



Backing visionary entrepreneurs

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Courtesy: ESA



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EIC role and space portfolio

- EIC funds game-changing innovations and high-risk ideas of SMEs & start-ups
- The EIC supports them in the process of high-risk innovation, demonstration and commercialization with transversal EIC Pathfinder, Transition and Accelerator programs



Courtesy: ISU, Keys to Space

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EIC Programs

Pathfinder (TRL1-4)

- For consortia
- Early stage research on breakthrough technologies
- Grants up to €3/4 million

Transition (TRL 4-6)

- For consortia and single entities
- Technology maturation from proof of concept to validation
- Business & market readiness
- Grants up to €2.5 million

Accelerator (TRL 6-9)

- For individual SMEs
- Development & scale up of deep-tech/ disruptive innovations by startups/ SMEs
- Blended finance (grants up to €2.5 million; equity investment up to €15 million or above)

- Focus on breakthrough, game-changing, market-creating, deep-tech
- Mainly bottom up complemented by targeted funding on strategic technologies/ challenges
- Steered by **EIC Board** of leading innovators (entrepreneurs, investors, researchers, ecosystem)
- Business Acceleration Services (coaches/ mentors, corporates, investors, ecosystem)
- **Pro-active management** (roadmaps, reviews, reorientations, etc) with EIC Programme Managers
- Fast track access to Accelerator for results from EIT, EIC Pathfinder,

EIC Space Projects Examples

- E. T. PACK free passive de-orbiting device for space debris removal based on a eletrodynamic tether.
- Business Model for Orbital Maneuvering Device (BMOM)
- Magnetohydrodynamic Enhanced Entry System for Space Transportation (MEESST) research in the use of High Temperature Superconductors.



Courtesy: MEESST project – EIC Pathfinder



Courtesy: E.T.Pack-F project – EIC Transition



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Courtesy: E.T.Pack project – EIC Pathfinder





EIC Space Projects Examples

- SATAGILITY-GO2MARKET- innovative next-gen space actuator technology for spacecraft between 50kg to 300kg
- EMBRACE II groundbreaking alternative iodine propellant for CubeSats
- CASSIOPEE optical observation stations using collision prediction algorithms for space debris
- CropCloud use of Earth observation data and AI algorithm for precision agriculture.



Courtesy: Veoware



Courtesy: THRUST ME



Courtesy: Share My Space

Global recognition of EIC Space projects





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In 2023 EIC allocates ~€1.6bn to Open and Challenge calls by its Pathfinder, Transition, Accelerator programs





EIC WP 2023 deadlines and budgets





WP2023 Space Challenges



Methodology for space topics selection





WP2023 Space Challenges

 EIC Pathfinder (TRL 1-4) - In-space solar energy harvesting for innovative space applications

Preparing for the long-term Future 32M Euros • EIC Accelerator (TRL6-9) - Customer-

driven, innovative space technologies and services

Future market opportunities

65M Euros





EIC Pathfinder In-space solar energy harvesting for innovative space applications



WP2023 Space Challenges

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> Preparing for the long-term Future 32 M Euros





WP 2023 Pathfinder – Part I

The EIC Pathfinder (TRL 1-4)

- funds research to develop the scientific basis to underpin breakthrough technologies
- supports the earliest stages of scientific, technological or deep-tech R&D
- aims to build on new, cutting-edge directions in science and technology to disrupt a field and a market or create new opportunities
- realises innovative technological solutions to identify, develop and scale up breakthrough technologies and disruptive innovations in Europe





WP 2023 Pathfinder – Part II

EIC Pathfinder Open

to support projects in any field of science, technology or application without predefined thematic priorities ('bottom-up')

EIC Pathfinder Challenges

to support coherent portfolios of projects within predefined thematic areas with the aim to achieve specific objectives for each Challenge

WP 2023 Pathfinder – Part III



- Single legal entities established in a Member State or an Associated Country (mid-caps and larger companies will not be permitted)
- Consortia of two entities must be two independent legal entities from two different Member States or Associated Countries
- Consortia of three or more entities must include as beneficiaries at least three legal entities, independent from each other and each established in a different country as follows:
 - at least one legal entity established in a Member State; and
 - at least two other independent legal entities, each established in different Member States or Associated Countries.
- The legal entities may for example be universities, research organisations, SMEs, start-ups, industrial partners or natural persons.
- RIA 100% eligible costs up to € 4 million as appropriate (larger amounts possible, if duly justified)



How does the EIC decide if your proposal will be funded?



