

DRAFT AGENDA – NEREUS General Assembly 2026 Wednesday, 15th April 2026

- 08.30h Registration
- 09.00h** **Opening** by Thierry Cotelle, NEREUS (Regions4Space) President - Regional Councillor, Occitanie / Pyrénées - Méditerranée Region
Short Welcome message by Tobias Gotthardt, NEREUS-Vice President - Secretary of State, Bavaria (videomessage)
Short Welcome message by Vito Bardi, NEREUS-Vice President – President of Basilicata Region
- 09.20h **Keynotes on the latest EU space policy developments**
Member of the European Parliament **François Kalfon**
Giancarlo Granero, European Commission, DG Defence Industry and Space, Space Economy Unit – DEFIS.C3
Q&A

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- 10h50 Discussion with the audience
- 11h00 Coffee break

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11h30

European Symposium 2026 by NEREUS-regions (Adriano Gilli and Lorenzo Calabri, Emilia-Romagna)

Announcement: European Symposium 2027 by NEREUS-regions (Anna Huk, Board Member Podkarpackie Region and Andrzej Bańka, Regional Director, Malopolska region)

11h40

AOB by Network partners:

International Astronautical Congress (IAC) 2027 in Poznan (Andrzej Bańka, Regional Director, Malopolska region)

Space Summit for a Resilient Future, 27-28 October 2026 in Toulouse (Thierry Cotellet, Occitanie region)

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Panel Debate II – Capacity Building

- Lucio Bernardini, Basilicata Region

- Estefania Blanch, Catalonia Region

- Prof. Annick Castiaux, Rector of the University of Namur,
Universeh

- Chris Stewart and Cristina Ananasso, ECMWF

12h35

Discussion with the audience

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- 12h40 **Statutory Affairs** (*restricted to members*):
Apologies and proxies received
Approval of the agenda
Approval of the **minutes of the GA 2025**
Adoption of **New Memberships/Exclusion**
Discharge of the Management Board 2025
Report of the Treasurer (Vito Bavaro)
Approval of the **Financial Accounts 2025**
Approval Budget 2027
Membership fees 2027
- 13.30h Closing by NEREUS
- 13.40h End



**Bringing
the benefits
of space uses
to regions
and their citizens**

NEREUS Activities 2025/26 and introductory remarks to Panel Debate I

by Roya Ayazi, NEREUS Secretary-General

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23 Member Regions

Full members

[APULIA \(ITALY\)](#)

[AZORES \(PORTUGAL\)](#)

[BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG \(GERMANY\)](#)

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[BREMEN \(GERMANY\)](#)

[BRITTANY \(FRANCE\)](#)

[CANARY ISLANDS \(SPAIN\)](#)

[CATALONIA \(SPAIN\)](#)

[EMILIA ROMAGNA \(ITALY\)](#)

[FRENCH GUYANE \(FRANCE\)](#)

[HESSE \(GERMANY\)](#)

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[MAZOVIA \(POLAND\)](#)

[MALOPOLSKA \(POLAND\)](#)

[NOUVELLE AQUITAINE \(FRANCE\)](#)

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[PODKARPACIE \(POLAND\)](#)

[TUSCANY \(ITALY\)](#)

[VENETO \(ITALY\)](#)

[WALLONIA \(BELGIUM\)](#)



