

The SPACE PROPULSION Conference, organized by the Association Aéronautique et Astronautique de France in close collaboration with ESA, ASI, CNES, DLR and industries, is the international forum supporting the preparation of future activities and roadmaps in all the fields of Space Propulsion. The program of the event highlights programmatic and technical issues and promotes exchange of views and information in the two main areas of propulsion for Spacecraft and for Space Transportation.

For this 10th edition, more than 700 professionals from over 30 countries are expected, gathering engineers and scientists from government, university and industry. Plenary roundtables will bring a specific focus on *Challenging the scale economics and industrialisation for future propulsion in a competitive environment*.

TAKE PART IN THE START-UP CONTEST !

This « Start-Up Contest » organized with the support of accelerators and investors, is aiming to promote new talents and shed light on innovative solutions and technological breakthroughs.

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- **Before March 23rd, 2026** : Apply to participate in the contest at spacepropulsion@3af.fr
→ Ask application file, fill out the information & send back documents and/or a 3min presentation video.
- **By or before April 2nd, 2026** : jury composed of sponsors and partners from **SPACE PROPULSION 2026 Technical Committees, Venture Capital Companies and Accelerators** will select 8 finalist candidates.
- **From May 18th to 21st in Bari (Italy) for the entire conference** : the 8 start-up finalists will benefit of **1 high desk on the Start-up zone of exhibition + 1 complementary participant badge (value 2300€)**.
- **On Wednesday May 20th, 2026** : during the plenary session, the 8 start-up finalists will **present their 3-minute pitch** and participate in a Q&A session with the jury.
Onsite presence to this session in Bari is required.
- **On May 20th, 2026** : At the Gala Dinner, the **winners will be announced** and allocated great prizes.

PRIZES

The 8 start-up finalists will benefit of 1 high desk on the Start-up zone of exhibition on SP2026 including a participant badge (value 2300€)

Winners : 6sqm booth on SP2028 edition + 1 year 3AF membership

Special recognition prize by DTA : access to testing infrastructure in line with GATB capabilities

Information and applications before March 23rd, on www.3af-spacepropulsion.com & spacepropulsion@3af.fr