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Pathfinder calls 2023 – Summary table



	Pathfinder Open	Pathfinder Challenges		
Total budget	€179.5 million	€163.5 million		
Proposals (indicative)	Up to €3 million	Up to €4 million		
Funding rate	100% of eligible costs	100% of eligible costs		
Opening	10 January 2023	20 June 2023		
Deadline	7 March 2023 at 17.00 CET	18 October 2023 at 17.00 CET		
Length of proposal	17-page proposal (part B)	25-page proposal (part B)		
Applicants	Consortia min. 3 partners from 3 different Memer States /Associated Countries (of which at least 1 partner in a Member State)	 Consortia: If 2 partners: from different MS/AC, Min 3 partners from 3 different MS/AC (of which at least 1 partner in a MS) 		

Single legal entities in a MS/AC



Background - Part I

- Japan JAXA solar farms in space by 2030
- Europe- ESA Solaris
- USA Northrop Grumman's SSPIDR demo
- China Space solar power station by 2028



China conducts world's first full-chain, system-wide ground verification for Space Solar Power Station (SSPS) with self-developed OMEGA-SSPS ground test verification system in Xi'an City of northwest China's Shaanxi Province. /Xidian University



Illustration: John MacNeill (Image Credit: IEEE Spectrum)



Background - Part II

- Solar energy harvesting using small satellites
- Solar energy for powering Smallsats/cubesats

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 Various cost-benefit studies and national investments in SBSP

Tethered SPS (Basic Microwave-type Model) (Jspacesystems/METI) Advanced Microwave-type Model (JAXA/MEXT)

Courtesy: Jspacesystems/METI:Japan Space Systems/ Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, JAXA/MEXT:Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency/ Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology

Identified GAPs

- Urgent need for clean and renewable 24hr energy
- Unobstructed by the Earth atmosphere, the Sun is unlimited nonpolluting energy source
- In-space solar harvesting WPT in shorter distances and limited safety concerns
- Innovative in-orbit efficient devices for solar energy collection & storage
- Use in-space energy for innovative in- space applications (e.g. ISRU)
- In-space energy utilisation for in-space mobility for space debris removal or future In Orbit Servicing /Active Debris Removal (ADR) and End of Life (EoL) activities
- Green propulsion for increased payload capability and resulting in potential fuel cost savings for satellite owners
- Urgent need for strategic autonomy for renewable energy resources in space



Source	Clean	Safe	Reliable	Base-load
Fossil Fuel	No	Yes	Decades remaining	Yes
Nuclear	No	Yes	Fuel Limited	Yes
Wind Power	Yes	Yes	Intermittent	No
Ground Solar	Yes	Yes	Intermittent	No
Hydro	Yes	Yes	Drought; Complex Scheduling	
Bio-fuels	Yes	Yes	Limited Qty – Competes w/Food	
Space Solar	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Courtesy: National Security Space Office



In-space solar energy harvesting for innovative space solar energy harvesting for innovative solar energy harvesti

Goal

The development of concepts and technologies required for in-space energy harvesting and transmission, and of novel propulsion technologies that will use such harvested energy.

- Scalable solutions for in-orbit efficient solar energy collection and storage
- Conversion of DC-to RF of the harvested energy in a form appropriate for transmission at long distances in empty space
- Efficient Wireless Power Transmission (WPT) of the transformed energy between in-space s/c and various stations in orbit
- Innovative green propulsion solutions for in-space mobility, resulting into low cost or eco-friendly innovative concepts



EIC Portfolio Categories



- Category I Collection, conversion and transmission (CCT) in-space solar energy
- Category II In-space green propulsion



