

EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN THE SPACE SECTOR XIX:

SPACE POLICY & SKILLS AT REGIONAL LEVEL

**THURSDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2026,
11.00-12.30 (BRUSSELS TIME)**

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Programme 19 February 2026 (moderated discussion with participating partners):

Introduction and moderation by Margarita Chrysaki, NEREUS Communication & Project officer;

Presentation by Prof.Nicole Viola, Politecnico di Torino;

Presentation by Kai-Uwe Schrogl, ESA Special Adviser for Political Affairs, Professor at the University of Tuebingen (Baden-Wurttemberg)

Moderated discussion (5-10 min);

Intervention by Dr. Dimitrios Stroikos, Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) Postdoctoral Fellow at Alma Mater Studiorum – Università di Bologna, Head of the LSE IDEAS Space Policy project, Editor-in-Chief of Space Policy

Discussion & QnA

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About: The 20th infosession will focus on strengthening education and training in space policy, governance, and regulatory affairs. As Europe advances towards new instruments, such as the EU Space Act, there is growing demand for young people and professionals in regions able to understand how space is organised, who makes decisions, and how regional ecosystems interact at EU, and national, levels.

The session will highlight the need to bring space policy, governance, space economics and space law more prominently into university curricula. It will explore how academic programmes, master's courses, faculty initiatives, and interdisciplinary modules can equip young people with strategic, legal, and institutional knowledge related to space.

- Through best practices and concrete examples from European universities and regional strategies, the infosession will:
- Showcase emerging courses on space law, policy, and institutional frameworks.
- Encourage faculties to integrate policy-oriented modules in engineering, business and legal studies.
- Emphasise the growing demand for individuals who understand governance structures and regulatory developments.
- Demonstrate how regions and academic institutions can collaborate to strengthen the talent pipeline.

By focusing on education as a strategic enabler, the session aims to inspire universities, training providers, and regional authorities to build robust learning pathways that support Europe's long-term capacity in space policy and governance.



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Target group: Universities/research centres which are NEREUS-Associate members, Universities based in NEREUS-members regions, other Universities interested in education/training, cooperation partners, NEREUS-regions who hosted the EO4GEO workshops in the past, all NEREUS-members interested in the education/training regarding the use of space technologies;

Objectives: The webinars have the overall objective to bring together the university community of the Network and partners of the network interested in education/training, capacity building skills development, create new opportunities for partnerships and set the frame for new ways of cooperation with other communities, create opportunities to better partner and network Associate partners with regional stakeholders but also to reach out to new organisations. The webinar aims at:

- Introducing new education players who recently joined the platform and other key stakeholders in the area of education/training and the recently launched Large-scale Skills Partnership on Space Data, Services and Applications;
- Enhancing collaboration amongst the universities/research centres presented on the platform but also to reach out to new players outside the Network;
- Identifying strengths/areas to cooperate with each other;
- Presenting major university related-projects and partnerships: a) the SPACE4GEO Large-scale Skills Partnership on Space Data, Services and Applications under the EC initiative Pact for Skills; b) the Erasmus+ EU education/training initiative, Universeh, an alliance of five young and mature universities from five European countries; (Please note, in case you wish to present an initiative of your region or organisation to the network community, please contact the secretariat.)
- Presenting and discussing on new funding opportunities/programmes;