

RUSSIA'S FIRST PRIVATE COSMODROME MAY BE BUILT IN NIZHNI NOVGOROD REGION

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There are plans for building Russia's first-ever private cosmodrome in the Nizhni Novgorod Region. A preliminary agreement on the issue was signed by the regional administration and the company CosmoCourse, a source close to the regional authorities told TASS on Wednesday.

"The Nizhni Novgorod Region has signed a preliminary agreement for cooperation in creating a cosmodrome. Several likely sites in the region are being considered," he said.

Now the project is to be coordinated with the Russian space agency Roscosmos and a number of Russian agencies.

TASS has no official confirmation of this.

Earlier, the CEO of CosmoCourse, which conducts research into a spacecraft for private suborbital flights, Pavel Pushkin, told TASS there were plans for building a cosmodrome in central Russia. He said active negotiations on the issue had been held with several regions.

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