



# Switzerland - Greece Space Networking Event

## 29 May 2024

The Swiss Space Office, the Hellenic Space Center, the Greek Space Technologies and Applications Cluster, the Hellenic Association of Space Industry, ESA BIC Greece, the Embassy of Switzerland in Greece and the Embassy of Greece in Switzerland

Invite you to a joint Space Networking Event on 29 May 2024.



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## Rationale of the event

- Switzerland is a world leader in space science and related technologies.
- Greece has recognized space as a major pillar in the development of its innovation ecosystems, boasting a rapidly expanding startup environment alongside a mature base of industrial SMEs and large enterprises with significant space heritage.
- Bilateral cooperation of the two countries can enable the Greek ecosystem to gain insights from the Swiss counterparts while simultaneously granting Swiss entities entry into the rapidly expanding Greek market.

## Objectives of the event

- Strengthen existing relations in space-oriented startups, SMEs and large enterprises.
- Assess the potential for strengthening science, technology, and innovation through targeted institutional initiatives and technology development programs.
- Evaluate the concrete possibility of cooperation in the framework of QCI
- Define future actions.

## Event logistics

- Date and time: Wednesday, 29 May 2024, from 2:30 to 6:00 pm, including a coffee break, and followed by a networking cocktail

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## Organizers

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The Swiss Space Office SSO is the division within the State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation SERI that is responsible for space affairs. While Switzerland does not have its own national space agency, it is a founding member of the European Space Agency ESA and conducts most of its space research and development in the framework of ESA activities and programmes. The SSO represents Swiss interests in ESA, develops, implements and assesses Switzerland's space policy and complementary national activities, coordinates space affairs within the federal government and serves as a point of contact for industry, academia and user communities. More information at [Space \(admin.ch\)](https://www.admin.ch/space).



The Hellenic Space Center (HSC) is the national space agency of Greece since early 2020. It operates under the supervision of the Ministry of Digital Governance. Its responsibilities include the development of the National Space Policy and the related strategic action plan; the support and coordination of entities of the public and the private sectors; the interface with corresponding Space Agencies; the national representation of Greece in international organizations and initiatives. More information at <https://hsc.gov.gr/en/>.



The Greek Space Technologies and Applications Cluster is a gold-labeled, innovation cluster focusing on Space Technologies and Applications in Greece. It was established in 2009 and today brings together all major Greek private and public actors in the field. The vision is to sustain a world class cluster and to place Greece amid the countries which currently develop cutting-edge space technologies and applications with a high international visibility, capable of developing and attracting high impact research, development and innovation and business activities. The si-Cluster members represent an important part of the global value chain, covering a wide range of space-related thematic areas. More information at <http://www.si-cluster.gr>.



The Hellenic Association of Space Industry (HASI) was founded on 2008 following a joint endeavour on behalf of the Hellenic Industry active in space technology and space applications sector. All HASI members are high-tech companies, employing over 2500 employees, of which the vast majority constitutes highly educated personnel in space technology and its applications. From 2003 up to date, HASI members have been successfully participated in over 50 space technology and applications programs, involving ESA as well as other international programs. More information at <https://www.hellenic-asi.org/>



ESA BIC Greece (European Space Agency Business Incubation Centre Greece) is the Business Incubator of ESA in Greece. The incubator's primary goal is to strengthen the Greek space ecosystem with the introduction of space-related startups. The incubated startups should either exploit space technology in non-space markets (spin-off) or become suppliers to the space sector (spin-in).

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## Supporting Organizations

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