Courtesy: NASA-D Hathaway

EIC Space Portfolio Considerations



	Elements for portfolio building			
Categories	Functions/devices	Enabling outcomes		
Collection, conversion and transmission(CCT) of in-space solar energy	 Collection Scalable solutions for in-space solar energy collection I. On-board spacecraft deployable photovoltaic panels II. on-board batteries III. PV solar cells with efficiencies above 35%, thin-film, solar cells based on CIGS technology, batteries, etc. IV. New types of transmitting antennas and rectennas, (e.g. fully integrated transparent antennas, modular solar concentrators, solar generators and others) V. Advanced solar arrays for solar electric propulsion 	 Innovative concepts and methods for end (E2E) energy efficiency conversion or transmission Interoperability Lightweight 		
	Conversion	High efficiency conversion from DC to RF, RF-to-DC or light-to-DC		
	 Transmission Wireless power transmission (WPT) In-space harvesting devices on spacecraft and re-translation stations or other final receivers. II. Grids of re-transmitting stations, which not only amplify the wireless transmission, but also redirect the transmission as necessary. 	 Wireless power transmission (WPT) I. WPT can involve either laser or microwave approaches. 		
In-space green propulsion	Solar electric propulsion (SEP) for increased in-space mobility or increased payload capacity in benefit for in orbit satellite servicing (IOS), In space assembly and manufacturing (ISAM), active debris removal (ADR), end of life (EoL) time Solar sail propulsion for in-space mobility	 In-space propulsion systems for reduced propellant and reduced spacecraft mass and therefore resulting in lower costs 		



Category I - In-space solar energy harvesting for innovative space applications

Collection, conversion and transmission (CCT)





Category I Functions

- Innovative approaches, methods and technologies for increased E2E efficiency on in-space solar energy collection, conversion, storage and WPT
- Scalable solutions (antennas, rectennas, solar concentrators, etc.)
- S/C solar harvesting device or grids of re-transmission stations that not only amplify but also re-direct the beam

Enabling Outcomes





Category I CCT - Some Examples



Courtesy: NanoWeb Transperant Antennas



Courtesy: Sasaki, Tanaka, Maki



Courtesy: JAXA, inter-orbit energy transfer and planetary exploration mission concepts



Category I CCT - Real Examples



Courtesy: OneWeb

LEO orbit



Courtesy: ASU



Courtesy: Astrobotic WPT for lunar rover



Category II - In-space solar energy harvesting for innovative space applications

In-space green propulsion for IOS, ISAM, ADR and EoL

In-space green propulsion

Solar Electric Propulsion Solar sails Water-based propulsion using electrolysis Laser propulsion Microwave propulsion



Courtesy: NASA Pathfinder Technology Demonstrator-1 spacecraft, demonstrating a water-based propulsion system in low-Earth orbit.

Reduced mass



- Category I Collection, conversion and transmission (CCT)
- Category II In-space green propulsion for IOS, ISAM, ADR and EoL



Expected outcomes and impacts

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Expected outcomes

Design, development and laboratory validation of breakthrough concepts

- For energy harvesting in space, e.g., in-space utilisation of this energy for transportation and other related activities, in particular for cleaning space debris;
- Wireless power transmission of energy, e.g., through power grid, for energy beam pointing and control;
- Eco-friendly and innovative green propulsion solutions for in-space applications (e.g., spacecraft orbital corrections, in orbit satellite servicing, active debris removal, end-of life services, etc.)
- Innovative in-space robotic solutions for in-space manufacturing and assembly of space-based solar power units

Expected impacts

- Research impacts mastering renewable solar energy supply for 365 days per year, developing in-orbit efficient solar
 power collection, storage, innovative solar power conversion methods, wireless power transmission between in-space
 harvesting devices and s/c (e.g. autonomous space tugs), innovative "green" solar harvesting antennas, mastering new
 methods for in-space propulsion of spacecraft e.g. solar electric space tugs or on-board spacecraft photovoltaic cells
- Innovation impacts breakthrough technologies for wireless power transmission of energy, energy beam pointing and control, developing eco-friendly and innovative for space transportation or spacecraft orbital corrections.
- Strategic impacts- EU strategic autonomy, potential fuel cost savings, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and leadership in space clean energy solutions. increased competitiveness and autonomy of EU space industry for On Orbit Assembly and Manufacturing (OSAM) and green propulsion

Satellite owners will improve in-space mobility, extend the lifetime of their s/c, decommission their old ³⁵ satellites and potentially generate fuel cost savings



EIC Space Portfolio aspects

In your proposal add a dedicated WP for *portfolio activities* with at least *10 person months*

- Barriers to strategic autonomy/technology nondependence
- Communicate key outcomes of research work
- Market analysis initial stakeholders mapping
- Innovative space applications for in-space solar energy use (e.g. ISAM, ADR, EoL, etc.)
- Early commercialisation
- Access to research labs/test facilities
- Access to non-EU markets and customers
- IOD/IOV activities in case of TRL5/6



"Customer Driven" innovative space technologies and services (TRL6-9)



