

## TERMS OF PARTICIPATION IN THE INNOSPACE MASTERS 2021/22 – ‘SUSTAINABLE AND EFFICIENT INNOVATIONS FOR SPACE AND EARTH’ OF THE GERMAN SPACE AGENCY AT DLR

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### ORGANISER OF INNOSPACE MASTERS 2021/22

The INNOspace Masters **2021/22** competition is organised by Anwendungszentrum GmbH Oberpfaffenhofen (thereafter referred to as organiser) on its own responsibility on behalf of the German Space Agency at DLR (thereafter referred to as partner) within the scope of the INNOspace initiative for strengthening innovation and establishing new markets. In addition, Airbus, OHB SE, Mercedes-Benz AG and the German ESA Business Incubation Centres (ESA BIC Hesse & Baden-Wuerttemberg and ESA BIC Bavaria, ESA BIC Northern Germany) participate in the competition as partners.

### SUBJECT MATTER OF THE COMPETITION

The aim of the competition is to collect innovative concepts and solutions that solve current challenges in space or non-space industries by transferring knowledge or technology along the entire value creation chain through the INNOspace Masters **2021/22** and to award the best ideas with a prize. The competition is divided into five different competition categories (also referred to below as Challenges) according to the partners.

### RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE

Enterprises, universities, non-university research institutions, start-up-teams, consortia, and individuals of legal adult age are entitled to participate in the INNOspace Masters **2021/22**. The submission phase of the INNOspace Masters **2021/22** takes place between **18 October 2021 and 04 February 2022** and will call for proposals in five categories. Personnel of partners and affiliated organisations as well as their relatives may only participate in challenges of the other partners.

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Hereafter a description of the five challenges of the partners and the respective terms of participation for each is outlined:

***DLR Challenge:***

Companies, universities, or non-university research institutions which are registered or have a branch in Germany are entitled to participate in the Challenge of the German Space Agency at DLR. The participants agree with the formal requirements as stated in the funding regulations of the German federal government and the German Space Agency at DLR.

[https://foerderportal.bund.de/easy/easy\\_index.php?auswahl=easy\\_formulare&formularschraenk=bmwi](https://foerderportal.bund.de/easy/easy_index.php?auswahl=easy_formulare&formularschraenk=bmwi)

***ESA BIC Start-Up Challenge:***

Participants in the ESA BIC Start-up Challenge need a residence permit and a work permit in Germany. In case of successful participation and potential incubation, the participants agree with the formal requirements of each ESA BIC:

Bavaria / Northern Germany

<https://esa-bic.de/by/>

<https://esa-bic.de/ng/>

Hesse & Baden-Wuerttemberg

<https://www.esa-bic-bw.de/en/>

<https://www.esa-bic-hessen.de/>

***Airbus Challenge:***

Submissions of proposals within the Airbus Challenge are not subject to any additional formal exclusion criteria.

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***OHB Challenge:***

Submissions of proposals within the OHB Challenge are not subject to any additional formal exclusion criteria.

***Mercedes-Benz AG Challenge:***

Submissions of proposals within the Mercedes-Benz AG Challenge are not subject to any additional formal exclusion criteria.

**SUBMISSION PERIOD OF THE INNOSPACE MASTERS 2021/22**

Participants are requested to electronically submit their contributions from **18 October 2021, 12:00 noon CET until 04 February 2022, 12:00 noon CET** (for detailed information refer to the procedure described below).

**PROCEDURE**

The competition will be organised and carried out via a secure online ideas database accessible at <https://innospace-masters.de>. Registration is required at <https://innospace-masters.awardsplatform.com> to create a user account, which may then be used to submit innovative business ideas to any of the offered challenges. When creating an account, participants will be asked to provide contact details, which the organiser will use to inform them of all matters related to the INNOspace Masters **2021/22** as well as any other matters which the organiser may deem relevant for a participant of the innovation competition. Participants will be asked to choose an account password that will allow temporarily saving and processing the content for the idea submission on the server until it has the desired form. Once registration has been completed, participants will receive a confirmation link to log in.

After logging in, participants must select a challenge for their idea / solution; that challenge's expert team will review their submission. As such, the challenges available for selection are stated at: <https://www.innospace-masters.de/challenges/> including the respective objectives and prizes on

offer. New challenges may be added during the competition runtime. Any additional challenge will be announced on the competition website which always reflects the most current status.

After logging in, participants are requested to answer all of the mandatory questions related to the challenge, they would like to apply for, in an online questionnaire. A different questionnaire must be completed for each challenge.

It is possible to enter more than one idea using the same personal account, but participants may not apply the same or a slightly adopted idea for different challenges.

During the competition, the organiser may contact the participants to assist and support them during the application process.

Participants must submit their idea(s) and fill out the mandatory data and fields in the database no later than **12:00 noon CET on 04 February 2022**. Only those ideas / solutions that contain all the mandatory information will be considered. The idea / solution will then be submitted to the expert panel of the respective challenge. All experts assigned with the evaluation of the submitted ideas must commit to a non-disclosure agreement (NDA) before the proposals are put forward for evaluation. This non-disclosure agreement will be concluded between Anwendungszentrum GmbH Oberpfaffenhofen and each of the experts. All employees from the group of associated companies in accordance with section 15 of the Companies Act (Aktiengesetz) can also be included in the group of experts. In this case, the partner ensures the further confidential handling of the data.

