

## Space Talks online series

### Ecsite Space Group

(27 November 2020, 1-2 December 2020)

#### About the Space Group

The Space Group aims at improving and extending communication about space by helping specialized science centres and space professionals to work together with non-specialists and develop collaborative projects and events.

It also allows to be better informed about space news, programs, and discoveries. The Space Group offers opportunities to share experience, expertise, knowledge, and tools.

For Europe's main space actors like the European Space Agency (ESA), national space agencies, industries, research institutions, and academia, the Space Group offers the possibility to build close collaborations with science communication professionals. The group benefits from the already established European networks of Ecsite and the European Space network of ESA and its member states.

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

The programme and practical information can be consulted below. Additionally:

- For any **questions regarding the programme**, please contact **Barbara Budassi**, [barbara.budassi@esa.int](mailto:barbara.budassi@esa.int), Space Group Coordinator for ESA and **Aleksandra Kowalska**, [akowalska@ecsite.eu](mailto:akowalska@ecsite.eu), Space Group Coordinator at Ecsite.
- If you are interested in attending the meeting, please **register here**: <https://forms.gle/nv6zwu22jWyg5CuJ9>

## Programme

### Friday, 27 November 2020 Virtual coffee

It will be an informal drop-in exchange session, a great opportunity for the existing members and new participants to share information and challenges they faced in last months, to re-connect and to establish new connections.

Format: Introduction by Catherine Franche, Executive Director of Ecsite and Maria Menéndez, co-chair of the Space Group followed by 3 rounds of informal exchanges in the breakout rooms.

14:30-14:40	<b>Welcome words from Ecsite</b>	<b>Catherine Franche</b> , Executive Director, Ecsite
14:40-14:50	<b>Welcome address from the Ecsite Space Group co-chairs</b>	Co-chairs of the Space Group <b>Maria Menéndez</b> , ESA <b>Ana Noronha</b> , Ciência Viva <b>Christophe Chaffardon</b> , Cité de l'espace
14:50-14:55	<b>Ice-breaker</b>	
14:55-15:15	<b>Round 1 - Networking in breakout rooms</b>	
15:15-15:30	<b>Round 2 - Networking in breakout rooms</b>	
15:30-15:45	<b>Round 3 - Networking in breakout rooms</b>	
15:45-16:00	<b>Final reflections in the plenary</b>  <b>A poll: How do you want to stay in touch with the Space Group in the next year?</b>  <b>Goodbyes</b>	<b>Co-chairs of the Space Group</b>

### Tuesday, 1 December 2020 Share, inspire, connect

Discover the new projects from your colleagues, present your project and get constructive feedback! It is an excellent opportunity to share your experience, to inspire others and to get inspired.

Format: showcasing various space-related projects by the Space Group members and discussing them in the virtual break-out rooms with other peers.

<b>Time</b>	<b>Session title</b>	<b>Speaker</b>
14:30-14:40	<b>Welcome to the meeting and an overview of the programme</b>	<b>Barbara Budassi</b> , Ecsite Space Group coordinator for ESA <b>Aleksandra Kowalska</b> , Ecsite

14:40-15:40	<b>Inspiring project presentations*</b>	<b>Projects presenters</b>
15:40-16:00	<b>Conversations in breakout rooms (1)</b>	<b>Projects presenters</b>
16:00-16:20	<b>Conversations in breakout rooms (2)</b>	<b>Projects presenters</b>
16:20-16:30	<b>Next steps.. and the Space Quiz</b>	<b>Co-chairs of the Space Group</b>

### Wednesday, 2 December 2020 Space news

ESA's experts will present the latest achievements of the agency and its activity for the 2021.

The session will be facilitated by Barbara Budassi, coordinator of the Ecsite Space Group for ESA.

<b>Time</b>	<b>Session title</b>	<b>Speaker</b>
14:30-14:40	<b>Welcome to the second day and overview of the programme</b>	<b>Maria Menéndez</b> , Head of Outreach Coordination Office, ESA & co-chair of the Space Group
14:40-15:00	<b>SpaceCare Campaign and main activities for 2021</b>	<b>Arnaud Marsoiller</b> , Head of the Contents Office, ESA
15:00-15:20	<b>Climate change: Monitoring the atmosphere and oceans from Space</b>	<b>Ioana Lung</b> , Communication Programme Officer, ESA
15:20-15:30	<b>Q&amp;A</b>	
15:30-15:45	<b>Resources from the Earth Observation Programme</b>	<b>Robert Meisner</b> , EOP Outreach and PHI Experience coordinator, ESA
15:45-16:00	<b>ESA Education updates</b>	<b>Clara Cruz Niggebrugge</b> , Esero & European Stem Education Projects Coordinator
16:00-16:10	<b>Q&amp;A</b>	
16:10-16:20	<b>ESA e-shop</b>	<b>Mai-Liis Soerd</b> , Merchandising and Licensing Officer, ESA
16:20-16:30	<b>Wrap-up and the upcoming activities of the Group</b>	<b>Co-chairs of the Space Group</b>

### \*Showcase session

- Vanille Delfau, Cite de l'espace, **Children Science Conference: your school on Mars**
- Ilídio André Costa, Porto Planetarium - Ciência Viva Center / Instituto de Astrofísica e Ciências do Espaço, **CoAstro: @n Astronomy Condo**
- Eleftheria Tsourlidaki, Ellinogermaniki Agogi, **POLAR STAR**

- Melanie Davies, Creative Space, **Space@Home**
- Wolff Tobias, Universum Bremen, **New exhibition "Up to Space"**
- Emmanuel Mondon, AdviceGEO, **Creating the first European Cooperative Society (SCE) dedicated to space**