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Dear Sir/Madam,

The European Union, in the last years, has been active in Space programmes such as Galileo and GMES. Space applications are vital to our society and have a direct impact on citizens' daily lives. Space is part of the European Union's economic strategy to promote competitiveness, growth and job creation.

In order to show European citizens the importance of Space, the European Commission is launching the European Space Expo, which is an attractive exhibition featuring a display of the EU-funded space infrastructure, including the flagship Galileo and the Global Monitoring for Environment and Security (GMES) programmes.

This exhibition will present how space activities and applications have a direct impact on citizens' daily life. Over 30 000 applications rely on space technologies for instance in optimizing transport, increasing efficiency in agriculture and fisheries and help to protect the environment and improve security.

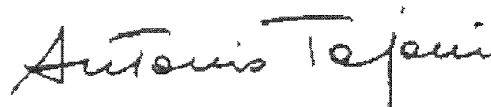
The exhibition tour will be launched in Copenhagen and will be located on Christiansborg Slotsplads from the 1st till the 5th of June. Visitors to the exhibition can see, touch and experience the wide range of innovative technologies and services that space applications offer them. Experts will be available to answer questions and provide further information.

During the next two years, the exhibition will be on tour in 20 to 30 European cities. This year, the European Space Expo will visit Toulouse, Helsinki, Brussels, Vienna, Larnaca and London.

I would like to invite you to the opening of the European Space Expo exhibition that I will personally attend on the 31st May at 11.30am.

For further information, please visit ec.europa.eu/eu-space-expo

Yours sincerely,



Antonio Tajani