

The Space Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan (Azercosmos)

"Earth Observation Competition" dedicated to the theme "Mapping the Future" in 2025

Conditions

Purpose

The main purpose of the "Earth observation competition" (Competition) is to promote the use of satellite data in the country and to stimulate the development of remote sensing services in Azerbaijan. This year's competition is held under the theme "Mapping the Future." Within the framework of the competition, participants are expected to submit projects in three main directions. Participants should present projects on the development of Karabakh, predictive models using Artificial Intelligence, and innovative map design.

Organiser

The Space Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan (Azercosmos)

Eligibility

Teaching staff and students of universities, employees of research institutes, independent researchers or representatives of the public or private sector engaged in any research, as well as any individuals, can participate in the competition. Individuals aged 18-35 are eligible to be the primary author of projects submitted. The co-authors of the project are not subject to age restrictions.

Registration

- Those who wish to participate in the competition can register by filling out the participation form provided on the website www.azercosmos.az.
- The deadline for the application is **30.06.2025**. Applications received after the deadline will be evaluated within the framework of the next year's competition.
- Upon review and approval of the application(s), the participant will receive a letter of confirmation, along with a satellite imagery request form and a project submission report form.
- Upon submission of all required documents, the participant will receive Azersky archival satellite images, with processed images available if necessary. Project submissions for evaluation are accepted until **01.11.2025**. Following this deadline, the jury will conduct evaluations within one month, with results announced in November.

The participant is required to fill in all fields of the form accurately and completely.

The selection

Projects will be selected and evaluated by the Organiser on the basis of the following criteria:

- Alignment with the competition theme (the development of the Karabakh region, the creation of predictive models in various fields using AI, and innovative map design);
- The project covers the territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan;
- Extent of satellite image utilization in the project
- Relevance of the proposed topic;
- Scientific-research orientation;
- Innovativeness of the project;
- Commercial orientation, possibility of turning results into real solutions;
- Preparation of the project according to the report form provided by the Organiser.

The evaluation process of the projects will be conducted by the jury pre-appointed by the Organiser. The final decision is made by the jury and the results are documented.

The award fund intended for the winning projects is as follows:

- The 1st place winner will be awarded 5000 AZN, the 2nd place winner will be awarded 3000 AZN, and the 3rd place winner will be awarded 1500 AZN.
- Awards are also planned for additional nominations.
- Depending on the topic of the winning projects, their publication in various international publications, patents and other reward mechanisms may be provided.

The Organiser retains the freedom to select from among the projects submitted to the competition based on its internal procedures and assumes no responsibility for the outcomes of the selection process involving contest participants.

Project implementation period

The deadline for project preparation and submission for evaluation is 01.11.2024.

Provision of satellite data

Azercosmos will provide the selected participants with archival images of the Azersky satellite required for the implementation of the project free of charge. The terms and conditions of use of space imagery will be governed by the License document to be signed by the winning participants.

Confidentiality

The Organiser and participants will protect the confidentiality of the projects (the name of the selected proposal and information about it) until the results of the Competition are announced.

The Organiser shall not be liable for any damage caused by the public disclosure of the Contestant's proposal. All the participants registered in this Competition agree that the

photographs taken at the event where the results of the Competition will be announced, any information they provide or will provide to the Organiser, can be used by the Organiser in a public form, in advertising or for any purpose at any place and time, without any compensation.

Rights of the Participant

Participants will retain copyright in their submission, but participation in the Competition will not grant Participants any additional rights. The participant must ensure the integrity of the intellectual property of his proposal.

Responsibilities of participants

Participant:

- May not transfer materials provided by the Organiser to a third party without permission;
- Required to attend the event organised for the project results and, upon request, present the project outcomes to the Organiser;
- If intending to use a language other than Azerbaijani for participation in the competition, prior agreement with the Organizer is necessary.
- Is responsible for the fulfillment of their obligations and for the timely completion of the project submitted to the Competition.

Other terms and conditions

The Organiser reserves the right to change these terms and conditions at any time and to terminate the Competition, as well as to cancel the Competition without compensation to any participant. The Organiser will inform the participants about the changes of these conditions of participation in a timely manner.

These conditions are regulated by the laws of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

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