

EU financial support for SMEs

Find funding for your ideas!

Every year, the EU supports more than 200 000 businesses. A wide range of financing is available including loans, microfinance, guarantees and venture capital.

Who is eligible for EU funding?

EU funding is available to start-ups, entrepreneurs and companies of **any size and in any economic sector**.

How does it work?

The decision to provide EU-backed finance is made by **local financial institutions** such as banks, venture capitalists or angel investors. EU backing – often in the form of matching the funds provided by local financial institutions – allows businesses to receive more financial support than they would otherwise.

The exact financing conditions including funding amounts, duration, interest rates and fees are determined by the financial institutions. You can **contact one of the over 1000 financial institutions** to find out more. Visit access2finance.eu to find one near you.

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Access to Finance: access loans and venture capital supported by the European Union
access2finance.eu

Copernicus Access to Finance: find grants, loans, equity capital, accelerators and incubators for your space-related project
copernicus.eu/access-to-finance

Horizon 2020: learn about the largest ever EU research and innovation programme, with nearly €80 billion in available funding
ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020

Investment Plan: find out about the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI), the programme helping finance innovation projects, as well as SMEs and mid-caps
ec.europa.eu/invest-eu

Get support, find partners!

The **Enterprise Europe Network** provides advice and support to innovative companies and helps them grow internationally
een.ec.europa.eu

Questions on doing business in the EU?

Visit the Your Europe Business portal
europa.eu/youreurope/business

Access space data

Get free EU space data. Use it to develop new products and services

Copernicus provides earth observation and monitoring data
<http://copernicus.eu/data-access>

Galileo provides global positioning
<https://www.gsc-europa.eu/>



SPACE & BUSINESS



#InvestEU
#EUSpaceStrategy

Copernicus and Galileo can power your business idea – for free!



Copernicus is the European Union's Earth observation and monitoring programme. Through the use of satellites in combination with ground, air and sea-based measurement systems, it provides vast amounts of data on our planet and its environment.

Copernicus data can be used in a variety of applications. For example, it can help firefighters tackle wildfires, construction firms spot new opportunities, and farmers improve crop yields.

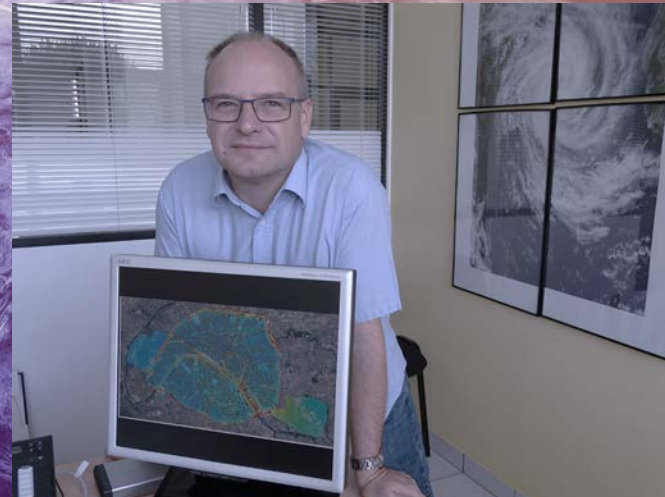
Galileo is Europe's global satellite navigation system. It provides improved positioning and timing information. The positioning data provided by Galileo can be used to improve car navigation, air transport, precision farming and much more.

How will your business take advantage of Copernicus and Galileo?

Benefit from the public and private funding opportunities available to start-ups and small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). They can help you develop and commercialise space-based products and services.

NUMTECH

Monitoring air quality in cities at street level with Copernicus



French start-up @numtech_air uses @CopernicusEU data to help address health risks caused by air pollution in cities.

French start-up NUMTECH specialises in atmospheric simulations. Three years ago, they began using Copernicus data to develop Urban Air, a product that provides high resolution imagery that helps evaluate air quality in cities. Urban Air is used by municipalities and organisations all over the world responsible for monitoring air quality. It enjoys especially high usage in Europe and North America.

About 10% of Urban Air's data comes from Copernicus. In particular, Copernicus provides most of the data used to analyse background pollution.

BUILDING RADAR

Using Copernicus to remotely monitor construction sites



With @CopernicusEU data, German start-up @BuildingRadar lets companies monitor construction sites and identify potential issues in advance.

German start-up Building Radar uses earth observation data, in particular from Copernicus, to provide construction-related information such as site location, project phase and building size to prospective customers such as construction companies and maintenance firms. One application developed by Building Radar gives companies an immediate overview of work progress, which can help them identify potential issues in advance.

Building Radar helps clients save time, while increasing revenue and sales performance. On average, Building Radar enables its users to save three hours per day and €60 000 per year. The company estimates their potential global market at more than €70 billion.

In 2015, Building Radar won the Copernicus Masters Grand Prize.