

What's new at ESA Solaris?

For the latest news, follow ESA SOLARIS on LinkedIn. ESA has signed contracts for two parallel concept studies for commercial-scale Space-Based Solar Power plants, representing a crucial step in the Agency's new SOLARIS initiative - maturing the feasibility of gathering solar energy from space for terrestrial clean energy needs.

How can ESA help Europe achieve space-based solar power (SBSP)?

ESA is targeting both ambitions by enabling European academia and industry to take further steps towards space-based solar power (SBSP). For satellites orbiting high above Earth, outside the atmosphere, sunlight is on average more than 10 times more intense than on the ground in Europe.

Can space-based solar power help decarbonise the energy sector?

Recent studies funded by the Preparation element of ESA's Basic Activities programme, show the concept, called Space-Based Solar Power, is theoretically workable and could support the path to decarbonising the energy sector. However, significant uncertainties and technical challenges remain.

Can space-based solar power be used for terrestrial energy needs?

ESA commissioned in early 2022, two independent cost benefit studies of Space Based Solar Power for terrestrial energy needs from Frazer-Nash in the UK and Roland Berger in Germany. The studies concluded that:

Can space based solar power achieve net zero goals?

mass of debris humanity has created. There is significant interest in pursuing Space Based Solar Power (SBSP) technology, recently renewed due to the need to decarbonise the energy supply in order to achieve Net Zero goals and a recent focus on achieving energy security. Achieving Net Zero targets will require wholesale change to the European energy system.

Could space-based solar power deliver cost-competitive electricity generation?

While requiring substantial development, space-based solar power (SBSP) could deliver cost-competitive electricity generation, de-risking the path by providing a future source of clean, base-load energy by 2040 or earlier.

Currently, a fascinating concept is experiencing a revival: the study of Space-Based Solar Power harvesting clean energy from space. Solar power satellites benefit from higher solar illumination, unfiltered by atmospheres, and have the ...

All ten flight model solar panels for ESA's JUICE spacecraft have been delivered to Airbus Defence and Space Netherlands ready to be integrated into solar wings. The solar ...

The European Space Agency (ESA) is collaborating with policymakers, energy suppliers, and space companies under the Solaris initiative to assess the feasibility of space ...

Below is the list of projects implemented through the Open Space Innovation Platform Campaign "New Ideas for Solar Power from Space".SPS Station Keeping Using Solar Radiation Pressure for Propulsion (Emerald ...

The underlying concept of Space-Based Solar Power dates back to the prehistory of the Space Age. In 1923 Russian theorist Konstantin Tsiolkovsky, one of the original prophets of space travel, proposed deploying a system of ...

The NASA Office of Technology, Policy and Strategy released their report (pdf), on Space-Based Solar Power in January 2024, concluding that improvements in some key areas of space ...

Space-Based Solar Power Delivers solar energy from space to Earth Stakeholder Interchange Workshop December 13, 2023 @ ESA-ESTEC. 2 C O2, Cost & Energy ...

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12:30 Q& A panel with session speakers 12:45 Lunch - plant-based food menu 13:45 Keynote 8: Transforming Space Solar Power from a Novel Concept to a Bankable ...

Space-based solar power could provide Earth with clean and reliable energy, 24 hours a day. As part of its SOLARIS initiative, ESA is inviting researchers to help advance our knowledge of key aspects of collecting solar ...

Space Based Solar Power is a promising solution to closing this gap. Power beamed down from space would be clean, scalable, affordable and available anywhere in the world. ... ESA developing Space-Based Solar ...

Beam capture and energy conversion The energy beam is captured with photovoltaic cells or with an antenna that converts electromagnetic energy into electricity. Satellites can beam energy down to a single ground ...

This conference follows-on from the highly successful 1 st ESA Space-based Solar Power for Net Zero 2050 Workshop that was held in Dec 2021 where more than 300 participants came together online to exchange for ...

For ESA Official Use Only -ESA Unclassified 4 Space-Based Solar Power Delivers solar energy from space to Earth Green, 24/7, affordable, scalable, secure and available to ...

Through SOLARIS, ESA is bringing together policymakers, energy suppliers and space companies to investigate the feasibility of developing and implementing space-based ...

Designing Space-Based Solar. Beaming solar energy from space is not new; telecommunications satellites have been sending microwave signals generated by solar power back to Earth since the 1960s.

The initiative, named SOLARIS, raises the tantalising prospect of clean, scalable energy beamed down continuously from orbit to back up weather-dependent renewables and ...

But Space-Based Solar Power can also work for the Moon. As part of ESA's Open Space Innovation Platform Campaign on "Clean Energy - New Ideas for Solar Power from Space", a study undertaken by Switzerland's ...

In December 2021, ESA hosted an international workshop on Space-based Solar Power for Net Zero by 2050, which attracted more than 360 people from both the space and non-space sectors. The goal was to explore ...

Hence, why ESA is now collaborating with European industry to produce two independent designs for space-based solar power satellites. They are also beginning a technology development programme on solar cells and large ...

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