

The Challenge

Mercedes-Benz is looking for smart innovation for future mobility enabled by space solutions. Join the Mercedes-Benz car2space Challenge at INNOspace Masters:

- Explore Earth observation data for autonomous and electric vehicles, leverage weather and climate monitoring or invent solutions for supply chain monitoring
- To meet tomorrow's connectivity needs, design hybrid telecommunication solutions (terrestrial x orbital), ad-hoc networks and enabling technologies.
- In the field of navigation & mapping, create new technology applications and mobility services.
- Innovate with cutting edge technologies such as Digital Tech (AI/ML, digital twins, simulations), Situational Awareness (sensors like camera, radar, lidar, etc.) & Infotainment (app-based interactions, AR/VR/MR)
- Develop Hardware-based innovations and Novel Materials or discover solutions to improve Efficiency (system complexity, energy savings, emission reduction)

Your Reward

- Opportunity to learn about how to meet end user needs
- Implement a Proof of Concept cofunded by Mercedes-Benz and supported by inhouse experts
- Opportunity to pitch Proof of Concept to company executives and receive coaching, mentoring and support for creating an automotive product and/or service
- Opportunity to learn about potentials of technology transfer and an industrial scale-up opportunity
- Access to and support from experts at
 Mercedes-Benz Research and Development departments

















The Evaluation Criteria

- There is a clear relevance to the topics of the Mercedes-Benz car2space Challenge and it is a strategic fit to the company's position.
- The project course is realistic and the resource planning is appropriate.
- The idea / solution is technically feasible.
- The potential for consumer demand and the chance for commercial success are high.
- The degree of innovation is high.
- Professional expertise and prior experience are fully demonstrated.
- The team members' competences and skills complement each other excellently.

The Partner

Mercedes-Benz AG is part of the Mercedes-Benz Group AG with a total of around 166,000 employees worldwide and is responsible for the global business of Mercedes Benz Cars and Mercedes-Benz Vans. The company focuses on the development, production and sales of passenger cars, vans and vehicle-related services. Furthermore, the company aspires to be the leader in the fields of electric mobility and vehicle software. The product portfolio comprises the Mercedes-Benz brand with Mercedes-AMG, Mercedes-Maybach, and G-Class with their allelectric models as well as products of the smart brand. The Mercedes me brand offers access to the digital services from Mercedes-Benz. Mercedes-Benz AG is one of the world's largest manufacturers of luxury passenger cars.

Learn more

Eligibility & Submission information

To ensure that your team or institution is eligible for the challenge and that your submission can be processed successfully, please adhere to the following prerequisites:

Eligible are institutions from the science and industry sector as well as start-ups and SMEs

- from space and non-space sectors
- from Germany, Europe and worldwide

For the **submission** of the proposal, the use of the ISM submission platform is mandatory: https://innospace-masters.awardsplat-form.com/

In the **submission** process you can also upload a short video with your proposal presenting your idea.

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15 February to23 April 2024



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The timeline – Important dates for you!

Submission phase 15 February to 23 April 2024 Evaluation Select TOP 8 Until 14 June 2024 Online Pitches Select TOP 3 14 June to 30 June 2024 Evaluation in Bonn Select TOP 1 8 July to 9 July 2024 Final event Berlin 9 October 2024