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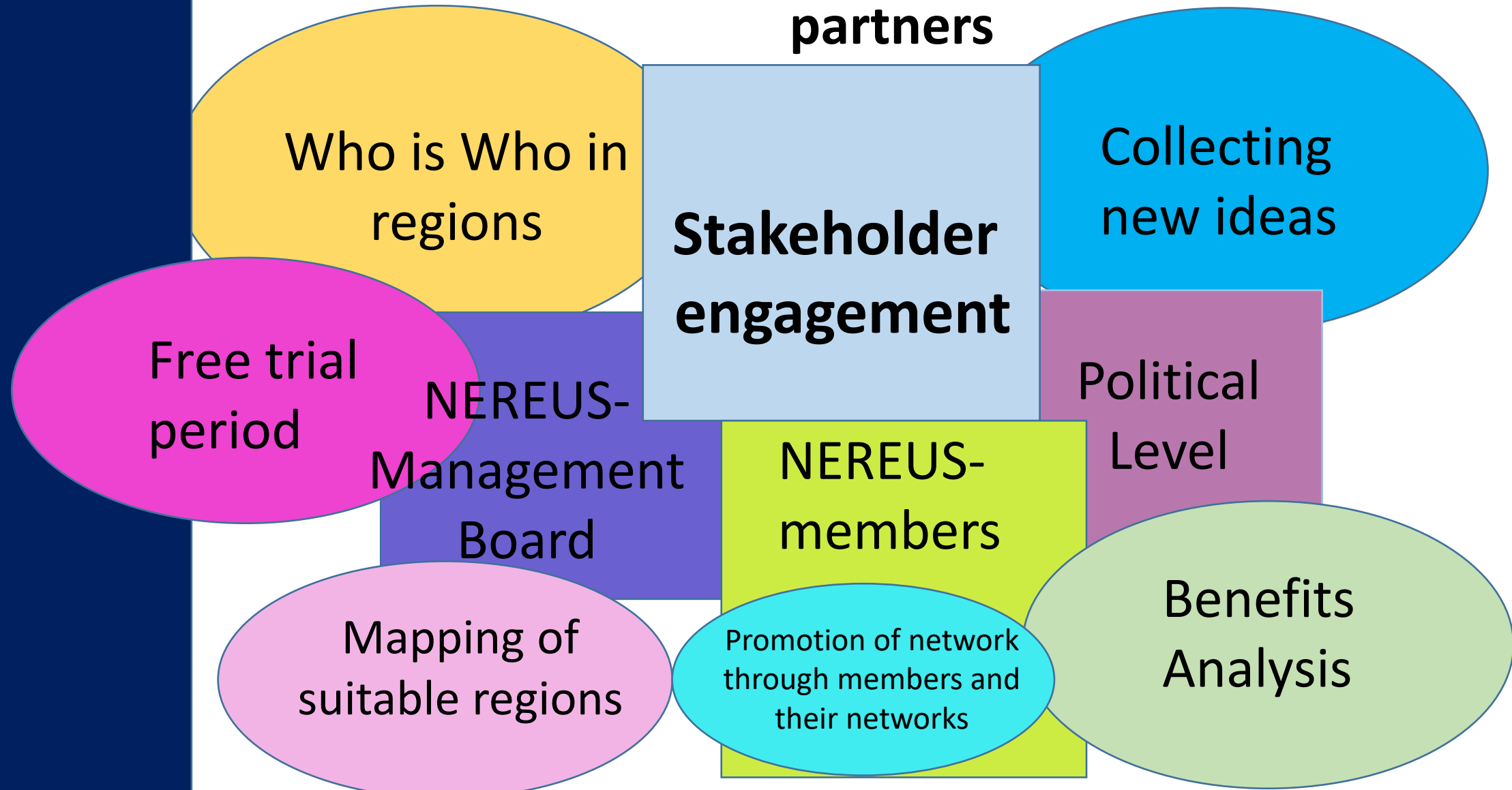


