



## **Clarification Note #1**

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### **Cassini Challenges Prize Contest**

**Question #1: I am a non-EU national currently studying in Germany. Is that status enough to be able to take part of Cassini?**

**Answer #1:** This depends on whether the applicant is a natural or a legal person. In the first case, the eligibility will be determined based on the nationality. Should, however, the applicant be a legal person the eligibility will be determined according to different criteria (i.e. formed in accordance with the law of EU Member States [...], central administration / registered office / principal place of business in an EU Member State [...]). For reference see section 2.4 of the published Terms of Reference.

**Question #2: Is there any platform where applicants can look for other people to form a team?**

**Answer #2:** No, there is no dedicated platform serving this purpose.

**Question #3: Are UK based businesses eligible to apply for this competition?**

**Answer #3:** No, companies established in the UK are not eligible to participate in the Cassini Challenges 2023, for reference see the Eligibility criteria in section 2.4 of the published Terms of Reference.

**Question #4: Can we apply for the Idea track even though we already have a prototype ready?**

**Answer #4:** Applicants should select a track depending on the maturity of their solution at the time of the submission. Please see section 2.3 of the published terms of reference.

**Question #5: Is there any comparison from the earlier stage (participation of the “Idea track” of the MyEUSpace Competition) included in the evaluation process of the Cassini Challenges “Prototype Track”?**

**Answer #5:** Applications submitted in different tracks are evaluated independently.

**Question #6: Are there any restrictions on how to use the monetary prize for further development?**

**Answer #6:** No, a prize is a financial contribution given as a reward following a contest, and there are no restrictions on the use of the monetary prize.

**Question #7: Is it possible to participate in the “Prototype Track” with a prototype that includes the exchange of data with/from another space startup? It’s a platform provider that enables us for lean development and testing of our data models, which is only one part of our prototype.**



**Answer #7:** According to the published Terms of Reference (section 2.4) it is possible to participate in the contest as individuals but also as a team composed by economic operators (legal and natural persons). In case further clarifications are needed, please provide us with additional information as we do not have sufficient elements to precisely address your question.

**Question #8: If a company is registered in the EU but founders are not EU nationals is the company eligible to apply?**

**Answer #8:** Please refer to Answer #1.

**Question #9: What is the link to the official Application Platform?**

**Answer #9:** <https://cassinichallenges.awardsplatform.com/>

**Question #10: If an idea was awarded in the past, but it pivoted, can the "idea track" be attended again?**

**Answer #10:** Participants of previous EUSPA prize contests or any other prize contest funded by the European Union who were awarded a prize for a certain action are not eligible to participate in the present prize contest should they wish to apply *with the same action* (see the section 2.4 "Eligibility criteria" of the Terms of Reference: "the contest is not open to [...] beneficiaries of other EU funding for the same action"). Participants having been awarded a EUSPA or other EU-funded prize wishing to apply to Cassini Challenges should demonstrate that the solution they propose *is not the same* as the one previously subject to an award. The assessment of the "same action" will be performed by the evaluation committee for each track after the submission deadline.

**Question #11: Is there a limit to the size of the applicant? I.e. each EU individual can apply, but could a large company apply as well?**

**Answer #11:** There is no limitation in terms of size of the legal entity applying. For reference see the Eligibility criteria in section 2.4 of the published Terms of Reference.

**Question #12: It seems previously there has been activities / ideas winning the competition. If so, can we see the past winners to avoid duplicity?**

**Answer #12:** Applicants can have a look at the winners of the previous prize contest on the EUSPA website: <https://www.euspa.europa.eu/myeuspace-competition-winners-2022>

**Question #13: We would like to develop software solutions using the EU space data, where can we get the data from to build our solution around it?**

**Answer #13:** Multiple data access points exist in the Copernicus programme. The new Data Access Service (DAS) <https://dataspace.copernicus.eu/> is the most recent operational access point. In



addition, the Earth Observation data from Copernicus satellites can be accessed via Entrusted Entities in form of services <https://www.copernicus.eu/en/copernicus-services>, via multiple solution providers and via some still operating Data Information Access Services (DIASes) <https://www.wekeo.eu/>.

Regarding Galileo data, Galileo-enabled receivers can receive the signals broadcast by the Galileo satellites and process them to compute position.

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