

Information regarding participation in the Dutch Pavilion during SPIE 2026

The SPIE 2026 conference

The two-yearly SPIE Astronomical Telescopes & Instrumentation conference is the largest in its sector and focuses both on ground- and space-based telescopes. More than 2000 experts, scientists, policy makers and industry representatives from all over the world will be attending the conference. The three-day exhibition, which is part of the conference, is an excellent opportunity for the Dutch industry and research institutes involved in astronomy and space instrumentation to present themselves and establish contacts with potential partners, clients and policy makers.

NOVA (The Dutch Research School for Astronomy) is organising a Dutch Pavilion during the exposition, together with sister institutes ASTRON, SRON and TNO, strategic partner TUD and a variety of Dutch companies (during SPIE 2024 these were Demcon Focal, cosine bv, DUI, JPE and VDL ETG). A joint pavilion is a great opportunity to showcase the breadth and diversity of Dutch expertise.

A large delegation of Dutch astronomy scientists and engineers is visiting the conferences and gives presentations. They act as ambassadors, attract a large number of visitors to the pavilion and can introduce them to all relevant partners and companies. During this exhibition partnerships can be initiated that lead to investments.

The Dutch Pavilion

The pavilion has a floor space of 54 m² with NL-branding. At least 1/3 of the booth is a collective "lounge" space where networking is possible (equipped with high tables and bar stools). The rest of the space is available for showcasing hardware and services via a display and exhibition space for products and hardware.

Next to the institutes, there is in total space for 5 companies. With 2 confirmed participations from industry, there is still space for 3 companies to join the booth.

The Dutch sector will be presented as a unity: the pavilion will have a large orange NL overhead banner construction. All banners at the booth will have the same NL branding frame and we make use of collective NL gadgets and relational gifts, so that we convey one message: The Netherlands is a one-stop shop for high-value expertise and instrumentation, both for ground- and space-based applications.

The companies at the booth will be in the position to speak with dignitaries and policy makers as well as technical and scientific personnel which are the ultimate users of the technology.

According to tradition, we shall organise a network reception (on an invitation base for about 50 guests) at the pavilion during the first or second day of the exhibition. This happens at the end of the day so that we have the exhibition floor and the attention of the guests for ourselves.

Practical matters

Time and location

The SPIE 2026 will be held in Copenhagen, Denmark, from 5 to 10 July, 2026, see:

<https://spie.org/conferences-and-exhibitions/astronomical-telescopes-and-instrumentation>.

Costs

We managed to acquire several subsidies, thanks to which participation in the Dutch Pavilion costs 6.000 EUR per partner, provided that all 10 available places will be filled. We do our best to get more subsidy which would further decrease the costs to about 3.000 EUR per participating company/institute.

This price also includes a “Technical pass” which grants access for one person to the entire conference without additional registration costs.

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