New funding call for UK Earth Observation sector

News story

More than £800,000 is available to the UK space sector as part of European Space Agency (ESA) support for innovative commercial projects related to Earth Observation.



The programme, InCubed, aims to support industry-led initiatives that will open new market opportunities. The call will bring innovative systems and products to market faster and help Earth Observation businesses compete in the global marketplace.

Unique elements of the programme include the opportunity for organisations to work with ESA, benefitting from its expertise, while boosting further growth in the UK's world-leading space industry, which already employs nearly 42,000 people.

Alasdair Gow, Industrial Sector Lead for Earth Observation at the UK Space Agency said:

We depend on observations of the Earth from space in every day life, as they underpin weather forecasting, monitoring climate change, mapping our environment, and much more.

I'm looking forward to seeing the innovative new Earth Observation products and services that the UK space industry will develop thanks to the InCubed programme.

The UK has a fast-growing and world-class Earth Observation sector and our commitment to ESA programmes will continue to build these capabilities.

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