

Press release

## **ESPG wins DLR as tenant for Science Park BlueCircle: New era for aerospace research in Würselen**

**Cologne, 24 January 2024:** The European Science Park Group (ESPG), a real estate company specialising in science parks, has signed a lease agreement with the German Aerospace Center e.V. (DLR). DLR is renting an area of almost 2,500 square meters in the BLUECIRCLE Science Park in North Rhine-Westphalia. With a science park portfolio in science clusters, ESPG has focused on particularly innovative tenants in future-oriented sectors.

**Dr. Ralf Nöcker, CEO of ESPG AG**, comments: "The lease to DLR is a milestone in the development of BlueCircle Würselen. It underlines the attraction of our Science Park for innovative research companies, now also in the aerospace sector. DLR's decision is not only a recognition of our high-quality real estate, but also a contribution to strengthening the regional research and development landscape."

The DLR facility Technologies for Small Aircraft operates the Innovation Center for Small Aircraft Technologies (INK). This focuses on electric flying and urban mobility in the context of the vision of the Rhineland region as the mobility region of the future . It addresses scientific questions in the areas of general aviation and advanced air mobility, i.e. (inter)urban air traffic. In order to develop environmentally friendly, climate-friendly technologies for the future of air transport, DLR promotes cooperation between science, research, SMEs and industry. The aim is to realize climate-neutral and noise-reduced flying through close cooperation and networking. The new site will be used to develop and demonstrate all-electric and hybrid-electric small aircraft with a high level of practicality and improved take-off and climb parameters that enable safe, emission- and noise-optimised operation.

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## **About ESPG**

The European Science Park Group (ESPG) is a real estate company specialising in science parks. The company focuses on the development of science parks, predominantly characterised by tenants from future-oriented industries such as life sciences, green technologies or digital transformation, which benefit from the proximity to each other and the direct vicinity to universities, hospitals or research locations. ESPG's portfolio already includes 16 science parks across Europe with a total area of 126,000 square meters and a balance sheet value of around 244 million euros. The sites are generally located outside metropolitan areas, in areas that are considered science clusters or have a high concentration of innovative companies.

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