

Slovenia - Space Governance





PRIME Minister

Support and high direction of national space activities.

Interministerial Working Group

Coordination of the Government guidelines and activities for the space sectors.

SSO (Slovenian Space Office)

Ministry of the Economy, Tourism and Sport Elaborates and implements the national space policy strategic documents.

SSO (Slovenian Space Office)





SSO participates in the Council of the European Space Agency (ESA) work, promoting and coordinating the Slovenian presence in the approved program.

SSO may enter into bilateral and multilateral agreements with stakeholders from other countries.

SSO promotes, supports, and coordinates Slovenian participation in European Union projects and initiatives in the space field and related application services.

SSO maintains relations with aerospace stakeholders in other countries.

Slovenia in Europe and in the World





Association Agreement with ESA signed in 2016, upgraded in 2020







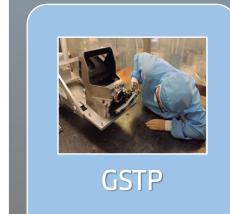




- Member of COPUOS 2021 (UN Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space)
- International Relations & Agreements (NASA, ASI, DLR, JAXA, ...)

Slovenia's cooperation with ESA













Slovenian Contribution to ESA Optional Programmes

Slovenia Georeturn = 1,03









REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA MINISTRY OF THE ECONOMY, TOURISM AND SPORT Slovenian Space Office

Slovenia's cooperation with ESA & EU

The Slovenian Space Office and Slovenian entities cooperate with ESA and the EU in various fields:

Earth Observation from Space	More than half of the essential climate variables, defined by the global climate observing system, are coming from space.
Digital Twin	By using artificial intelligence, modern computing capabilities, and observations we can create a digital twin of our planet, or certain parts of our planet to simulate a situation.
Space Missions	Space missions stimulate technological innovation and scientific discovery.
Vision for the Moon	The Moon is a focus for upcoming space activities, with many missions planned over the coming decade.
Space in Business	Space is one of the future technologies that you have to invest in for a company to be successful.

Slovenia's cooperation with ESA - Science



We need scientists

to identify

- our lack of knowledge
- to understand what is happening on Earth,
- so that we can build satellites that answer these pressing questions.



This is the engine of the development of the industry.



Copernicus, for example, its success is based on past scientific developments in space technology and in collaboration with the industry

Link between science and industry

has to be very strong to bring new technologies forward, but also to enable the development of new ones.

We need industry support

- → to develop new services and
- create a strong bond with users, as well as facilitate the use of satellite data.





