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THE SPACE INDUSTRY AS A BUSINESS
DRIVING INNOVATION AND KNOWLEDGE-BASED ECONOMY



OCTOBER 16.
9:00 - 12:00



HUN-REN Központ
1054 Budapest, Alkotmány u. 29.



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The **Swedish Chamber of Commerce in Hungary**, the **French-Hungarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry** cordially invite you to a **Conference & Roundtable Discussion** for decision-makers and professionals on

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Date:

October 16, 2025 (Thursday), 9:00–12:00
Registration and coffee from 8:30

Venue:

HUN-REN Headquarters
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Why is the space industry emerging as one of the most promising high-tech sectors of the future — and what opportunities does it offer for businesses beyond aerospace?

Valued at USD 630 billion in 2023, the global space industry is on track to **reach USD 1.8 trillion by 2035**. Built on international collaboration and complex global value chains, its influence extends far beyond science and technology.

From satellite systems to AI and automation, **innovations in the space sector are shaping solutions to some of today's most pressing global challenges**—including climate change, precision agriculture, and digital infrastructure. For Hungary, this dynamic industry offers a strategic opportunity to leverage its strong engineering capabilities and research talent.

The space flight of Hungarian astronaut Tibor Kapu marks not only a national milestone but also a catalyst for broader engagement between the space sector and the business community.

We invite you to join us for a business breakfast to explore:



- **Which companies are already succeeding** in the space industry—and what can we learn from them?
- **How can non-space businesses** tap into this fast-growing sector?
- **What are the pathways to participate**—as suppliers, technology developers, or innovation partners?

Agenda:

8:30-9:00 Arrival, registration, coffee corner

9:00-9:10 Opening remarks:

- Roland JAKAB, CEO of HUN-REN; President, Swedish Chamber of Commerce in Hungary
- László KÁROLYI, President, CCI France Hongrie
- H.E. Jonathan LACÔTE, Ambassador of France to Hungary
- Hannes TORDENGREN, Deputy Ambassador of Sweden to Hungary

9:10-9:45 KEYNOTE PRESENTATIONS: National and International Perspectives

- Dr. Orsolya FERENCZ, Ministerial Commissioner for Space Research – Department for HUNOR Hungarian Astronaut Programme, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- Tibor KAPU, Research Astronaut – Department for HUNOR Hungarian Astronaut Programme, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (*invited*)

9:45-10:05 Space & Health: Innovation in Space and on Earth

- Dr. Péter FERDINANDY, Vice-Rector for Science and Innovation, Semmelweis University: “Space & Health: Pharmaceutical Research and Healthcare Innovation in Space and on Earth” (*invited*)
- Dr. Ádám SCHLÉGL, HUNOR Research specialist – Additional reflection

10:05-10:15 Coffee break / networking

10:15-10:50 KEYNOTE PRESENTATIONS: Industrial Policy and Economic Perspectives

- Szabolcs SZOLNOKI, Deputy State Secretary for Technology, Space Industry and Defence Industry, Ministry of National Economy
- Dr. István SÁRHEGYI, CEO – 4iG Space and Technology Zrt.

10:50-11:50 Panel Discussion: The Space Industry's Connections with Companies from Various Sectors

Moderator: László KÁROLYI, President, CCI France Hongrie

Panelists:

- Tamás BÁRCZY, President – HUNSPACE Cluster
- Szabolcs BELLA, Managing Director – Aedus Space Kft.
- Zoltán HAFNER, Business Development Manager – Remred Zrt.
- Roland JAKAB, CEO – HUN-REN
- György NAGY, Managing Director – Sigma Technology Hungary Kft.
- Prof. Dr. Levente KOVÁCS, Rector – Óbuda University (*invited*)

11:50-12:00 Q&A and Closing Remarks

12:00 - Informal networking, Sandwich Lunch

The language of the event will be English

Participation:

Please confirm your participation **by October 12, 2025** here: [REGISTRATION](#)

If you cannot open the link, please register by email at info@ccifrance-hongrie.org, providing your billing details.

Participation fee:

- **SCCH and FHCCI members: 16,900 + VAT**
- **Members of Partner organizations: 19,900 + VAT**
- **Non-members: 26,900 + VAT**

Cancellations will be accepted until October 12, 2025. After this date, cancellation entails payment obligations.

