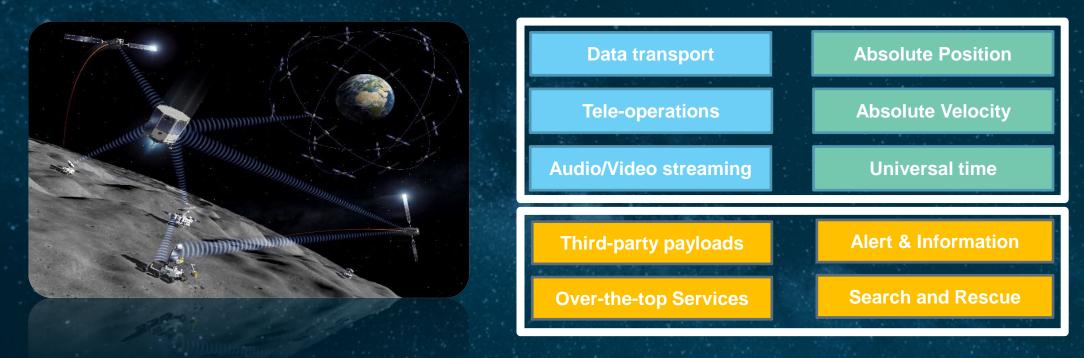
Opportunity to kick start **new** services...

... and contribute to Moon economy





Service development Approach: ESA supporting infrastructure development and acting as Anchor customer



- Public-Private Partnership: Private sector as service provider
- A dedicated constellation of satellites around the Moon

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→ THE EUROPEAN SPACE AGENCY



#### **2022 Ministerial Council Approval**



**2022 ARTEMIS I Mission** 

2027 **Initial Services** (IOC) 2026 Lunar Q4 2023 **Pathfinder** Contract **Award** (ITT issued Feb2023) **CM25** 

2030 **Full Services** (FOC) **CM28** 

Economy

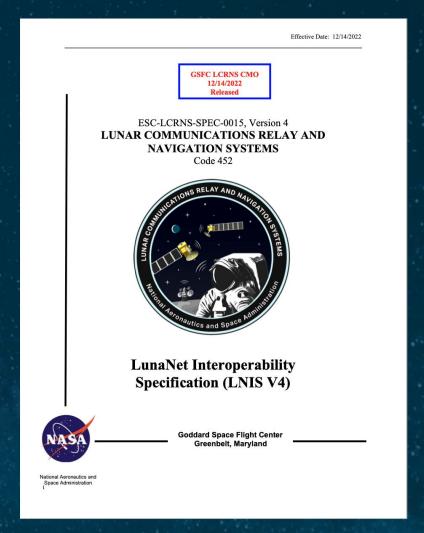






- Key to ensure an efficient return to the Moon
- LUNANET: ESA is working closely with NASA on the definition of the joint lunar Communication and Navigation international standards. Issue Dec 2022

 Now submitted to international bodies for become internationally approved across many space agencies



Technical Cooperation Moonlight/LunaNet











Savings

Longer Surface Operations



Higher Service Availability



Higher Autonomy of Operations



Faster Orbit Determination (75%)



Higher Science Return (more payload/data)



