



## Discussion on funding strategies

On the *Svenska Rymdforskarens Samarbetsgrupp* (SRS) conference in Uppsala (March 14-15, 2023) there will be a session dedicated to discussing research funding strategies in Sweden with selected Swedish funding agencies (The Swedish Research Council, VR, and the Swedish National Space Agency, SNSA). The effects on the space sciences community will be emphasized. This community includes: Astrobiology; Astronomy; Atmospheric physics; Earth observations;  $\mu$ -gravity and life science; Solar system; Space plasma.

The discussions may cover the topics below, but are not limited to them. The list has been compiled by the SRS panel. All items below concern both SNSA and VR (but feel free to interpret the discussion point from your respective point of view). For two of the items, there is a specific comment to VR.

- Long- and short-term visions and strategies for space research in Sweden, and how to meet them. Swedish governmental perspectives (the ministry of education) on space sciences.
- The review process for research proposals: Pro and cons? How should it be organized to meet the visions and strategies?
- The composition of 'review panel' / 'scientific advisory committee' (VR/SNSA). Effects on the review. Comment to VR: Which panel handles which space science field? Pro and cons.
- Proposal success rates. Comment to VR: Comparisons between space sciences and other research fields. We would like to see statistics on success rates of the space science fields as compared to other fields, if available, or at least statistics on success rates for the different panels.
- ESA and EU: Can more be done to benefit Swedish space sciences?
- Infrastructure, e.g. national satellite programs, high-performance computing (e.g. SNIC, NAISS), data storage, EISCAT, Esrange etc. Is there a lack or an availability? Future needs and resources?
- Space research versus space industry in Sweden. Strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats?
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