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Subject: Call for a Fast Mission Opportunity in ESA's Science Programme

Dear Colleague,

I am happy to announce that a call for a Fast mission opportunity is being released today, soliciting proposals for the competitive selection of space missions to be implemented in the framework of ESA's Science Programme. As detailed in the actual call, proposals covering any science theme are solicited, with a ceiling to the mission's cost to ESA of 150 M€.

The deadline for the submissions of mandatory Phase-1 proposals is October 25, 2018, at 12:00hrs (noon) CEST. Only proposers whose proposals will have passed the Phase-1 selection will be allowed to submit a Phase-2 proposal. The deadline for the submissions of Phase-2 proposals is March 20, 2018, at 12:00hrs (noon) CET.

The call and the relevant documentation are available at:

<https://www.cosmos.esa.int/web/call-for-fast-mission-2018>

where an interface for the submission of Phase-1 and Phase-2 proposals is also available.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Günther Hasinger', is written over the typed name and title.

Prof. Günther Hasinger
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