

**To SPC, SSAC, AWG, SSEWG
and Scientific Community**

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Subject: Call for a Small mission opportunity for a launch in 2017

Dear Colleague,

I am happy to announce that the "Call for a Small mission opportunity for a launch in 2017" is being released today, soliciting proposals for small satellite missions to be implemented in the framework of ESA's Science Programme. As detailed in the actual Call, proposals covering any science theme and topic of relevance to the Cosmic Vision plan are solicited, with a ceiling to the mission's cost to ESA of 50 M€ at 2012 e.c. The deadline for the submissions of proposals is June 15, 2012, at 12:00 Central European Time.

The Call and the annex technical documentation are available at

<http://sci.esa.int/2012-S-Call>

where an interface for the proposal submission is also available.

Yours faithfully,



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