

A composite background image featuring a satellite in the upper left, a large view of the Earth from space in the center, and a stylized blue line graph with an upward-pointing arrow in the lower left.

**WELCOME BROCHURE**

# **ESA INVESTOR FORUM**

**9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

**Frankfurt, Germany**

**Radisson Blu Hotel, Franklinstraße 65,  
60486**

**Frankfurt am Main, Germany**

## WELCOME

# A WARM WELCOME TO OUR INVESTOR FORUM PARTICIPANTS 2024

To assist with your trip, we have gathered information about the city, the event location, accommodation, and transportation. This information should get you started with planning your trip.

We hope that you will find the upcoming 2024 ESA Investor Forum meetings interesting and engaging, and that connections with colleagues are fostered and new connections are made. Do not hesitate to contact the organisers' team with any questions.

This welcome booklet will give you all the information you need to assist you with your upcoming visit and arrival at the forum site.

**We hope you will enjoy your stay in Frankfurt.**



## ABOUT ESA

# THE EUROPEAN SPACE AGENCY (ESA)

The European Space Agency is dedicated to the peaceful exploration and use of space for the benefit of humankind. Established in 1975, we work together with our 22 Member States to push the frontiers of science and technology, and promote economic growth in Europe. Space is the future and through ESA we are all part of it.

### What does ESA do?

In short, ESA's job is to draw up the European space programme and carry it through. ESA's programmes are designed to find out more about Earth, its immediate space environment, our Solar System and the Universe, as well as to develop satellite-based technologies and services, and to promote European industries. ESA also works closely with space organisations outside Europe.

ESA's purpose shall be to provide for, and to promote, for exclusively peaceful purposes, cooperation among European States in space research and technology and their space applications, with a view to their being used for scientific purposes and for operational space applications systems

### Where is ESA located

ESA's headquarters are in Paris which is where policies and programmes are decided. ESA also has sites in a number of European countries, each of which has different responsibilities:

- **EAC**, the European Astronauts Centre in Cologne, Germany;
- **ESAC**, the European Space Astronomy Centre, in Villanueva de la Canada, Madrid, Spain;



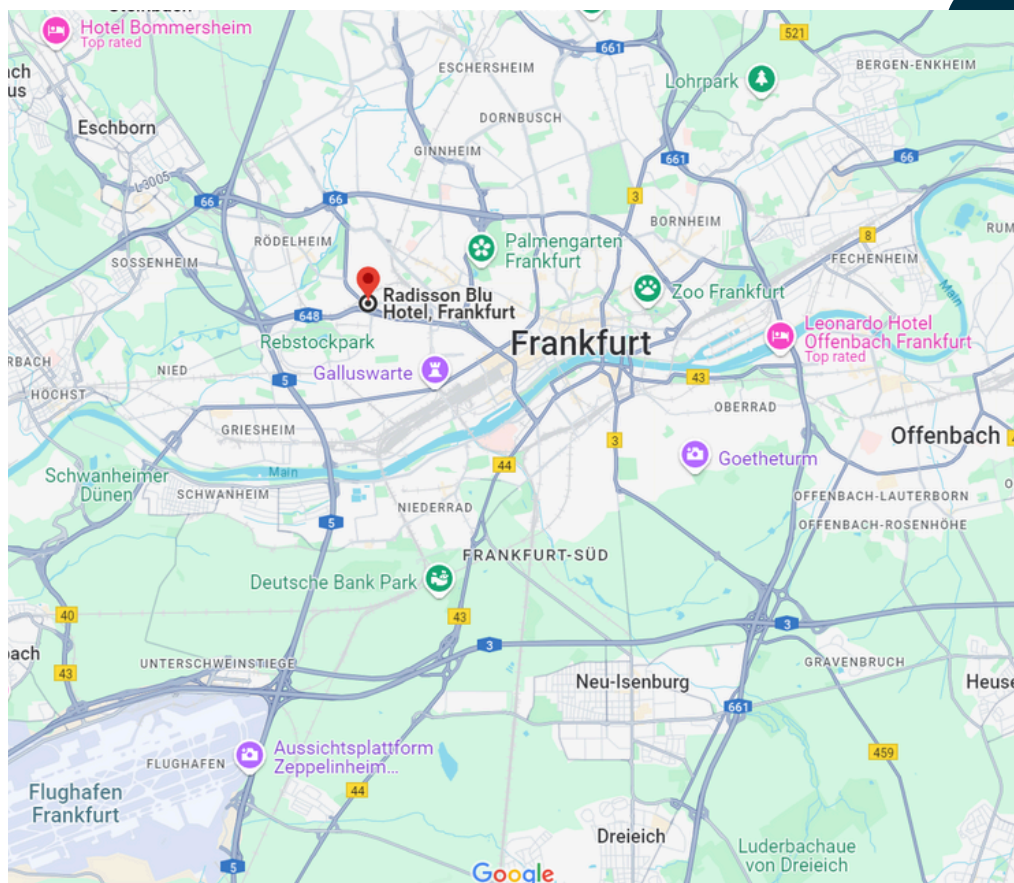
- **ESOC**, the European Space Operations Centre in Darmstadt, Germany;
- **ESRIN**, the ESA centre for Earth Observation, in Frascati, near Rome, Italy;
- **ESTEC**, the European Space Research and Technology Centre, Noordwijk, the Netherlands.
- **ECSAT**, the European Centre for Space Applications and Telecommunications, Harwell, Oxfordshire, UK.
- **ESEC**, the European space Security and Education Centre, Redu, Belgium.