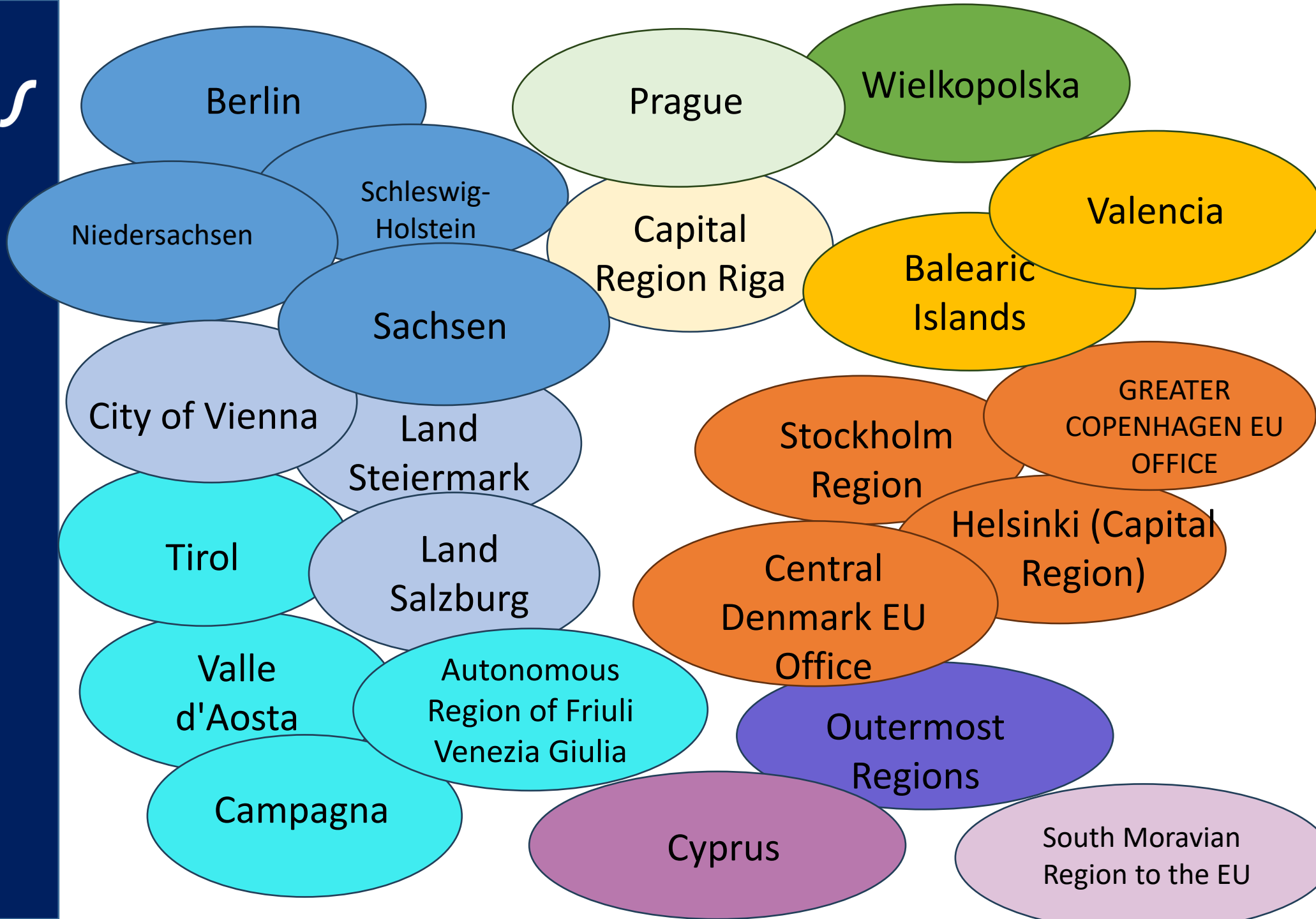
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Growth, growth, growth

⇒ **Joint Growth Campaign by all network partners**





2025/2026 - Positioning the Network with a view to the next decade

Positioning the network (1)

