



## Launch of the New ESINET Network

The „new“ network will receive its premiere at the EBN Annual Congress in Canterbury, Kent (UK), 20<sup>th</sup> of June 2007

Starting from June 2007, the ESINET Network will be given a new organisational structure.

In July 2002, the European Space Incubators Network (ESINET) was launched by four partners (ESA, EBN, Wallonia Space Logistics and D'Appolonia), as an experimental thematic platform for the transfer of knowledge and technologies in the field of space. Today, the ESINET network comprises 34 partners, in 16 different countries. Beginning of 2007, the European Space Agency invited EBN, the European Business and Innovation Centre Network to integrate ESINET as a thematic component of the EBN network and to further professionalize and deploy its operations.

The new ESINET will be launched with a dedicated space thematic session at the EBN Congress "Global Innovation Bridges – A new generation of

Business and Innovation Centres" in Canterbury (Kent, UK).

Participation in the ESINET network is open to any business incubation centre or other organisation which provides entrepreneurs, innovative SMEs and start-ups with operational services and know-how, in a state of the art technical environment, and which have a special focus on making use of space technology or systems for non-space applications.

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Join us at the Kick-off of the New ESINET

**Date:** 20 June 2007

**Place:** EBN Congress 2007 - International Study Centre Canterbury, Kent (UK)  
(Located within the gates of Canterbury Cathedral)

12:00-13:00	<b>Networking Lunch</b> <b>Official Launch of the ,new' ESINET Network</b> Jean-François Balducchi— <i>President of EBN</i> Philippe Vanrie— <i>CEO of EBN</i>
13:00-13:20	<b>ESINET—The ESA Perspective &amp; Future Strategy</b> Frank M. Salzgeber <i>Head of Technology Transfer, European Space Agency</i> <i>Chairman of the ESINET Managing Committee</i>
13:20-13:40	<b>ESINET NETWORK: Supporting SMEs &amp; Enhancing Participation in European Projects</b> Florence Ghiron <i>CEO of Capital High Tech</i>
13:40-14:00	<b>ESINET NETWORK: The Incubator Perspective</b> Thorsten Rudolph <i>CEO Anwendungszentrum GmbH Oberpfaffenhofen</i>
14:00-14:20	<b>Expectations from ESINET</b> Adam Tucker <i>Business Executive, HBIC- Hertfordshire Business Incubation Centre</i>
14:20-14:45	<b>General Discussion</b>
14:45-15:00	<b>Closing Remarks and Conclusions</b> Robert Sanders <i>Head of European Projects, EBN</i>