

# Ecsite Space Group CALL FOR A NEW CO-CHAIR

## About the Ecsite Space Group

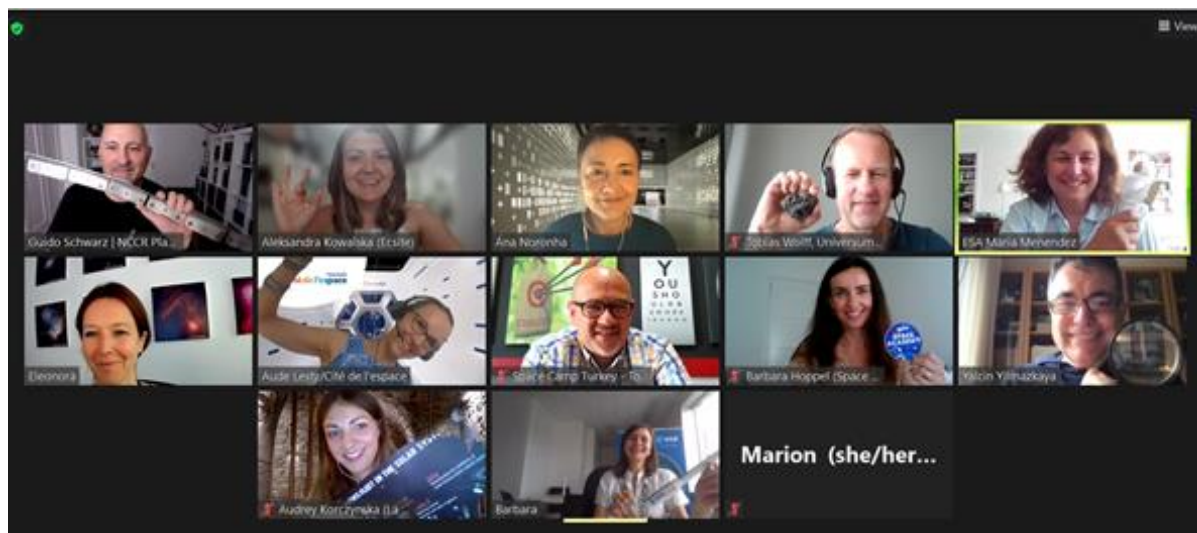
The Ecsite Space Group offers a platform for science centres and museums to improve and extend communication about ESA, National Space agencies, Space Industry, Academia and European space activities by sharing experiences, expertise, knowledge, tools, resources and best practices.

The main objectives of the Space Group are:

- Encourage all Science centres and museums to communicate about Space Science and ESA's activities.
- Initiate the development of collaborative projects between science centres and museums and the European Space Agency to better match the needs of science centres/museums right at the development stage
- Increase the knowledge and facilitate the access of science centres and museums to ESA's existing resources and information.

The group is chaired by Maria Menéndez, Head of Outreach Coordination office, European Space Agency (ESA HQ, France), Christophe Chaffardon, Head of Education at Cité de l'espace (France) and Ana Noronha, Executive Director of Ciência Viva (Portugal).

***We are looking for someone to join this great team of co-chairs!***



## The role of the co-chairs

A new co-chair will join the Ecsite Space group Steering Committee, consisting of the aforementioned 3 co-chairs, a Space Group coordinator from ESA, Ecsite representatives (Executive Director and Project Manager acting also as Space Group coordinator) and a communication coordinator in charge of bi-monthly newsletter.

Space Group Co-chairs contribute to the following objectives:

- Setting strategic direction of the group (identifying objectives for the group and themes for future meetings, suggesting new activities);
- Preparation of the Space group meetings (planning events, setting the agendas, nominating speakers, helping with information dissemination and outreach);
- Facilitation during the Space group meetings.

Time commitment:

- Participation to the Ecsite Space Group activities: 2 meetings a year, each of 2 days, one of them at the Ecsite Conference. Other activities can be added (Ecsite session, digital activities etc.)
- Four Steering Committee meetings of 1 hour each

This is a non-remunerated position open to Space Group members.

## Selection criteria

- Your organisation needs to be an Ecsite member and to demonstrate active presence and participation in the activities of the group since its creation;
- You need to be really interested in communicating the European Space achievements and be able to work in a multicultural and multidisciplinary environment;
- You need to be willing to take part in and contribute to the definition of the Space Group events and activities;
- You need to have a good knowledge of the European space sector (ESA, National agencies, etc.)

The selection will be done by ECSITE supported by ESA, considering the motivations of the applicants and the complementarity with the rest of the team in order to best represent the Space Group community.

## How to apply

If you are interested, please send us your CV and motivation letter explaining why you are interested and what you would bring as co-chair of the Ecsite Space group. Please specify the Space Group meetings you've participated to.

The deadline to apply is 24<sup>th</sup> October 2021. Please send your document to Aleksandra Kowalska, Ecsite Space Group coordinator at [akowalska@ecsite.eu](mailto:akowalska@ecsite.eu).