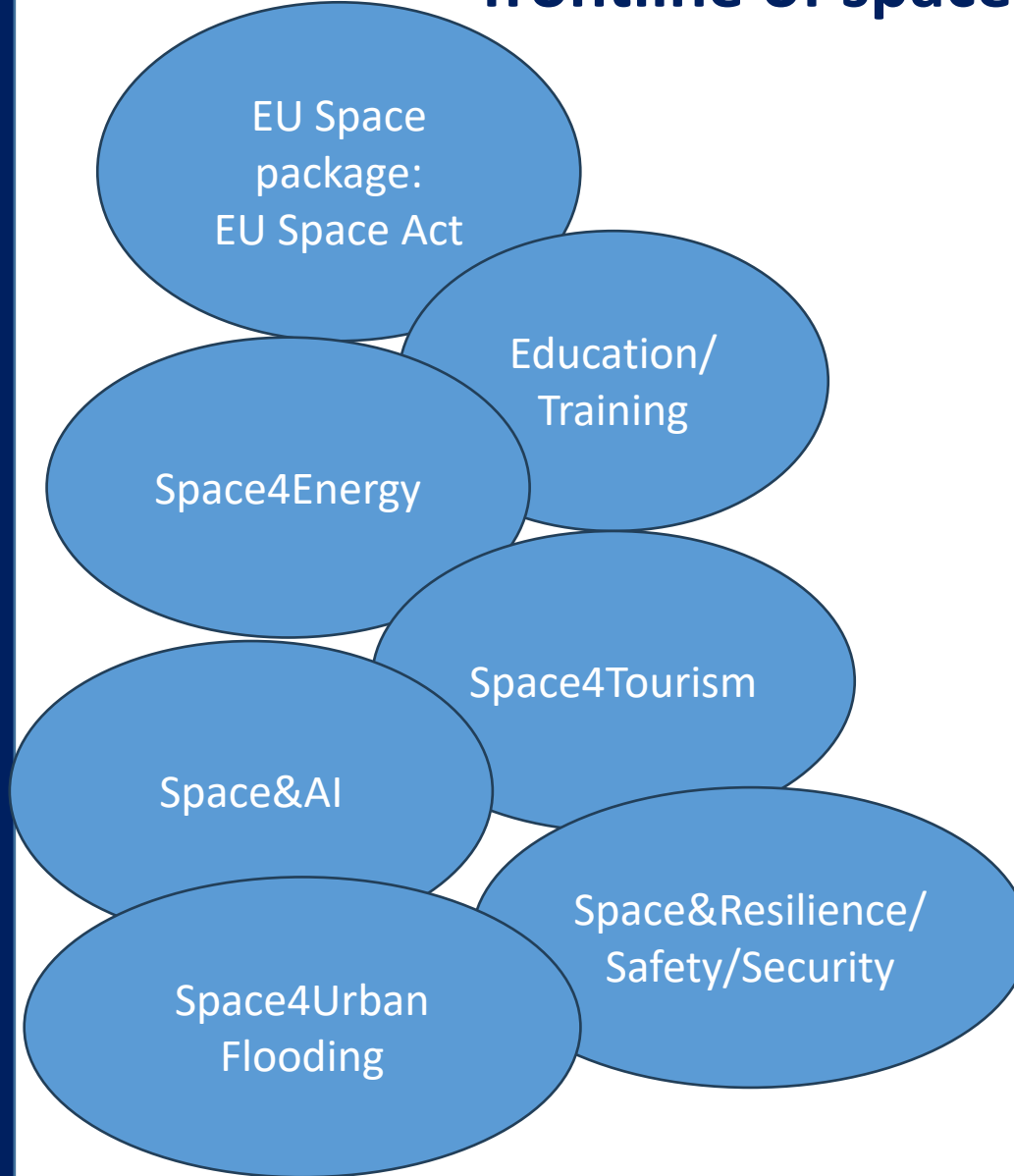
June 2025
Proposal by the EC of the next
Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF)
2028-2034
EU Budget in a decade of reform

