



## EUROPEAN SATELLITE NAVIGATION COMPETITION 2018

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#### **1 Organiser of the European Satellite Navigation Competition 2018**

The European Satellite Navigation Competition 2018 is organised by Anwendungszentrum GmbH Oberpfaffenhofen (referred to hereafter as “the Organiser”) and is supported by various prize-awarding partners (referred to hereafter as “the Partners”).

#### **2 Objective of the Competition**

With the European Satellite Navigation Competition 2018, the organiser intends to gather ideas / solutions for commercial applications of satellite navigation and promote individual ideas by offering prizes.

#### **3 Right to Participate**

Enterprises, scientific institutions, and individuals of legal adult age are entitled to participate in the European Satellite Navigation Competition 2018.

#### **4 Submission Period 2018**

Participants are requested to electronically submit their contributions from May 1st, 2018 until midday (11:59 a.m. CEST) on July 31st, 2018. Please refer to the procedure described below.

#### **5 Procedure**

The competition will be organised and carried out exclusively in English via a secure online ideas database accessible at [www.esnc.eu](http://www.esnc.eu). Registration is required at [www.esnc.eu](http://www.esnc.eu) to create a user account, which may then be used to submit innovative business ideas to any of the regional and special prize 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 European Satellite Navigation Competition as well as any other matter which the Organiser may deem relevant for a participant of the innovation competition. Once registration has been finished, participants will receive a confirmation link to log in. Participants will be

asked to choose an account password that will allow to temporarily save and process the content for the idea submission on the server until it has the desired form.

After logging in, participants must select a region for their idea / solution; that region's expert team will review their idea. As such, the regions available for selection are stated at: [www.esnc.eu/challenges](http://www.esnc.eu/challenges)

New regions may be added during the competition runtime. Any additional region will be announced on the competition website [www.esnc.eu](http://www.esnc.eu). The list of regions stated on the website always reflects the most current status.

Participants in the European Satellite Navigation Competition 2018 also have the option of competing for special prizes sponsored by institutional, industry and research partners. After logging in, participants can decide whether they would like to also enter their idea / solution for one of these prizes awarded by the companies / institutions as stated on the competition website under [www.esnc.eu/challenges](http://www.esnc.eu/challenges). These prizes will be awarded independently of participation in a partner region of the European Satellite Navigation Competition 2018. Each of these partner organisations will have their own expert team to evaluate the ideas / solutions submitted for one of these prizes.

Details on the objectives and prizes on offer can be found on the competition website. Any participant wishing to compete for one of the special prizes can indicate as such when registering for the European Satellite Navigation Competition 2018 by choosing from the dropdown menu in the online database. Choosing none of the options will automatically be taken as an indication of non-participation.

Participants may enter more than one idea using the same personal account (= different new solutions), but are not allowed to enter the same idea in different regions or for different special prize challenges.

During the competition, the regional organisers and special prize sponsors may contact the participants anonymously. This means their contact data will not be revealed. The purpose of them having the possibility to contact participants, is to assist and support them with their participation. The participants' contact data will only be revealed when they answer such a request or after the finalists and winners have been selected.

Participants must submit their idea and fill out the mandatory data and fields in the database no later than midday (11:59 a.m. CEST) on 31 July, 2018. 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 chosen region and to the expert panel of the respective special prize sponsor. All experts assigned with the evaluation of the submitted ideas must commit to a non-disclosure agreement before the ideas are put forward for evaluation. This non-disclosure agreement will be concluded between Anwendungszentrum GmbH Oberpfaffenhofen and each of the experts.

The evaluation of the ideas is an anonymous process. Each idea will receive its own identification number. During the evaluation process, the experts are only able to see this ID. However, some regions or special prize sponsors may invite a small number of finalists to deliver a personal pitch. If invited to present their idea to the experts personally, the participants' 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 regional partner of the region in which they have registered their idea and, if chosen, to the respective special prize sponsor after the database has been closed and the winners chosen. These partners may then contact participants to determine whether they are interested in moving forward with the ideas submitted.**

## 6 Awarding of Prizes

The regional expert teams will select, at their discretion, one winning idea for each participating region. From these regional winners and the special prize winners, under the supervision of a legal counsel, an international expert team will select the Overall Winner 2018. The Organiser and the Partners shall assume no liability whatsoever for the outcome of the selection process.