WP2023 Space Challenges

 EIC Accelerator (TRL6-9) - Customerdriven, innovative space technologies and services

Future market opportunities

65M Euros



Courtesy: Copernicus - Sentinel 1, ESA

Background

- Increased satellite launches, up to around 5,465 operational satellites in May 2022 (Union Concerned Scientists)
- More than 10 tonnes of space debris August 2022
- EU approach STM, ESA Zero Debris initiative, JAXA commercial removal of debris demonstration (CRD2)
- ASAT tests in Nov 2021 resulted in the creation of more than 1,500 debris reaching up the 1,100km orbits
- Increased *need* for collision avoidance capabilities, reliable space-based data and unified space traffic management
- Increased *need* for collection, recovering and transforming space debris



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How do we develop interoperable, scalable, affordable and cost-effective solutions in order to protect EU space infrastructure?

0	Rockets launched	6.250	(100%)
7	Rockets still in Space	1.990	(32%)
2	Satellites launched	13.630	(100%)
1 (Q)	Satellites functioning	6.600	(48%)
	Dead Satellites in Space	2.250	(17%)
Ŷ	Space objects mass	10.100 tonnes	
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	Debris tracked	32.070	
	Debris >10 cm	36.500	
4	Debris 1 -10 cm	1 million	
	Debris 0.1-1cm	130 millions	

source ESA updated at August 2022



Courtesy: Slide prepared by Lorenzo Tarabini, E.T.Pack-F project coordinator - EIC Transition

Background- Part I

- MEV 1 and MEV- 2 successful in orbit servicing missions, resulted into the creation of flight proven life extension services and emergence new IOS markets for GEO satellites
- ELSA- D magnetic capturing mission
- There is an emerging *need* for servicing GEO satellites
- Aging GEO/LEO satellites that need *refueling*, *repair* or *recycling*. Satellite owners to keep their current customers
- *Emergence* of In Orbit Servicing, Active Debris Removal and End-of Life services technology demonstrations



Courtesy: MEV-1 Intelsat's IS-901 in GEO, Northrop Grumman's



Background - Part II

- International Space Station expected retirement in 2030
- Commercial space stations- Axiom, Starlab, Orbital Reef
- Unmanned microgravity and robotic platforms – Outposts, Arkysis
- There will be a *need* for access to microgravity environment from European researchers and scientists



Courtesy: ESA



Courtesy: JAXA Robotic platform concept



Identified GAPs

- The challenge is that the EU lacks user driven in orbit servicing and recycling satellite capabilities and unified space debris management services
- Current satellites are built so that they cannot be easily serviced nor recycled
- **Need** for increased in-space mobility, payload capacity and cost-efficient propulsion
- Explosions in orbit, due to left-over energy- fuel and batteries-onboard spacecraft and rockets is the biggest contributor to the space debris problem (ESA)
- Lack of in-space debris recycling capabilities
- Emergence of In Orbit Satellite servicing market is estimated to reach between 4.4 Billion USD (UK IOS strategy) and 6.2 Billion USD (NSR)
- Lack of user-driven, cost-effective and affordable commercial IOS, recycling and recovering capabilities and STM in Europe
- Increased competition from non-EU companies, potential loss of future customer and markets

Accelerator (TRL6-9) - "Customer driven" innovative technologies and services

Goal

To encourage the emergence of **innovative**, **interoperable**, **scalable**, and **autonomous "customer-driven"** innovative space technologies

Scope/ specific objectives

- To inspect spacecraft in orbit, to augment satellite capabilities and resilience;
- To develop autonomous and in-space collision avoidance capabilities e.g., use of AI/ML for collision avoidance manoeuvres, space debris positioning data, etc. and develop in-space mobility propulsion capabilities;
- To collect space debris with a view for recycling, recovering and transforming purposes (e.g. microgravity platform).



Courtesy: Copernicus - Sentinel 1, ESA



Accelerator (TRL6-9) - "Customer driven" innovative technologies and services

Scope/ specific objectives

- To further mature self-assembly of spacecraft in orbit with different applications (e.g. in-orbit, cis-lunar exploration, Earth observation, space debris inspection, space situational awareness, etc.);
- To design and construct a R&I low Earth orbit unmanned platform assembled in orbit and to host in-orbit microgravity experiments or collect/re-use space debris considering and make use of a sustainable, modular concept for the platform and its operation;
- To scale up disruptive innovations for space situational awareness (SSA), in-space logistics, EO, navigation, SATCOM and others.



