



What

ODYSSEUS project

Odysseus is a pan-European scientific contest for young people (between 14 and 18 years old) focused on three themes: **solar system**, **spaceship - global cooperation**, and **co-evolution of life**. The participants will have to create a collaborative team with up to 5 members, under the supervision of a teacher/mentor, to design and demonstrate an innovative project.

Read more in the [web site](#).

Where

A European Project

The contest will be organised in two steps:

- A national selection procedure, where a national winner in each of the 3 themes will be chosen.
- The national winners will compete at the European level, and 3 finalists in each of the 3 themes will be invited to present their projects and assist in the awards ceremony at SpaceExpo.

When

Calendar

- 1st May 2012: team registration opens;
- 1st July 2012: submission of entries opens;
- 15th January 2013: submission of entries closes;
- 1st February 2013: National (Round 1) Shortlist Announced;
- 1st March 2013: Winner Announced;
- April 2013: Award Ceremony.

Why

To inspire European youth

The ODYSSEUS project implements the [education objectives](#) of EPS. And furthermore:

- Motivates and develops students' knowledge in science, technology and collaboration through their active participation in a research project;
- Informs and encourages students to follow careers in science;
- Strengthens relations between physical societies and secondary school educators and students.

It can increase your visibility and your influence the educational issues.

Who

The organisers

- [Signosis](#) SPRL (www.signosis.eu) is an innovative consulting and research company, founded in Belgium.
- [EA](#) (Ellinogermaniki agogi scholi panagea savva A.E.) is an educational organisation of private law, officially recognised by the state, based in Greece.
- [SpaceExpo](#) is the official visitors center of ESA's establishment ESTEC in The Netherland, and is the first museum with a permanent exhibition about space flight.
- The [EPS](#) is a forum for physicists to exchange ideas. It publishes journals, organises conferences and promotes Physics in Europe.

How

Join us

In order to maximise the number of participants, please disseminate information about Odysseus to teachers, students and researchers in your country. And join us in the overall organisation! EPS encourages all Member Societies to actively participate.

Keep us informed using the online form (http://www.eps.org/?Odysseus_MSPartic) before 30th of March.