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# Launch your co-funded research project with ESA

The European Space Agency (ESA) is co-funding novel space related research projects.

- Where:** ESA's Open Space Innovation Platform (OSIP) <https://ideas.esa.int>.
- When:** Any time – evaluations every month
- What:** Novel, space-related and innovative research (PhD or post-doc research)
- How much:** ESA co-funds up to 50% and up to 90k€

Two simple steps from an idea to kick-off or a new research activity:

### Step 1: Formulate your idea

Through OSIP, ESA provides a simple and self-explanatory interface to solicit novel ideas covering any area covered by ESA. In addition to time-limited **thematic Campaign** available, the **Open Discovery Ideas Channel** is permanently open as first entry point for new space-related ideas.

Checklist for your idea:

- Is it relevant to space by addressing a space-related technology, concept or application?
- Is the idea clearly novel?
- Did you give it a meaningful title indicating clearly the novelty and innovation of your idea?
- Does your abstract of max 2000 characters contain all key elements to judge its novelty?

ESA will interact with you right after idea submission and might ask questions or comments. You have the choice to submit your ideas visible only to ESA or publicly, in which case others might also provide you with suggestions and comments.

Make your idea stand out with a meaningful illustration, and address comments you might have received from others or from ESA experts. All qualified ideas which authors mark as “ready to be evaluated” are evaluated in monthly idea evaluation board sessions on novelty. If your novel idea is not suitable to co-funded research activities, you might be channelled to other implementation paths in ESA.

### Step 2: Your Proposal

If you pass the idea evaluation, you will be invited to submit a research proposal according to a simple online template on OSIP. At this stage you need to provide some additional information such as the hosting university or research centre and the co-funding commitment. In most cases, an ESA expert will already be associated to ideas at this stage, who might provide you with further comments, suggestions and guidance.

The best five proposals every month will be implemented directly. Therefore, novel ideas, which are quickly matured into research proposals might pass the process in less than one month.

→ Kick-off of your co-funded research activity