The ceremony for the Overall Winner 2018, the regional winners, and the special prize winners will take place in late 2018 (exact date and place tbd). In addition, each panel of experts may nominate up to five runners-up.

More detailed information on the Overall Prize will be announced on the competition website [www.esnc.eu](http://www.esnc.eu) at a later stage.

## 7 Prize Money

AZO will pay prize money to prize winners or persons authorised by them according to the competition terms and conditions and in the name or for the account of the respective contracting authority. The prize money will be paid in the currency of the contracting authority or organiser using the exchange rate of the bank executing the transfer at the day of payment. Bank charges will be covered by the recipient. Any resulting tax obligations which are caused or affected by the receipt of prize money are to be borne by the recipient himself.

## 8 Crowdfunding Option

By clicking two checkboxes in the user registration, the participant has the chance to be considered for follow up financing via the Crowd investing platform Space Starters. This platform for disruptive space tech is powered by FunderNation GmbH and AZO. Upon actively agreeing to checkbox 1, the contact details of the participant are shared with SpaceStarters ([www.spacestarters.com](http://www.spacestarters.com)). Upon actively agreeing to checkbox 2, the participant agrees that FunderNation will receive access to the expert's evaluation of his/her idea and that the submitted idea will be shared with FunderNation to investigate the funding potential of his business case. Selected participants will be contacted after the evaluation by the experts. Participation in the competition does not automatically include the execution of the crowdfunding campaign, which will be governed by a separate crowdfunding service agreement between the selected winner and FunderNation. Crowdfunding campaigns depend solely on the willingness of the investors (the "crowd") to invest – FunderNation thus cannot guarantee a certain economic outcome of the crowdfunding campaign.

## 9 Confidentiality

We have taken measures in the European Satellite Navigation Competition 2018 to ensure the confidentiality of all transmitted ideas / solutions. The transmitted ideas / solutions and the saved treatment statuses will be protected against any access by unauthorised third parties. The personnel and experts charged with carrying out the competition are committed to treating all matters confidentially.

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

By participating in this competition, each participant agrees that the Organiser may use the name, address, comments, likeness, photos (incl. photos taken of the winner at the ESNC Awards Ceremony), 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 prize sponsors, regional management organisations or members of the expert panels. This also includes cases in which no cooperation between a winner and the respective prize sponsor or regional management organisation materialises despite the award.

## 10 Rights

The rights participants hold pertaining to their idea / solution will remain with them. Whether they realise their ideas by themselves or with a partner selected by them is left to the participants' discretion. Through participation in the European Satellite Navigation Competition 2018, participants will not acquire any rights to the idea. We strongly recommend that participants discuss the protection of their idea / solution with the management team of the region for which they intend to submit their idea / solution, as the regional organisers should have access to experts experienced in this field (e.g. patent agents, lawyers). Participants may protect their idea by applying for a patent, utility model, or another form of protection right.

Prior to participation in the competition, participants should notify their employer of their idea if they have developed it in or in connection with their employment. Through participation in the European Satellite Navigation Competition 2018 and / or the publication of the idea / solution during the awards ceremony, any protection of the participants' idea (if not previously protected by a patent) may be rendered void or otherwise lost. The idea may become common property. We strongly recommend that participants sufficiently protect their idea. Despite all our efforts to keep the idea / information confidential prior to its publication, participants understand and acknowledge that neither the Organiser nor the Partners assume any liability for any damage resulting from their idea / information becoming public.

In participating, participants affirm that they 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 affirm that Anwendungszentrum GmbH Oberpfaffenhofen will not be made liable for any amount of resulting damages / claims.

## 11 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.

Anwendungszentrum GmbH Oberpfaffenhofen takes no responsibility regarding the provision of the prizes offered by any of the special prize sponsors or regional management organisations. This also includes the payment of cash awards or the conduction of in-kind services. The fulfilment of the services offered is the sole responsibility of the respective special prize sponsor or regional management organisation.

Each winner is 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.

## **12 Contact**

For information on the competition please visit: [www.esnc.eu](http://www.esnc.eu)

If you have any further questions please inquire at [support@esnc.eu](mailto:support@esnc.eu) or refer to your region's main contact point.