**OPEN CALL**

[Towards European Strategic Cluster Partnerships for smart specialisation investments - Call for the expression of interest](http://www.clustercollaboration.eu/open-calls/towards-european-strategic-cluster-partnerships-smart-specialisation)

**Space Clusters Industrial Diversification and smart specialization**

We aim to create a European Strategic Cluster Partnership for smart specialization investment (ESCP-S3) between European Space Clusters and other key European diversification clusters, technology centres and business networks. Building on the experience as ESCP-4i SPACE2ID, we hereby aim to support Space Service Providers and Application Developers to directly address the huge economic potential within EU Member States.

The participating clusters in the [SPACE2ID](http://www.space2id.eu/) project committed to work on a joint internationalisation strategy and implementation roadmap when they became a European Strategic Cluster Partnership – Going International (ESCP-4i) in February 2016. Moreover, they have also decided to build a wider alliance named **Space4Globe**. This alliance wants to be a framework for joint innovation, collaborative projects and other collaborations, further to the international affairs targeted as ESCP-4i. In this context, the Space4Globe partnership launches this call for the expression of interest, open to additional partners.

We are looking for partners from regions in which Aerospace is mentioned as a specific priority in their RIS3. The aim is to help SMEs provide with services that can help them to better benefit from smart specialization investments and initiatives.

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The ESCP pursues the following objectives:

* To help SMEs to find strategic transnational partners, research results and support them to access public and private investments in line with smart specialization strategies.
* Create synergies between public authorities, clusters, business networks and other industrial players to foster smart specialization investment in the Aerospace sector.
* Analyse and promote the potential of transfer of their innovations into the *MELCA areas of operation* within EU Member States with which synergies have been proved, namely:
* **M**obility (i.e. transport of people)
* **E**nergy
* **L**ogistics (i.e. transport of goods)
* **C**reative Industries (i.e. design, games and music)
* **A**griculture