Courtesy: ESA



"Customer driven" innovative technologies and services

Some examples of customer-driven = commercial or institutional end users

Spacecraft Inspection

Tracking, locating & describing s/c,(distance & close inspection) Collection of information of s/c anomalies (e.g. antenna deployment anomalies) and p/l ones SSA data for SST and RPO operations, etc. Collision avoidance

AI/ML for collision avoidance Space debris positioning data for RPO On-board processing capabilities for debris detection For IOS, ADR, EoL Unexpected s/c rescuing activities Collect, recover and transform space debris

Space debris collection Autonomous Robotic Servicers/Arms/Tools S/C or components recycling, recovering& transformation purposes(e.g. mg platforms) Space Welding

"Customer driven" innovative technologies and services

 Some examples – In Orbit Servicing (IOS), Active Debris Removal (ADR), End-of-Life (EoL) for cooperative and non-cooperative objects

In orbit servicing, Active debris removal, EoL

Augment s/c or external p/l capabilities & resilience Refuelling Orbit raising In-space docking P/L, antenna's, components replacement or repair Robotic servicing with modular, interoperable or scalable parts Modular payloads Satellite upgrade In-space Assembly & Manufacturing

Self- sssembly with smallsats, cubesats, etc. GNC capabilities Modular satellites assembly Multi-material manufacturing Materials separation Microgravity platforms

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Design & construct LEO unmanned robotic platform Self-assembled autonomous platform To host internal/external p/l To service smallsats or even cubesats To collect re-use space debris

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Expected outcomes and impacts

Expected Outcomes

- EU servicing and re-use/recover capability for servicing EU space infrastructure, while contributing to the management and reduction of space debris;
- Timely and cost-effective in orbit satellite servicing (IOS), ADR, EOL and Space Traffic Management services
- Innovative propulsion solutions for in-space mobility of spacecraft
- Innovative technologies for space transportation, EO, navigation, SATCOM, space science, SSA

Expected impacts

- Research impacts EU to be able to inspect, protect and service its spacecraft and develop EU servicing and re-use/recycling capability for servicing EU space infrastructure and contribute to the reduction and management of space debris
- Innovation impacts breakthrough innovations resulting in cost-savings due to the re-use or recycling of components or propellant cost-savings for satellite owners, maturation of scientific and technological solutions for IOS and re-use/recycling of old satellites, "plug-play" satellite modules, affordable modular satellites, innovative propulsion for space tugs, common interfaces standards, simplified maintenance of aging satellites
- Economic impacts EU companies will generate new contracts from new markets, cost-savings for satellite owners, affordable and cost-effective on orbit satellite servicing technologies in benefit for the EU space economy. The new creation of an innovative in-space servicing (IISS) industry will result in economic and market spillover effects.
- Competitiveness impacts increased competitiveness of EU space industry for On Orbit Assembly and Manufacturing (OSAM)



EIC Future Space Portfolio for Accelerator projects





EU Programmes Complementarity

- In-Orbit Demonstration and Validation initiative (IOD/IOV)
- Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA) for EU Space R&I and contribute to the EU Future Space Ecosystem (FSE) Roadmap
- EU Approach to Space Traffic Management and EU SST Partnership activities



Conclusions

- WP 2023 EIC 2023 work programme (europa.eu)
- Info Space Days 26/01/2023 Pathfinder- EIC Pathfinder Challenge: In-space solar energy harvesting for innovative space applications -Information day (europa.eu)
- Portfolio Considerations <u>Challenge Guide Space</u> 2023_v2.pdf (europa.eu)
- Info Space Days 26/01/2023 Accelerator EIC Accelerator space challenge - information day (europa.eu)
- WP2023 Info Day <u>European Innovation Council</u> online Info Day - Work Programme 2023 - 13 December 2022 (europa.eu)
- EIC Horizon scanning for space signals for future EIC WP - <u>EUSurvey - Survey (europa.eu)</u>





Courtesy: NASA Orion image taken the 28/11/2022, imagery of the Earth and Moon together from its distant lunar orbit, including this image on Nov. 28, 2022, taken from camera on one of the spacecraft's solar array wings.

Courtesy: International Space Exploration Coordination Group, Global Exploration Roadmap

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Wrap-up

Long term future





Thank you! Q&A session