

Science Park Graz

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www.esa-bic.atspacesolutions@sciencepark.at**Subject:** Invitation to Tender for the Small ARTES Applications Austria Call 2017**Refⁿ:** 01/2017**Date:** 28th of February 2017

Dear Madam or Sir,

Science Park Graz, acting as ESA IAP Ambassador Platform in Austria, and the Telecommunications and Integrated Applications Directorate of the European Space Agency (ESA-TIA), with the support of the Austrian Research Promotion Agency / Aeronautics and Space Agency (FFG/ALR), hereby invite you to submit, at any given time, an Application against the present Small ARTES Applications Austria Call 2017 (Small ARTES Applications).

As ESA IAP Ambassador Platform in Austria, the Science Park Graz is positioned to support companies, entrepreneurs and research organizations taking advantage of the multiple opportunities within the ESA ARTES Applications programmes to explore space data and systems to develop sustainable services. The Science Park Graz is a starting point offering multiple funding opportunities to perform business and technical feasibility checks, undertake demonstration projects and pilots, and to obtain both technical expertise and funding from ESA and industry partners.

In this context, the Small ARTES Applications call in Austria is one of the supporting tools made available to Austrian companies and communities to fully exploit space assets for the benefit of the economy and everyday life.

Yours faithfully,

Martin Mössler,

*General Manager of Science Park Graz and ESA IAP Ambassador Platform in Austria***Purpose**

The purpose of the call is to stimulate the submission of ideas for innovative utilization of space assets (e.g. Satellite Communications, Satellite Navigation, Earth Observation, Human Spaceflight) within non-space markets (e.g. transport, energy, health, agriculture, environment, safety). This can involve either the improvement of existing operational processes and services or the generation of new applications or services.

The bidders of ideas with a potential good market perspective will get the opportunity to investigate the commercial viability and the technical feasibility within a small project via a Small ARTES project. The use of at least one space asset is critical for the eligibility of the project.

For activities where a good market and technical feasibility can be proven, the bidders may apply for further development and implementation of their idea up to a pre-operational level via a follow-on Feasibility Study or Demonstration Project within the [ESA Integrated Application Programmes \(IAP\)](#).

Beneficiaries

This Call encourages the submission of projects from space and non-space entities interested in developing services for non-space markets: entities involved in space missions (Earth Observation, Human Spaceflight, Launchers, Navigation, Space Science, Space Engineering, Operations, Technology, Telecommunication); space and non-space newcomer entities holding ideas for innovative utilisation of space assets to develop non-space services.

Submission and Evaluation of Applications

The call is open from 2017 to 2020. The selection is planned according to following timeline:

Submission of proposals by	Evaluation Date
10 th April 2017, 14h CET	20 th / 21 st April 2017

All projects must be submitted to the Science Park Graz in one .pdf only and in a single e-mail to spacesolutions@sciencepark.at.

A Tender Opening Board (TOB) will check the eligibility of the proposals submitted. When the Project Submission Form is compliant with the formal requirements, the TOB invites the Bidder to present his/her ideas to a Tender Evaluation Board (TEB) on the Evaluation Date. The content of the eligible Proposals will be evaluated by the TEB against the criteria set in the Conditions to Tender and Management Requirements.

Budget

The total available budget for the selection is 100.000 Euro. The available grant per winning project is up to 25.000 Euro. All projects should consider a co-funding basis up to 50% of the total project cost (e.g.: for a total project cost of 50.000 Euro, the maximum grant is 25.000 Euro).

Other relevant documents

Applicants should also read the following documents made available with this Call:

- Small ARTES Applications Austria Conditions to Tender and Management Requirements;
- Small ARTES Applications Austria Project Submission Form;
- Small ARTES Applications Austria Draft Contract.