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UZH Space Hub

# UZH Space Hub Newsletter



Dear UZH Space Hub Community

In this newsletter you will find news, upcoming events and space-related opportunities in the Swiss landscape and beyond.

Have a nice read,

UZH Space Hub Team

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## News

**[New Swiss Space Policy](#)**

On 19 April 2023, the Federal Council adopted the 2023 Space Policy. With this policy, the rapid developments and increasing importance of space are taken into account: satellite-based applications have become an indispensable part of everyday life. In its 2023 Space Policy, the Federal Council has defined strategic priorities and corresponding areas of activity. Several departments are now charged with implementing the Policy; they will report to the Federal Council on their progress by end of June 2027.

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# SPACE POLICY

## Robot Dog on the Way to the Moon

Congratulations to UZH Space Hub member Florian Kehl: The team "ARISE - Autonomous Robots for In-Situ Surface Exploration" won the ESA-ESRIC Space Resources Challenge and will be awarded half a million Euros to advance the systems for lunar in-situ exploration.

Last year "Robot Dog" GLIMPS qualified and participated in ESA-ESRIC Space Resources Challenge and is now part of ARISE.

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## News Channel UZH Space Hub on Microsoft Teams

Join our UZH Space Hub Channel on Microsoft Teams (only with UZH affiliation) to get information on short notice such as events or deadlines interesting for the community. The channel shall be used to share information from and for the community (everyone can post) within UZH and on shorter notice.

[Link to UZH Space Hub Channel](#)

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# Events



## **ARIS rollout - Next Space Generation**

Are you interested in exploring the newest technologies created by the students association ARIS and learning about their project developments? Or maybe you want to become part of the team? Join the upcoming event ARIS ROLLOUT - 'Next Space Generation' at the Switzerland Innovation Park Zurich on May 25, 2023 for more insights.

[Read more](#)

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## **Information Event on the Next Calls in Horizon Europe**

Horizon Europe offers funding opportunities in a large number of research and innovation fields. Join this event on May 25, 2023 if you want to know how to access these opportunities as a Swiss entity. The event focuses on the next calls with deadlines in Fall 2023 in all research and innovation topics.

[Read more and register](#)

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## **Brown Bag Lunch**

On Wednesday May 30, 2023, at 12:00, we will have our next Brown Bag lunch get-together in the Dozentenfoyer (Y22-G-74 EV). The brownbag lunch is dedicated to meet and connect with each other, explore synergies, talk about common issues, get feedback, and think of

possible collaborations in an interdisciplinary and informal setting.

Please bring your own food and drinks, we will provide dessert and coffee.



## DIZH Founder Call

Do you have an idea for a start-up idea and would like to invest more time to develop the idea? Then the DIZH Founder-Call is the right thing for you! The basic idea of the Founder Call is to provide low-threshold and early-stage start-up financing in order to advance the start-up process targeted to students and employees. If you are interested, you can join the info-event on June 13, 2023 16h-17h and check the call.

[Kick-Off Founder-Call](#)

[Founder-Call](#)



## Space Café: 3-2-1 Go Euclid!

What is dark matter? What drives the accelerating expansion of our Universe? These and more questions could be answered by Euclid, the European Space Agency (ESA) space mission which is set to launch in July 2023. Several UZH researchers are actively involved in the project and will tell us more in a dedicated Space Café in June. Date and more information will follow soon, stay tuned on our webpage!

[Space café general webpage](#)



# COMMERCIAL SPACE DAYS

11-12 SEPTEMBER 2023 | LUZERN

## Commercial Space Days

Interested in discussing with leading space companies about economics, innovation management, business and entrepreneurship in the next era of space commercialization? Join the Commercial Space Days on September 11-12, 2023, in Luzern. The event is organised by the Center for Aviation and Space Competence at the University of St. Gallen and the Swiss Aerospace Cluster, in cooperation with Space eXchange Switzerland and the European Center for Space Economy and Commerce.

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## Opportunities



## Post-Doctoral Fellowship @ ISSI

Do you have a PhD in Space Sciences, Astrophysics & Cosmology, Heliophysics and Plasma, or Planetary Sciences? The International Space Science Institute (ISSI) in Bern, Switzerland, invites applications for a Post-Doctoral Fellowship. The appointment is for a 2-year period. Deadline for application: May 30, 2023.

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## ECSECO Academic Paper Competition

The European Centre for Space Economy and Commerce (ECSECO) invites master's students, PhDs or young researchers interested in Space Economy or Space Business and Commercialisation to submit their abstract by June 20, 2023. If selected, you will get

the chance to attend the Commercial Space Days in Luzern and receive direct feedback on your work from a jury of renowned academics in the field.

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## Meet a Space Scientist

This month we have interviewed Francesca Lepori, cosmologist at the Center for Theoretical Astrophysics and Cosmology at the University of Zurich. Among different projects, Francesca also works on Euclid, an ESA space mission which will take off from Cape Canaveral in July 2023. Euclid will help researchers to solve the biggest mysteries of modern cosmology: the nature of dark matter and dark energy!

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