

AUSTRIAN SPACE DAYS 2026

13-14 October 2026
Vienna Airport, Austria

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Visit of the Indian Delegation &

"Industrialization by design" in the European space sector

📅 13 - 14 October 2026

📍 Conference Center, Office Park 4
1300 Vienna Airport, Austria

The Austrian Space Days are the central European platform to connect the local space industry with international players, discuss current developments and identify future business potential.

**2
days**

**30
speakers**

**150
attendees**

The **Austrian Space Days 2026** are dedicated to a new industrial reality: space is evolving from a research-driven field to a scalable industry with clear design, production and value creation principles. Europe – and Austria in particular – plays a vital role in this evolution.

The motto "**Industrialization by Design**" describes this change: space systems are designed for scalability, reliability and cost-effectiveness from the start – away from one-off productions and towards industrial products.

International speakers will shed light on the transformation of the space industry towards platform architectures, series production, in orbit manufacturing, and software-defined systems.

On 13 October 2026, the Austrian Space Days will be preceded by an **exclusive Austria-India Space Industry Workshop** at the VIE Space Hub. The workshop is designed to foster concrete business opportunities, facilitate industrial partnerships and strengthen bilateral cooperation in both upstream and downstream space activities. Through company pitches, targeted matchmaking sessions and direct exchange with institutional stakeholders, participants will explore collaboration opportunities in one of the world's fastest-growing space markets.

The Austrian Space Days are hosted by accent Inkubator and Brimatech, in cooperation with ESA, the Federal Ministry Innovation, Mobility and Infrastructure Republic of Austria (BMIMI), the Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG), the Austrian Economic Chambers (WKÖ), and the province of Lower Austria.

Cooperation partners

- ESA
- BMIMI
- WKÖ
- FFG / ALR
- Austrospace
- Province of Lower Austria
- Vienna Airport

Who should attend?

Innovators of the space community and the automotive industry in Austria and Europe:

- CEOs and decision-makers
- Top and middle management
- Representatives of the European space industry

Confirmed Speakers



Josef Aschbacher

Director General,
European Space Agency (ESA)



Peter Hanke

Minister for Climate Action,
Environment, Energy, Mobility,
Innovation and Technology, BMIMI



Johanna Mikl-Leitner

Governor of Lower Austria



Margit Mischkulnig

Head of Department for Space Affairs
and Aviation Technologies, BMIMI



Andreas Geisler

Head of Aeronautics and
Space Agency, FFG

Agenda

Day 1 (October 13th 2026)- "Indian – Austrian Matchmaking"

12:00 – 13:00	Networking Lunch & Registration
13:00 – 13:10	Welcome & Objectives
13:10 – 13:25	Austria Statement (BMIMI)
13:25 – 13:40	India Statement
13:40 – 13:55	ISRO Perspective Cooperation Opportunities
13:55 – 14:10	Austrian Spacew Ecosystem
14:10 – 14:30	COFFEE BREAK
14:30 – 15:15	Indian Company Pitches (3 min each)
15:15 – 16:00	Austrian Company Pitches (3 min each)
16:00 – 18:00	Bilateral Matchmaking Sessions
18:00 – 18:15	Wrap up & Next Steps

Day 2 (October 14th 2026)- "Industrialization by Design" in the European space sector

09:00 – 09:30	WELCOME by Governor Johanna Mikl-Leitner, BM Peter Hanke, ESA DG Josef Aschbacher, LR Stefan Pernkopf, Airport Board Member Günther Ofner
09:30 – 09:50	KEYNOTE – The importance of industrialization in the European space sector Josef Aschbacher, DG, ESA
09:50 – 10:10	COFFEE BREAK
10:10 – 10:25	CEO KEYNOTE – European success stories 1
10:25 – 10:40	CEO KEYNOTE – European success stories 2
10:40 – 10:55	International Panel
10:55 – 11:25	Austrospace CEO Panel "Scaling up Space in Austria"
11:25 – 11:45	COFFEE BREAK
11:45 – 12:00	KEYNOTE – Commercialisation with the ESA ScaleUp programme Philip Thomas, Head of ScaleUp Programme, ESA
12:00 – 12:30	PANEL – ESA Near Me "What ESA can do for you" ESA Phi-Lab Austria, ESA Technology Broker Austria, ESA Spark Funding, ESA BIC Austria, ESA Lab

12:30 – 12:45	PANEL – Scientific missions and education “The next generation in SpaceTech”
12:45 – 13:50	LUNCH BREAK & EXHIBITION
13:50 – 14:20	PITCHES – “Resilience in space”
14:20 – 14:35	KEYNOTE – Research on security in space
14:35 – 14:50	KEYNOTE – Industrialization for resilience
14:50 – 15:20	PANEL – Security and defence
15:20 – 15:40	COFFEE BREAK
15:40 – 15:55	CEO KEYNOTE – Bringing Launches back to Europe
15:55 – 16:30	PANEL – Launches in Europe
16:30 – 18:00	Get Together and drinks

Multipliers & Network Partners

- WKÖ
- IV
- Automotive Cluster Stmk
- Automotive Cluster Upper Austria
- LCM
- Senat der Wirtschaft

Participation fee

Participation in the **Austrian Space Days 2026** is free of charge.

Exhibition

Parallel to the conference programme, there will be a showcase of local key players and start-ups. All coffee breaks and lunches will take place directly in the exhibition area.

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