

Organizers of the Odysseus Contest



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Space Expo, since 1990, is the first museum with a permanent exhibition about space flight and the official visitors center of ESA's establishment ESTEC in The Netherlands. Space Expo is also a platform where industry, NGO's, government and schools meet with each other, and with experts and astronauts from ESA. Above that, Space Expo acts as a window display where current and future missions and developments are shown to the public, to stakeholders and relations, to industrial partners and to the different levels of government, national and international.



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Dare to dream... dare to discover... dare to create

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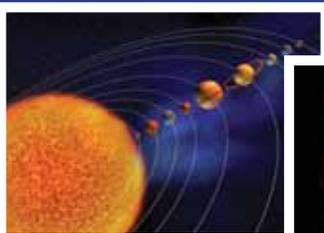


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About Odysseus Contest

The Odysseus contest aims at engaging and inspiring students around Europe in the "New Frontier", by implementing a **European Scientific Contest** on Space exploration themes. Young students are given the opportunity to create their own science project combining creativity, intelligence and innovation. The contest, aspires to integrate ongoing educational activities on science in a pan-European perspective, providing the opportunity for young pupils to compete with their peers from different European countries.

The Odysseus contest challenges students between the ages of **14 and 18 years old** from all EU countries to **develop a project on space exploration**, using their knowledge, creativity and critical thinking. Students wishing to participate need to form **teams of 2 to 5 members** plus a teacher as a facilitator. Teams participating in the Odysseus may choose to compete in one of the following three major theme categories:



Solar System



Spaceship –
Global cooperation



Co-evolution of life

Contest Themes

Participating teams will first compete at national level where one team will be declared as winner in each of the three categories. Winning teams from all countries will then compete at European level, so as to declare the best project in Europe for every category of the contest.

The winning team of every category will be granted with **a trip to the Netherlands** in April 2013 where they will have the opportunity to visit the **SPACE EXPO** and present their project during the Odysseus Award Ceremony while they will also have a chance to **visit ESA's technical center ESTEC** (European Space Research and Technology Centre).

Key Dates

May 1st, 2012: Opening of Teams' Registrations

July 1st, 2012: Opening of entries Submission

January 8th, 2013: Team Registrations closing

January 15th, 2013: Closing of entries Submission

February 1st, 2013: Announcement of Winners at National level

March 1st, 2013: Announcement of Winners at European level

For further information and registration check the Odysseus Contest Website:

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