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# New funding opportunities for Finnish industry and businesses

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# EU Competitiveness Fund (ECF)

- Space is among key strategic priorities within the ECF and more EU funding will be available for this sector (negotiations still ongoing).
- Funding will cover the full investment cycle: research → scale-up → manufacturing → deployment.
- Greater emphasis on commercialisation and industrial scale-up.
- Broader range of instruments: grants, loans, guarantees, equity and the EU Tech Frontrunners model (the EU equivalent of Finland's Veturi instrument).
- Funding will be allocated mainly based on quality, impact and strategic priorities. Detailed criteria will be defined in work programmes and calls.
- A one-stop shop for applicants and streamlined reporting.



# ECF and space actions

- Positioning, Navigation and Timing (PNT): Galileo and EGNOS services and applications
- Earth Observation (EO): Copernicus, EOGS and downstream data applications
- Secure Connectivity: IRIS<sup>2</sup> and GOVSATCOM satellite communication services
- Space Situational Awareness (SSA): SST, space weather and NEO monitoring
- Access to Space: launch capabilities, transport services and infrastructure
- Space Commercialisation and Space Economy: market growth, private investment and applications
- Strategic Autonomy: critical technologies, supply chains and industrial capabilities
- RDI: breakthrough technologies, demonstrations and industrial scale-up



# Funding opportunities for Finnish businesses and others

- A minimum **3% share of ECF funding**, equivalent to **€14 billion** over seven years is fully achievable (based on a total envelope of €451 billion).
- Given the nature of ECF space investments (large systems and pre-defined European consortia) a minimum **2% of space funding** is a realistic possibility for Finnish businesses, industry and others.
- For ECF **space-related actions**, Finnish industry, businesses and research organisations have **world-class expertise and leading capabilities in several relevant funding areas**, including:
  - space situational awareness (SSA) and space weather
  - secure satellite connectivity and next-generation networks
  - Earth observation data analytics
  - dual-use space data services
  - AI-driven space applications



# Funding opportunities for Finnish businesses and other actors

**Realising this funding potential will require active and strategic engagement, including:**

- Strong participation in EU funding calls
- Active involvement in EU-wide consortia, industrial alliances and innovation clusters
- Stronger national support mechanisms and coordination
- Alignment of national co-funding with EU funding