Slovenian Space Sector



Special focus on highly specialized niche products and services

RADOMES

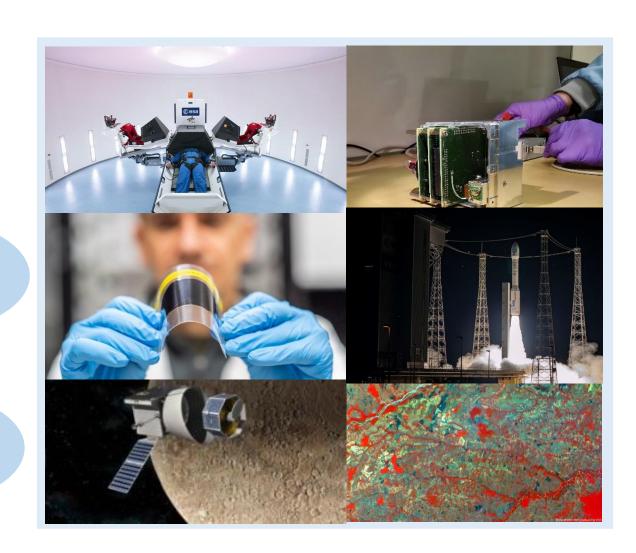
"HUMAN CENTRIFUGE" IN PLANICA

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

NEW MATERIALS EARTH OBSERVATION

CONTROL AND MEASURING EQUIPMENT

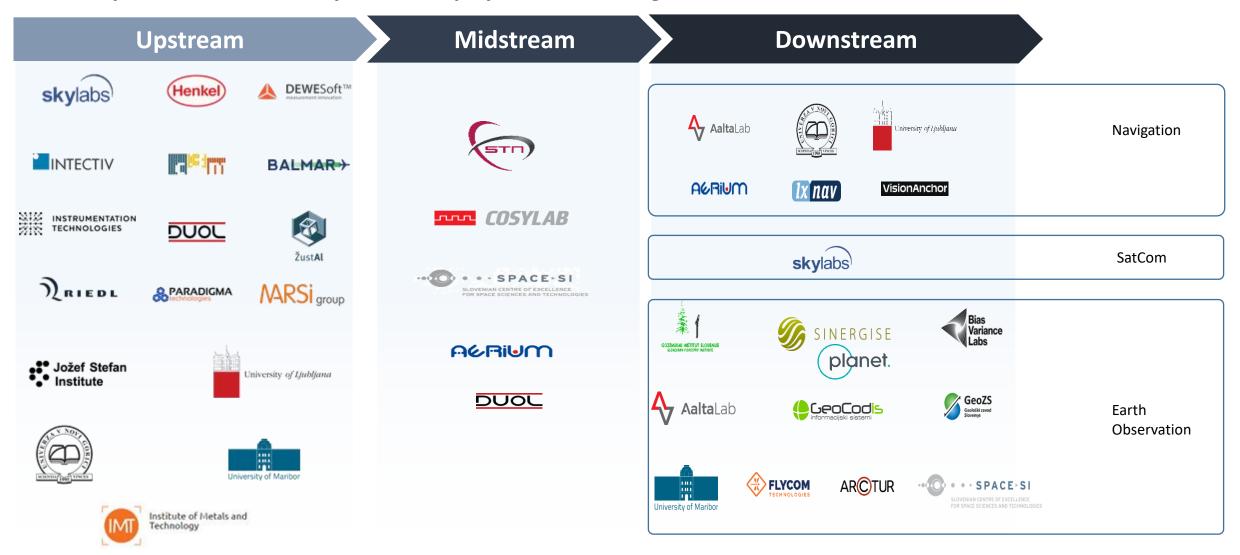
NANO- AND SMALL SATELLITES



Slovenia - Diverse Ecosystem



Slovenia possess a diverse ecosystem, with players active throughout most of the value chain



Slovenian Space Strategy



Slovenia is uniquely positioned to capture part of the expanding space market



Diverse ecosystem of established and emerging space players



Strong academic sector & relevant research institutions



Excellent collaboration network with several European space institutions



Well-established innovation support capacities



Long-standing expertise in key technologies, incl. Industry 4.0



Solid cooperation frameworks with international industrial players

Slovenian Space Strategy



Slovenia is on an ambitious path towards becoming an important player in the space industry

Vision

Slovenian space strives to expand the boundaries of knowledge and innovation, inspiring a green, digital and sustainable future.

Mission

Positioning itself as an agile space economy, Slovenia aims to foster an environment of innovation and technological development in order to rise up the ranks among its global peers.

Recognising this present inflection point, Slovenian businesses are taking steps towards making their mark on the international stage by leveraging local expertise.

Slovenian Space Strategy



Five strategic pillars will help materialise the strategy's vision and mission

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Strategic Pillars

Vision

Mission

Enkindle & evolve space technologies and R&D,

including exploiting new capabilities in the satellite communication domain on Earth & beyond

Broaden participation in responsible international space exploration and research efforts,

further developing knowledge and technologies enabling human and robotic exploration missions

& uptake of space applications

for a stronger commercial & sustainable future, leveraging next-gen technologies

Secure future generation of scientists and engineers,

encouraging uptake of STEM subjects and strengthening the university curricula Stimulate entrepreneurship and university & RTO spinoffs

through dedicated space innovation programmes

Membership of key European organisations, including ESA, EUMETSAT, and others

Enablers

Slovenian Innovation mechanisms and ecosystem (acceletators, incubators), SPIRIT Slovenia, ARRS, ESERO Slovenia, etc.

We already have global players



Nemo HD

Trisat

- First Slovenian satellites launched into Space:
 - A satellite with interactive real-time video streaming and multispectral imaging at
 - 2.8 m ground resolution,
 - One satellite provides valued ionizing radiation measurements from a
 Medium Earth Orbit at an altitude of approximately 6000 km.
- ➡ Slovenian Equipment used at the ESA launch site in French Guiana and Artemis Mission
- Faculties and Research institutes involved in international projects.

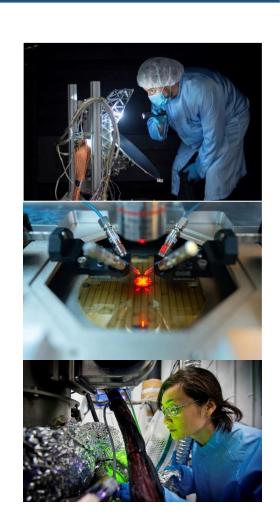
To be continued ...



We already have global players



- A Slovenian company has become as one of the **leading EO (Earth Observation)** downstream players in the world.
- A leading company in the field of control systems not only in the space industry (also in the nuclear industry, etc.).
- Successful 3D printing company gradually entered the field of space.
- A company, which provides **online mapping services**: detection and analysis of water surfaces and flooded areas in Africa.
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Noordung Center Slovenia











The unique place of Noordung Center is to add a cultural and humanistic contribution to human efforts to explore and understand the universe.





Space Research in Slovenia





The ESA-owned Short
Arm Human Centrifuge
has been upgraded,
installed and inaugurated
at the Olympic Sport
Centre Planica facility
near Kranjska Gora,
Slovenia.

1 of 3 in Europe

Run by the Jozef Stefan Institute on behalf of ESA.

K. Bidovec & A. Hodalič

Conclusion



Slovenian Space Office (SSO) - How we support companies and institutions

- Increased resources invested in the ESA and national framework
- Information about activities we carry out (mailing list)
- Informational meetings together with ESA review of current programs
- Visiting companies and institutions (together with ESA)
- Workshops for companies, institutions, students
- Seminars and training in cooperation with ESA
- Info days:
 Tenders and events (domestic and international) in the field of space
- Organization of business forums and outgoing business delegations
- Internship at ESA



The NEMO-HD satellite





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