

SPACE FOR INNOVATION AND GROWTH

RIT is a collaborative project funded by the European Union with the goal to create sustainable growth in the Swedish region of Norrbotten.

RIT will consolidate Norrbotten's role as Sweden's leading space region by expanding the sector's capacity for research and innovation through collaboration between academia, business ventures and players in the innovation ecosystem.

The project started in autumn 2015 and will last for three years. During this time the project aims to create a productive and innovative environment that attracts people, investors and new companies to the region.

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Establish a Centre of Excellence for Space Technology in Kiruna

The Centre of Excellence establishes an attractive testing and development arena where space industry and academia meet.

Collaboration between researcher expertise and industry needs create synergies where the flow of new knowledge can be developed into innovative services and products.

At the end of the project the Centre of Excellence is run by its stakeholders with a strong commitment to continued and improved collaboration.

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Implement Joint R&D Space Projects

By running joint projects, the space industry increase their expertise with research and innovation collaboration. Initially eight R&D projects, related to the development needs of the space industry, have been implemented and will contribute to a general increase in expertise. New projects will also be continuously created throughout the project. At the end of the project at least eight new products or services have been identified for further development towards commercialisation.

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Initiate an Innovation Ecosystem for the Space Business

The ecosystem for innovation examines the commercial prospects for new business ideas, with focus on analysing the market need.

The creation of a number of creative meeting places will stimulate interaction between participants in order to turn an idea into a process, product or service on the market. At the end of the project the ecosystem is integrated with the Centre of Excellence, where it will strengthen regional growth by contributing to society.

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