ESA also has liaison offices in Belgium, USA and Russia; a launch base in French Guiana and ground/tracking stations in various parts of the world.



## GETTING HERE

# TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION



**Radisson Blu Hotel**, Franklinstraße 65, 60486, Frankfurt am Main, Germany.

### Airport

Frankfurt has one airport. From there, you can reach the event site by

- **Train:** the airport has its own train station, Frankfurt Flughafen Fernbahnhof. Take any train heading towards Frankfurt Hauptbahnhof, then take another train directed to Frankfurt West. The hotel is a 15 minutes walk from there.
- **Car:** get on B43, then take A5 to Frankfurt-Katharinenkreisel/B44 in Innenstadt II. Take the exit toward Rödelheim/Bockenheim from A648. Continue on Frankfurt-Katharinenkreisel, then continue onto Voltastraße, turn left onto An d. Dammheide, turn left onto Solmsstraße, turn right.

### International Rail Stations

Frankfurt (Main) Airport Fernbahnhof, 60549 Frankfurt am Main, Germany.

Frankfurt (Main) Hbf, 60329 Frankfurt am Main, Germany.

Frankfurt Airport Regional, 60549 Frankfurt am Main, Germany.

Frankfurt Airport long-distance station at Frankfurt-Süd, 60549 Frankfurt, Germany.

Frankfurt Bahnhof Flughafen at Terminal 2, 60549 Frankfurt am Main, Germany.

### Bus

Look for buses going to Frankfurt (Main) Katharinenkreisel or Frankfurt (Main) An der Dammheide.

### Tram


You can reach the nearest tram station at Frankfurt An der Dammheide by taking line 17 (from Frankfurt Hauptbahnhof).

### Metro

Frankfurt has a metro system called the U-Bahn. The nearest station to the Radisson Blu Hotel is Frankfurt (Main) Kirchplatz (26 minutes walk).

## OVERVIEW

# 2024 ESA INVESTOR FORUM



**The 20th ESA Investor Forum will take place on the 9th and 10th of December in Frankfurt, Germany's financial hub.**

The event will bring together governmental and public institution officials, financing experts, as well as pioneering space companies with aims to better understand and discuss some of the main ongoing commercial dynamics and programmes in Europe.

The 20th ESA Investor forum will highlight key space market opportunities for European investors via high-profile keynotes and panel discussions about the latest economic, technology and policy drivers in the sector, alongside pitches from European industry players.

## AGENDA

# 2024 ESA INVESTOR FORUM

## Day 1

- 15:00** Opening of ESA Investor Forum 2024
- 15:45** **Part 1 - Space Safety: a European Market Opportunity**
- 17:00** Networking Session
- 17:30** **Part 2 - In-space Transportation to Unleash the Orbital Economy**
- 19:15** Closing Remarks
- 19:30** Dinner Buffet

## Day 2

- 09:00** Opening of Day Two
- 09:30** **Part 3 - Commercial Space Stations and Commercial Space Flight**
- 10:45** Networking Session
- 11:15** **Part 4 - Telecommunications**
- 12:30** The ESA Marketplace
- 12:45** Lunch Break
- 13:45** Announcement
- 14:00** **Part 5 - Space Policy: European and German Perspective**
- 15:00** Pitch Award Ceremony
- 15:30** Future Outlook and Closing Remarks

Consult the updated agenda on: <https://commercialisation.esa.int/event/esa-investor-forum-2024/>

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# ESA INVESTOR NETWORK

## FACILITATING FUNDING IN THE SPACE SECTOR

**+60**  
**INVESTORS**  
**IN THE**  
**NETWORK**

**The ESA Investor Network connects space start-ups, potential investors and ESA programmes.**

This network facilitates investors to enter the sector, while helping start-ups identify funding opportunities.

Acting as intermediary, it organises matchmaking sessions for investors and companies, provide training for investors and support the investment process. The network also provides support to programmes within ESA that require co-funding for their activities and help them link with suitable investors.

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