



Paris, February 16th, 2018

Subject: Invitation to join the Stakeholders Consultation Group to discuss the elaboration of a potential Space Joint Technology Initiative (JTI).

Dear Madam, Sir,

On November 21st 2017 Eurospace was entrusted by the European Union to investigate the conditions to set up a potential Joint Technology Initiative for Space in the context of STEPP (Space Technologies for Europe – Pilot Project), a Pilot Project funded by the Union.

The pilot project will contribute to assessing the extent to which a public private partnership through a Joint Technology Initiative (JTI) can foster private sector commitment and investment for large-scale, longer term and high-risk/reward research **in the strategic area of space technologies including technology demonstrators**. For more insights on the JTIs' process as a whole¹, please find attached to this letter the "Background information note on a potential JTI in space". The attached note provides additional insights on the JTI process, a draft baseline for the governance scheme, preliminary scoping information and information on the consultation process.

The project will involve large scale and targeted consultations with space technology stakeholders in Europe. In order to be the most inclusive as possible, the Pilot Project intends to reach out to every single European stakeholder active in the space systems manufacturing sector. All stakeholders willing to participate in the consultation process to set up the Space JTI are invited to join in the Stakeholders Consultation Group (SCG).

With a view to test stakeholders' capabilities to work in consensus towards a technology plan two pilot themes have been proposed by the European Parliament: **innovative materials for space equipment** and **cleaner space through deorbiting**. Further information can be found in the attached note. Relevant experts are invited to join specific stakeholders' groups focusing on the pilot themes.

We would appreciate it if you could share this information with all your relevant stakeholders such as companies, research organisations and academia involved in the design, development and manufacturing of space systems - spacecraft, launchers and the related ground infrastructures.

We are available for questions and clarifications by email.

To join the SCG, please complete the online registration tool available at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf18Dgllxr4rj8PkvGXOxXqX13PFYHVbGmdRIOUc9STF-GGvA/viewform?c=0&w=1> by the 23rd February 2018.

Yours sincerely,

¹ Legal framework; Target groups for Space JTI; Governance model; Strategic Research Agenda (SRA); Pilot themes; Consultation timeline



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