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An initial design idea for the Barcelona Moon Team rover

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The initiative has been covered by numerous media reports. One of the most recent ones was aired by Antena 3 TV in Spain. A paper on the business and technology opportunities of the Barcelona Moon Team initiative was also presented at the Global Lunar Conference in Beijing.