

ESA, SME4SPACE, AKRK Interactive Q&A Session for European Space SMEs

**Wednesday, November 20th 2019
14:00 – 16:00**

European SMEs (both start-ups and established SME) are invited to contribute to an “Interactive Questions & Answers Session” organised by ESA (SME Office), SME4SPACE (the European Panel of Space SME Associations) and AKRK (German Space SME). This event is dedicated to SME, who are keen to learn more how they can be supported and directly interact with ESA’s SME Office, SME4SPACE and AKRK.

All participating SME have the chance to highlight the kind of support they would like to receive, to propose needed actions that should be taken by Associations and ESA SME Office or to report their eventual experiences, be it negative or positive, in space business and in receiving support from the inviting entities.

Agenda

- 14:00 How can the SME Associations support you.**
 - *Hans Bracquené, SME4SPACE Chairman*
 - *Ernst K. Pfeiffer, AKRK Spokesman*

- 14:30 How the Harmonisation process can help SME technology developments**
 - *Marco Freire, ESA Harmonisation Team*

- 14:45 How can the ESA SME Office support you.**
 - *Jens Kauffmann, Head of ESA SME Office*

- 15:00 Open Q&A: SME expectations on support to be received and/or experiences on support received and/or suggestions for improvements and actions**
 - *SME policy (ESA-policy and individual national policies)*
 - *Role of SME4SPACE and AKRK*
 - *Communication, Trainings, Access to ESA-Facilities*
 - *Technology Developments*
 - *Contribution to ESA-missions*
 - *Global Market*
 - *Financial and Contractual Aspects*

- 15:45 Wrap-up**

- 16:00 Early Cocktail with “Get-Together”**