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## Subject: New call for local organisers for the Cassini hackathon

Dear Members of the Administrative Board,

The CASSINI Hackathons are a series of semi-annual hackathons that tackle global challenges with **European space technologies**. Each hackathon is a hybrid event that takes place in 10 different locations across Europe simultaneously. The purpose to bring together young entrepreneurs, technologists, and researchers from around Europe and to provide an attractive environment to develop innovative applications and learn about the European space programmes. Participants will be supported with training resources and dedicated sessions on how to access these data and services and with training to publicly showcase their solutions. The three winners of each hackathon receive a money prize and access to the CASSINI Mentoring, a tailor-made mentoring and coaching scheme.

We are looking for partners who are motivated to support the next generation of space-based entrepreneurs by becoming a local organiser. The local organisers co-organise the hybrid event on a local level, implementing the hackathon concept across Europe. As a local organiser they have the opportunity to host a hackathon location within the framework of the CASSINI Hackathons. This allows the local organisers to engage with the local ecosystem to solve important problems for industry and government with the power of space technologies.

The **call** for local organisers for the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> edition of the Cassini hackathon is **now open**.

The subject for the 9<sup>th</sup> edition is **EU Space for Health.** The upcoming CASSINI Hackathon challenges participants to develop innovative solutions using European space technologies to transform healthcare and enhance public well-being. By leveraging data from Copernicus, Galileo, and EGNOS, participants can tackle critical challenges such as forecasting disease outbreaks, improving healthcare delivery, and promoting equitable access to care. These technologies empower healthcare providers, policymakers, and organizations to advance public health, strengthen mental health, and drive impactful medical innovations. The 9<sup>th</sup> hackathon will take place in May 2025.

The subject for the 10<sup>th</sup> edition is **EU Space for Consumers**. The following CASSINI Hackathon invites participants to harness European space technologies to enhance consumer experiences in gaming, sports, and tourism. From transforming gaming with earth imagery to optimising sports performance and reimagining travel, space data unlocks new opportunities for entertainment and interaction. Whether improving games, boosting athletic performance with real-time data, or enabling smarter, more sustainable travel, these technologies enrich everyday life in creative and impactful ways. The 10<sup>th</sup> hackathon will take place in November 2025.

**Deadline** call for local organisers is **20th of January 2025**. The URL to participate: <a href="https://www.cassini.eu/hackathons/organisers">https://www.cassini.eu/hackathons/organisers</a>

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