



# With Rockets to the Planets

## Hello:

October 4<sup>th</sup>, on this day 61 years ago, Sputnik 1 began active space exploration and was the beginning of the area of astronautics. 61 years later, we decided to commemorate and honor this achievement with the start of 61 balloons in Peenemuende (Germany) as a symbol of hope for a peaceful future.

We have selected Peenemuende for this occasion due to the fact, that the development of the first large liquid rocket took place there. This rocket was not only the forerunner of space rockets, but rockets to be used again and again as weapons of war, bringing death and destructions.

Do you want to be part for this initiative for peace? Then send us your name, your location, and your e-mail address. This information will be printed on a small card and attached to one of the 61 balloons. They will be able to fly for up to 8 hours or more and could reach several different countries in Europe. People, who may find your balloon, should write a confirming note to your mail address. This way you may receive a message from someone in Europe.

Should you do take part; we will list your name and residence on our Internet page, NOT your Internet Address, however, unless you permit us to do so. Please see the privacy statement below. You may also send us your personal message for your "Vision for Peace" in German, Russian, or in English in order to have your message listed on our Internet page. However, your message should not exceed 400 characters.

Include your name, residency, and country, as well as your e-mail address. We would ask you to send your text and information to us no later than **September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018** to: [rcspace@t-online.de](mailto:rcspace@t-online.de).

Privacy Agreement: with your participation in this action, you agree to have your e-mail address printed on the card to be attached to the balloon and, therefore, available to persons unknown to you.

We, the organizers of this event, are the staff of the German Space magazine: "Raumfahrt Concret" [www.raumfahrt-concret.de](http://www.raumfahrt-concret.de)

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