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**INFOTEXT for
Swiss Organizations**

14th Call

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0 Key facts at a glance

The 14th Call of the **>asap>** Austrian Space Applications Programme provides a total of **EUR 6,900.000** in funding. Funding is allocated in a competitive process.

The Austrian Space Applications Programme supports Austrian stakeholders in positioning themselves in defined areas in order to maintain and enhance their international competitiveness. The 14th ASAP Call invites proposals for the following topics:

- 1) space research and science
- 2) space technologies
- 3) applications of satellite-based technologies.

More details about the topics can be found in the [official ASAP 14 Call Guideline](#):

One focus is placed on cooperating with **Swiss partners (by Exploration Projects)** and/or research facilities of the German Aerospace Centre (DLR). The following funding instrument is focused for Swiss R&D partners: [Exploration Project \(Pilot Study for R&D Project\)](#)

The project proposals will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- Quality of the project
- Suitability of the applicant / project partners
- Benefit and exploitation
- Relevance to the call

1 Motivation

The Austrian Space Applications Programme (ASAP) was initiated by the Ministry for Transport, Innovation and Technology (bmvit), which is also responsible for the programme. ASAP is managed by the Aeronautics and Space Agency, which forms part of the Austrian Research Promotion Agency.

1.1 Strategic objectives of Austria's space strategy

Austria exploits the potential of space-based systems effectively and in a coordinated manner and participates in their development and operation. The Austrian space strategy defines 4 objectives, which act as a guideline for the ASAP Austrian Space Applications Programme.

[Space strategy:](#)

1.2 Operative Call objectives

- Improve international networking through cooperation projects with e.g. project partners from Switzerland and /or research institutions of the German Aerospace Centre (DLR)
- Increase the number of participants by encouraging organisations which have not yet submitted a proposal to the ASAP Austrian Space Applications Programme

2 Call Documents

Project proposals may **only** be submitted **electronically via [eCall](#)**.

The **Project Description** (scientific proposal) must be uploaded at the ASAP [Downloadcenter](#).

2.1 Specific regulations for the Project Description

The following documents must be uploaded via eCall as a separate document in addition to the Project Description:

- Declaration of **SME Status** (if there is no information available in the Austrian Business Compass) (see template <http://www.ffg.at/ASAP/Downloadcenter>). **Companies from outside Austria are always required to submit this Declaration.**
- CVs (one pdf) of each person involved in the project.

2.2 Specific funding regulations for organisations from abroad

Organisations from outside Austria are not eligible for funding under the ASAP Programme. This applies to all funding instruments offered in the ASAP programme. Organisations from abroad may, however, be involved as partners. In this case the international partner must also submit a cost account to the FFG.

If a project is carried out in cooperation with a Swiss organisation, the FFG will send the relevant proposals and reports (interim reports/final report) to the Swiss Space Office at the Swiss State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI/SSO).

The proposals/reports will be treated in strict confidence by the SERI/SSO and any other involved organisation.

The consortium leader for bilateral Exploratory Projects between Austrian and Swiss companies or research institutions **must be from Austria.** Swiss companies or research institutions may be involved as partners. The criteria for cooperation defined in the Thematic Guidelines for Exploratory Projects must be met.

The specific aim of bilateral Exploratory Projects should be to explore the possibility of joint R&D activities for future ESA and/or EU proposals or carry out preparatory R&D activities for the commercial market.

Cooperation with Swiss organisations is only possible in Exploratory Projects.

The Swiss share (as partner, not as consortium leader) in research projects is limited to CHF 75,000 (for practical reasons - exchange rate 1 Swiss Franc = 1 EUR) per project.

For successful proposals including Swiss partners, the Swiss share will be covered by SERI/SSO up to a maximum of CHF 75'000.

Swiss partners participating in the 14th ASAP Call are required to state costs in EUR.

SERI/SSO evaluation: The evaluation criteria of the SSO will only be applied to the Swiss work packages. The SSO primarily supports Swiss research activities that are in line with the aims of the [Swiss Space Implementation Plan \(SSIP\)](#) and involve actual development work.

3 Legal Basis

This Call is based on the RTI Guidelines for the Promotion of Industrial/Technological Research, Technology Development and Innovation (*Themen-FTI-Richtlinie*) published at <https://www.ffg.at/recht-finanzen/rechtsgrundlagen>.

The company size shall be established in accordance with the corresponding SME definition specified in EU competition law (definition of small and medium-sized enterprises according to Commission Recommendation 2003/361/EC dated 6 May 2003, Official Journal L 124 dated 20 May 2003, p. 36–41).

All national and EU regulations shall be applicable as amended.

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Research and development services shall be subject to the exemption provision of Sec 10 (13) of the 2006 Public Procurement Act, Federal Law Gazette BGBl. I no. 17/2006 as amended by BGBl. I no. 15/2010 (hereinafter referred to as BVergG 2006).

4 Contacts

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