

## Press release

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## Apleona Manages Building Technology for the ESA Centre for Earth Observation in Italy

- **Already second ESA Centre after the European Space Astronomy Center (ESAC) in Spain**

Apleona is taking on the technical facility management for the ESA Centre for Earth Observation (ESRIN) in Frascati near Rome. A corresponding three-year contract was concluded with Apleona HSG Facility Management in Italy in December 2018 with the option of an extension.

The services agreed upon include maintaining and servicing all technical infrastructure for 19 buildings with a total floor area of circa 30,000 m<sup>2</sup>, including several administration buildings, meeting and conference areas, and two data centers. The parties have agreed to not disclose the volume of the contract.

Antonio Musacchio, CEO of Apleona HSG Facility Management in Italy said: "After focusing our business model on integrated facility management with an emphasis on technical services and innovations, we are now very well positioned in the Italian market for further organic growth. The contract awarded by ESA, which has been searching for precisely this kind of service provider profile in Italy, shows that we are on the right track. In addition, there is also the good reference within our group of companies through our Spanish colleagues, who are already providing services for ESA."

Apleona has in fact been managing the European Space Astronomy Center (ESAC) in Villafranca del Castillo, 30 km to the west of Madrid in Spain, since 2016. Apleona HSG Facility Management has a total of 700 employees in Italy. Its customers, both in the public and private markets, are operating in the main fields of healthcare, airports, pharmaceuticals, foods, manufacturing, automotive and the tertiary sector.

The ESA Centre for Earth Observation (ESRIN) based in Frascati, Italy, is one of the five ESA specialised centres situated in Europe. It was founded in 1966 and has been the ESA's headquarters for Earth observation missions since 2004. In addition to satellite-supported Earth observation, the tasks of ESRIN also include the Vega program (solid-propellant rockets for small satellites), development, setup, and maintenance of the ESA information system, providing European industry and institutions with easier access to space telecom infrastructure, appraising and preserving the valuable technical records of completed ESA projects (European Center for Space Records), and the operation of the coordination center for near-Earth objects.

*Image: ESRIN's ground facilities in Frascati, Italy; © ESA-S. Corvaja*

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