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Dear Reader,

To wish you All the Best for the Festive Seasons and for 2023, we could not restrain from asking a well known online (Open) AI generator to produce an image under the description "PlanetS Technology and Innovation Christmas tree" ...it took several iterations, have to say! ;)

Welcome to the 7th issue of the newsletter of the Technology & Innovation Platform (TIP) of PlanetS!

We give the floor to Dr. Anna Boehle, PlanetS alumna, who writes about her Externship at Micos Engineering GmbH.

"I was able to get a sense of the engineering process at a few different stages and see the differences between academia and industry firsthand [...] Since finishing my postdoc

contract at ETH, I have been employed by Micos as an engineer."

[read more](#)

The Externship program is one of the funding scheme of the TIP, to support Knowledge transfer with Industry. More info in the box below.

In 2022, the PlanetS TIP co-organized and participated to several events.



ELT Instruments Day 2022 - April 7th

The TIP supported and contributed to the organization of the Swiss Industry Liaison Office event, to bring together the ESO management, the Extremely Large Telescope (ELT) Instruments leaders and the Industries interested in business opportunities. One of the first in-person events after the pandemics, it saw the participation of 140 people in presence and 45 on-line.

[more](#)



Astronomical Innovations to market - June 3rd

During the meeting, co-organized by the TIP and the Science Innovation Hub at UniGE, researchers interested in entrepreneurship discovered the support they can get from the TIP and the Innovation Offices at the PlanetS member institutes. [more](#)



Europlanet Policy & Industry Engagement at EPSC 2022 - Sept 22nd

The TIP is part of the Europlanet Industry Officers network in planetary science and joined the annual meeting, with a short (on-line) intervention. [more](#)



Big Science Business Forum - Oct 4th - 7th

The TIP Executive Officer joined the bi-annual main congress that gathers Industries and Big Science Organizations. The occasion to network with European colleagues from Industry and KT Officers. RDV in 2024, in Trieste, Italy! [more](#)

Bench2Biz - Nov.14th - 21st

The annual appointment to coach 10 teams of aspiring entrepreneurs and guide them in the basic steps to understand if and how their idea can be brought to market. Jointly organized by several NCCRs, among which PlanetS. [more](#)

Important dates in 2023:

Innosuisse Training Business Concept - Spring 2023:

Deadlines for application varies according to the region, i.e. for the West region (Geneva/Lausanne/Neuchatel) **is already the 30th of December!**

More information here:

- [West region](#)
- [Central region](#)
- [East region](#)

BRIDGE Discovery: Letter of intent Feb. 27th, Full proposal May 2nd. [more](#)

BRIDGE Proof of Concept: next deadline Mar.6th. [more](#)

Funding programs of the PlanetS TIP

Seed Funding - Call for ideas

The TIP proposes a permanent call for seed funding, to strengthen the knowledge and technology transfer between PlanetS Members, industry, technical universities and other research laboratories.

The call is open to every company, institute or research laboratory, and the rules have been kept as simple and flexible as possible. Would you like to know more about the call? [Have a look here.](#)

Externships - Knowledge transfer with a short-term project

The TIP proposes a program for PlanetS Members or Associates (postdoc or engineer) who have developed competences or ideas that could be applied to areas outside their specific research activities. The PlanetS TIP provides financial support in order to pursue your project. [More information here.](#)

If you are a company or research laboratory and would like to propose a project, let us know and/or fill out the following: [proposal of a short-term project for the external partner.](#)

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