EC Proposal EU Space Package

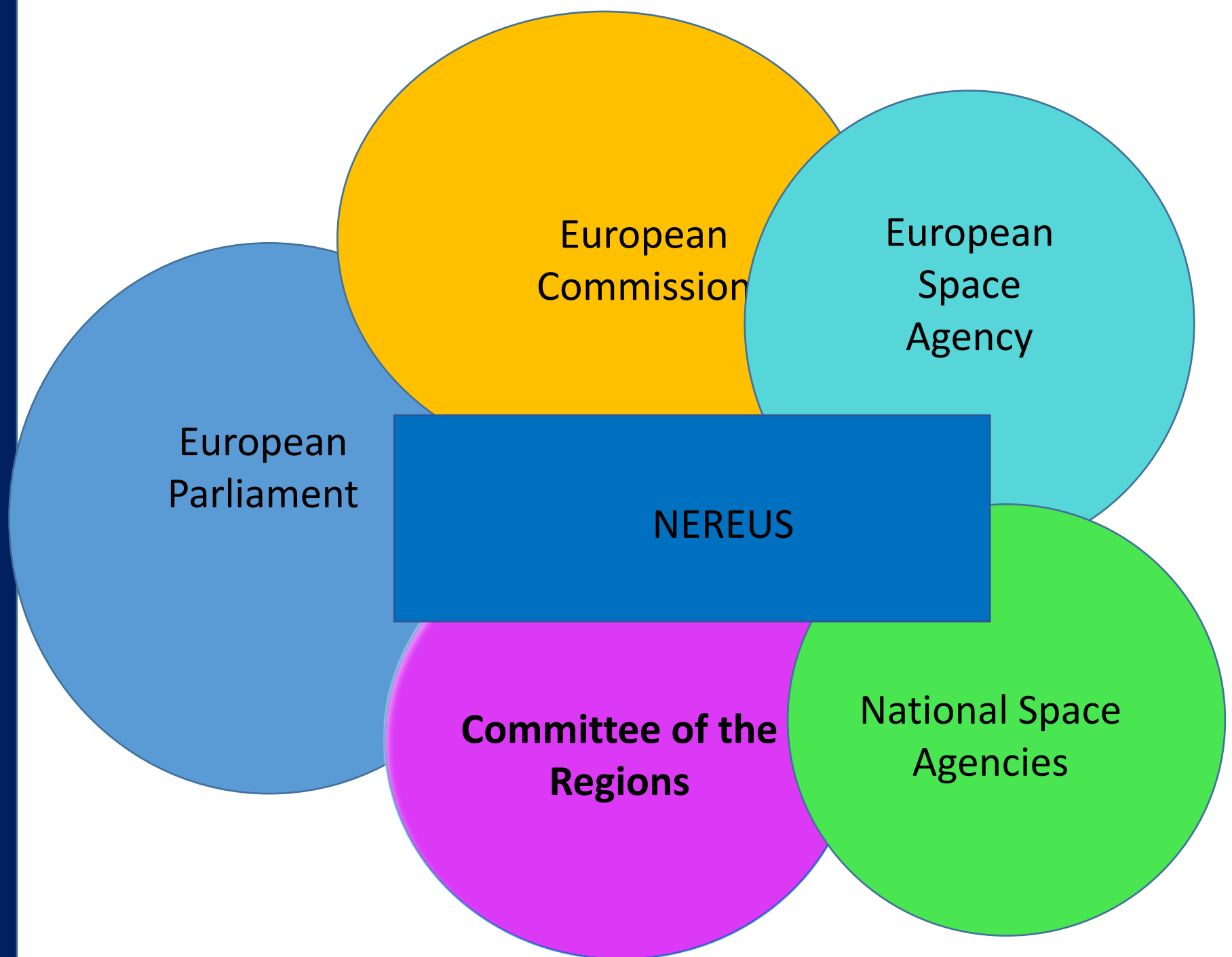
- EU Space Act (Space Law)
- Vision of a European Space Economy

Outcomes ESA Ministerials
November 2025

Online monthly sessions: NEREUS on the frontline of space developments



Strategic Partners



Copernicus4regions Breakfast Debate

4 December 2025

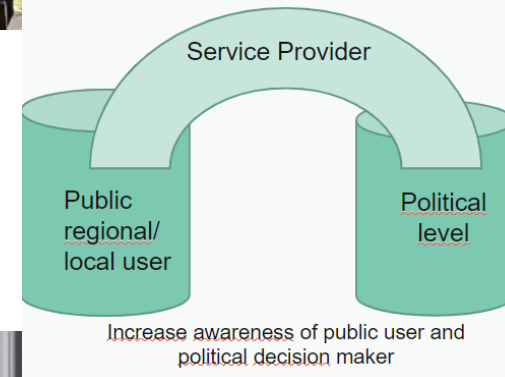
Copernicus4regions
2023 – 2027 moves
forward

Advocacy/
political
engagement

38 New User Stories



All info
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NEREUS Positions, Opinions & Dialogue



The opinion on the EU Space Act by the Committee of the Regions (authored by Nadia Pellefigue (FR/PES), Vice-President of the Region of Occitanie) has been adopted during the plenary on 11th December 2025. To ensure effective territorial uptake, the CoR calls for reinforced EU support instruments, including an expanded Copernicus4Regions initiative

- EU funding for competitiveness (Apr 2025)
- EU funding for civil protection & crisis response (Mar 2025)
- European Water Resilience Strategy feedback (Mar 2025)
- Consultation on the European Competitiveness Fund (ECF)

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