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Space data like Earth observation (EO) and satellite navigation data offer great potential for the creation of innovative products and services for business and society nowadays. Multiple application fields, among them also smart and precise agriculture, can profit from these data. AZO is organizing two innovation competitions which are looking for new high-tech applications making use of these space data: the European Satellite Navigation Competition (ESNC) and the Copernicus Masters.

The ESNC has nowadays become the largest innovation network for high-tech solutions making use of satellite navigation data. Annually, different prizes are given out by renowned partners and over 20 European high-tech regions in order to promote the Galileo User Uptake across Europe and beyond.

The Copernicus Masters, launched in 2011 by AZO on behalf of ESA and with strong support of renowned partners, is annually looking for new applications in Earth observation (EO) fostering the Copernicus User Uptake. With the expansion of the Copernicus Space Component every year, 16 prize categories nowadays enable solutions that tackle global challenges.

The competitions provide support for innovative ideas at each development stage, with the ultimate aim to turn them into real business cases. They serve as Europe-wide and effective support mechanism for entrepreneurs and startups thanks to a highly diversified prize pool worth more than EUR 1.6 Million offered by more than 150 GNSS and EO-related partners.

Previous winners have demonstrated the ESNC's and Copernicus Masters' ability to foster the development of value-added downstream services in various service domains and stimulate economic growth, especially in Europe.

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