Each idea will receive its own identification number (ID). During the evaluation process, the experts are only able to see this ID for the ESA BIC Challenge, the Airbus Challenge, the OHB Challenge and Mercedes-Benz AG Challenge. At the DLR Challenge, the participants can decide for themselves whether their organization and that of their team members should be visible to the experts.

The different evaluation criteria for each challenge can be found on the website:

<https://innospace-masters.de/challenges/#Evaluation>

The partners will invite a small number of finalists to deliver a personal pitch (on-site or remote). If the participants are invited to present their idea to the experts personally, their identity will obviously be disclosed. However, at this stage they will already be nominated as a finalist.

By participating, participants acknowledge that their contact details will be passed on to the respective partner as well as their associated companies as defined by section 15 of the Companies Act (Aktiengesetz) after the database has been closed and the winners / finalists chosen. This partner may

then contact participants to determine whether they are interested in moving forward with the ideas submitted. The further exchange of confidential information then takes place directly between the partner and the respective participant. The organiser is no longer involved in this process and is not liable for the observance of confidentiality.

### **AWARDING OF PRIZES**

The expert juries of the partners will select one winning idea and two finalists for each challenge. From these 15 winners and finalists, a dedicated expert jury will select the overall winner of the INNOspace Masters **2021/22**. The selection by the (dedicated) expert juries is at their discretion, and thus not countervailable. The organiser and the partners shall assume no liability whatsoever for the outcome of the selection process.

The winners and the runners-up of the INNOspace Masters **2021/22** will be awarded during the award ceremony expectedly in Berlin, Germany.

### **CONFIDENTIALITY**

The organiser of the INNOspace Masters **2021/22** will do everything possible to ensure the secrecy of all of the submitted ideas and solutions. The submitted ideas and solutions, as well as the stored status of the submission, will be protected with the greatest possible caution against any unauthorised access by third parties. The personnel and experts charged with carrying out the competition are committed to treating all matters confidentially.

All of the personal data of the participants will be treated confidentially and may only be passed on to the group of persons named by the organiser. Please refer to the link to the data protection policy: <https://email.azo-space.com/asset/30:azo-privacy-policy>

During the awards ceremony, the awarded ideas / solutions will also be made public along with the challenge winners.

By participating in this competition, each participant agrees that the organiser and the German Space Agency at DLR may use the name, address, comments, likeness, photos and videos (incl. photos and

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videos taken of the winners at the INNOspace Masters **2021/22**), and a description of the idea, if the participant accepts any prize, in publicity or advertising concerning this competition or otherwise in any medium now known or hereafter devised (including the internet or other interactive networks) at any place and time without further compensation or right of review and agrees to waive his / her rights with respect to such publicity and advertising.

Once an idea / solution has been publicly recognised, Anwendungszentrum GmbH Oberpfaffenhofen takes no further responsibility regarding the further cooperation of the respective winner with any of the partners, sponsors or members of the expert panels. This also includes cases in which no cooperation between a winner and the respective partner or sponsor materialises despite the award.

## RIGHTS

The rights the participants hold pertaining to their idea / solution will remain with the participants. Whether they realise their ideas by themselves or with a partner selected by them is left to participant's discretion. Through participation in the INNOspace Masters **2021/22**, the participant will not acquire any rights to the idea. We strongly recommend that participants discuss the protection of their idea / solution with the respective experts. Participants may protect their idea by applying for a patent, utility model, or another form of protection right.

Prior to the participation in the competition, participants should notify their employer of their idea if they have developed it in or in connection with the employment. Through the participation in the INNOspace Masters **2021/22** and / or the publication of the idea / solution during the awards ceremony, any protection of the idea (if not previously protected by a patent) may be rendered void or otherwise lost. The idea may become common property. We strongly recommend to sufficiently protecting the idea upfront. Despite all our efforts to keep the participant's idea / information confidential prior to its publication, participants have to understand and acknowledge that neither the organiser nor the partners assume any liability for any damage resulting from the idea / information becoming public.

In participating, participants affirm that they or the co-applying consortium members are the sole owner of all rights pertaining to the idea submitted and that their participation will not violate the rights of any third party. Should any third-party rights nonetheless come to light, participants further

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affirm that Anwendungszentrum GmbH Oberpfaffenhofen will not be made liable for any amount of resulting damages / claims.

## MISCELLANEOUS

The award decisions will not be subject to dispute in a court of law. Decisions of the experts of the competition are final and binding for all participants in all aspects of the competition. Participants have no right to a statement of the experts' decisions.

The organiser assumes no responsibility for providing the partners' prizes. This includes cash prizes and in-kind prizes. The provision of the prizes lies exclusively with the partners.

Each winner as well as those placed second or third are responsible for all federal, state, local, provisional and other taxes.

The organiser reserves the right to modify these terms, including any of the deadlines set forth herein, at any time.

Participation in this competition shall be governed by German law. Place of jurisdiction shall be Munich, Germany.

## CONTACT

For information on the competition please visit: <https://innospace-masters.de>

If you have any further questions, please inquire at [support@innospace-masters.de](mailto:support@innospace-masters.de)

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