New mission concepts



Smaller Terminal Less Power



**Operational Cost** 

More data for same Terminal



Backup/ Redundancy



Risk Reduction



Higher Nav Accuracy



Higher landing accuracy



Navigation over night & shadow



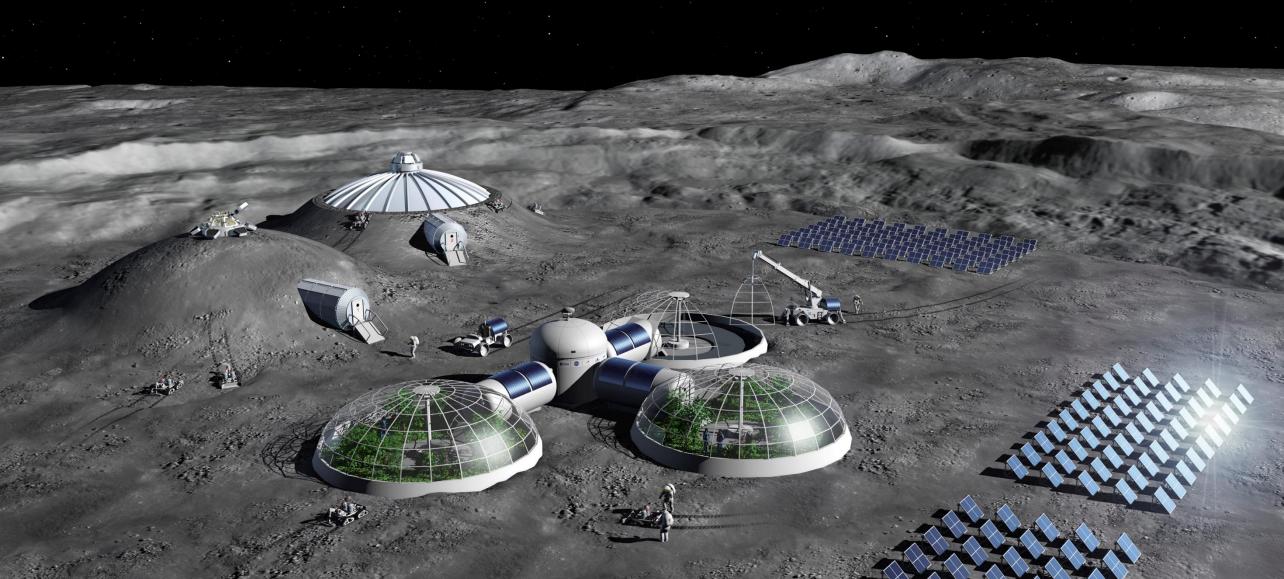
Simpler on-board Nav sensors

- A key infrastructure to boost lunar economy (lunar mining, support resources utilisation, key for a sustainable lunar presence, etc)
- Allowing new exploration missions with enhanced orbital, landing and surface positioning accuracies (landing on peaks of eternal lights, etc)
- A major enabler for new lunar scientific applications (lunar seismology, lunar gravitation and reference frames, astronomy, fundamental physics, etc)
- A new paradigm for Moon landing operations
- Enables LunaSAR and lunar emergency services
- Unlocking mission scope though increased data volumes and transfer capabilities



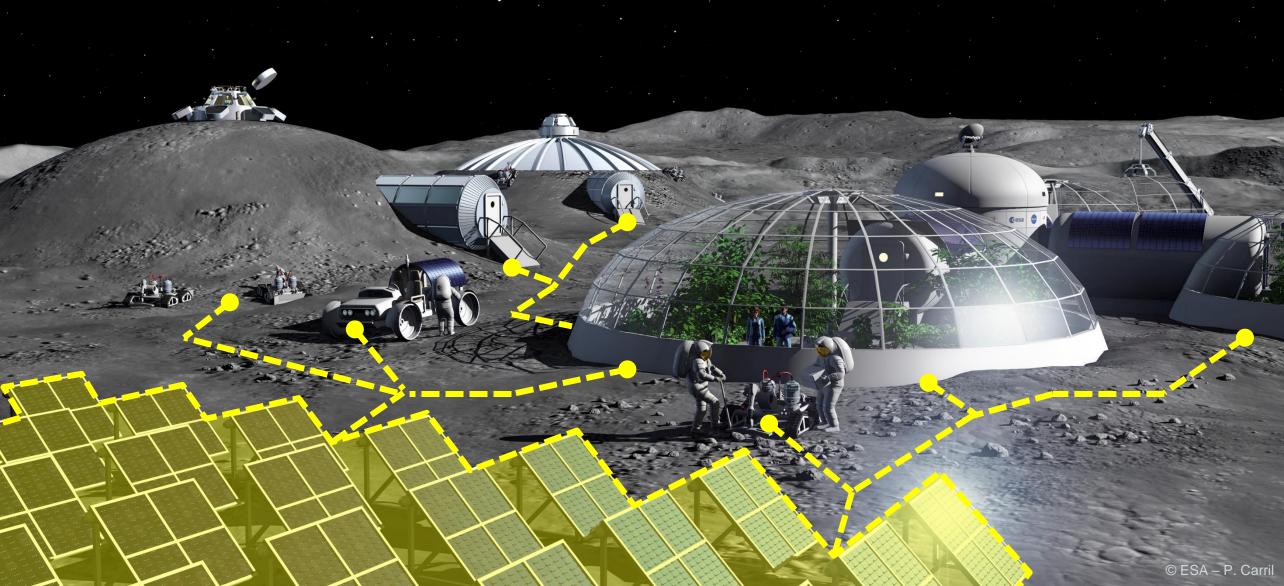




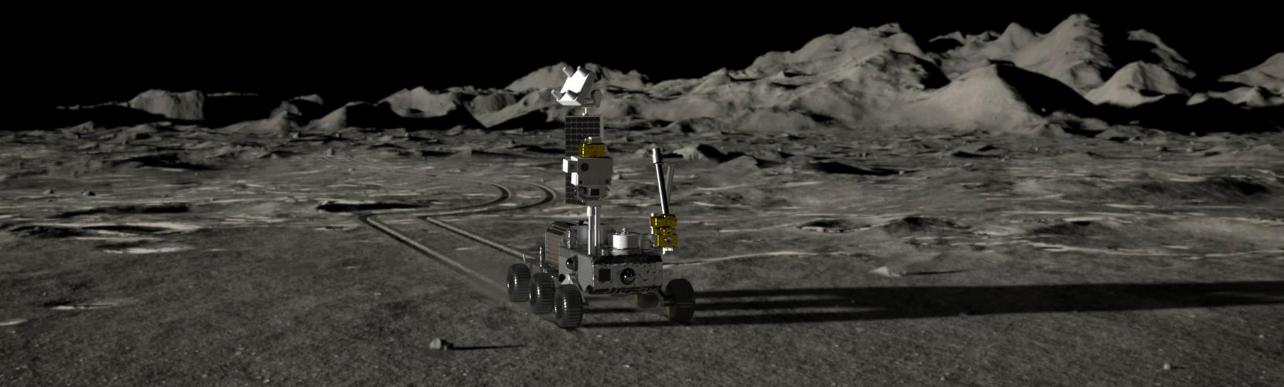




### **ENERGY GENERATION, STORAGE & DISTRIBUTION**

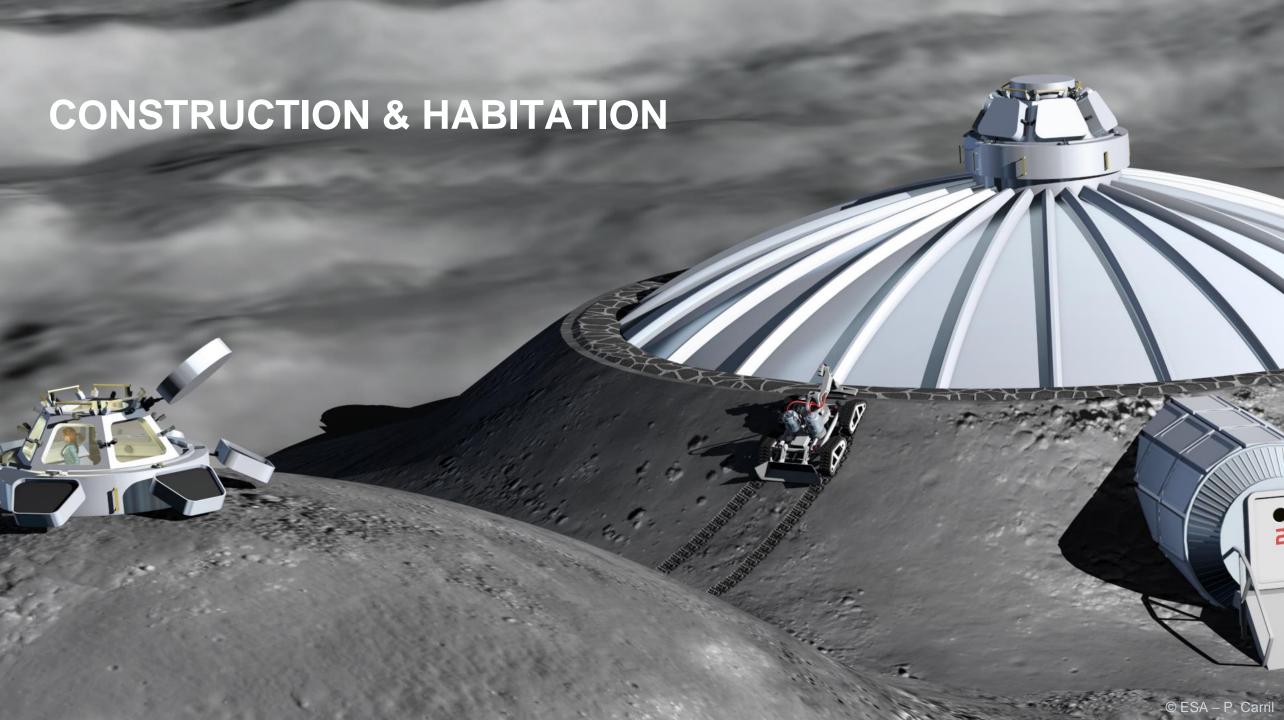




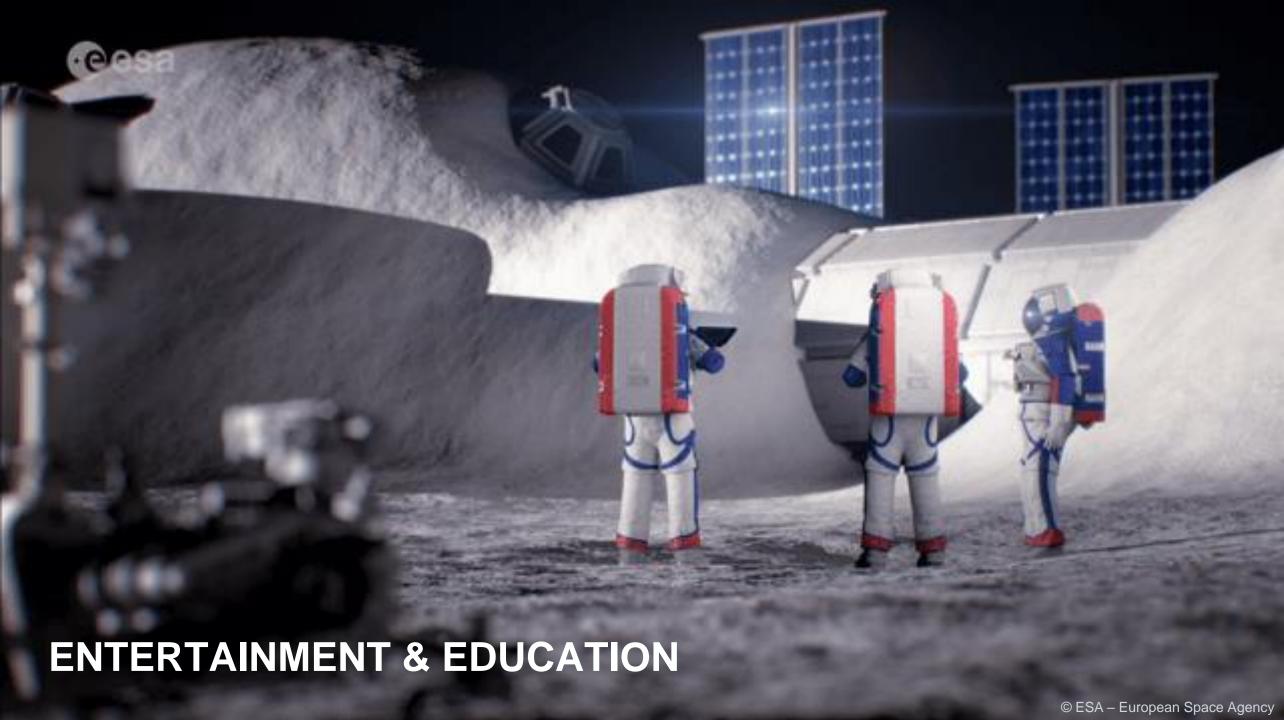


## RESOURCES PROSPECTING, EXTRACTION, STORAGE & DISTRIBUTION



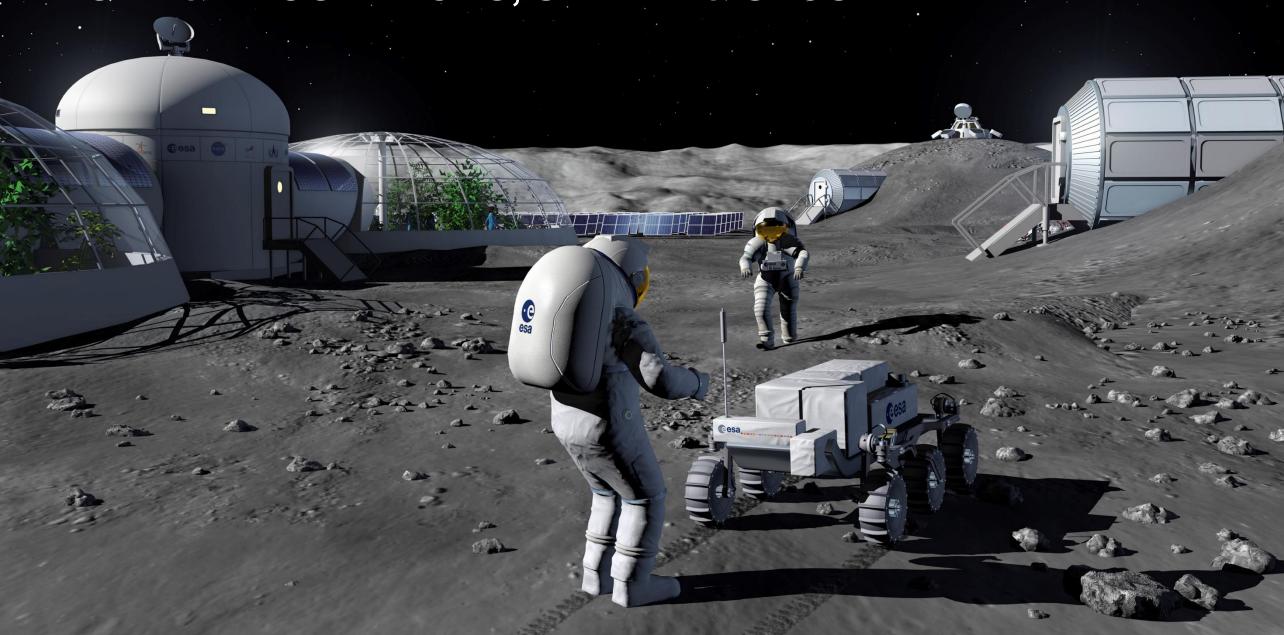






### SMART INFRASTRUCTURE LEGAL & REGULATIONS, SAFETY & SECURITY





### **BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY**



- More than 400 missions planned in the next decade and \$137 billion investment by 2032<sup>[1]</sup>
- Moonlight aims to offer lunar communication and navigation services for anyone
- Many application areas supporting a sustainable lunar presence open up opportunities for innovative businesses



#### WHAT WE OFFER



For development and assessment of selected business ideas that benefit from Moonlight's communication or navigation services we plan to offer\*:

- Zero-equity funding up to € 200'000 per study
- Personal ESA consultant
- Technical & commercial guidance
- Access to our network of partners
- Credibility of the ESA brand
- \* Subject to internal approvals, terms and conditions.

### **ENABLING STUDY OBJECTIVE**



Identify, characterise and assess the technical feasibility, commercial viability and desirability of new service concepts that:

- would benefit from capabilities offered by lunar communications and navigation services enabled by Moonlight and
- address the relevant needs of downstream customers and users in lunar environment and down on Earth.

### WHAT WE LOOK FOR



- Attractive market opportunities and customer engagement
- ✓ Commercially viable service concepts
- ✓ Technically feasible solutions
- ✓ Added value by Moonlight's lunar communication or navigation services
- Motivated teams with business and domain expertise



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