



SESSION IV: INFO SESSION (S) ON THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS REGARDING THE EU SPACE PACKAGE (EU SPACE ACT AND VISION FOR A EUROPEAN SPACE ECONOMY) THAT IS CURRENTLY BEING NEGOTIATED IN THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND COUNCIL



MONDAY, 11 MAY 2026, 16.30 – 18.30H

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PROGRAMME

- Welcome and short introduction by NEREUS (Roya Ayazi, NEREUS Secretary General)

Views from European Parliament:

- Statement/viewpoint by Member of the European Parliament (MEP) and Vice President of the ITRE Committee, Giorgio Gori,
- Views from the space working group of the European Council: Salvatore Pignataro, Space Attaché, Permanent Representation of Italy to the EU

Questions/Answers- Discussion

Views from the stakeholder community:

- Avvocato Stefano Mele, Head of the Cybersecurity, Data Privacy, and Space Economy Law Department, at Gianni & Origoni law firm, Rome
- Prof. Ing. Giacomo Cao, President of the Aerospace District of Sardinia
- Ing. Gennaro Russo, Senior Manager of the Aerospace District of Campagna
- Prof. Nicole Viola, aerospace expert, Politecnico di Torino
- Guillaume de Dinechin, President ASTRIA Space Risk and Insurance Advisors

Questions/Answers- Discussion

Closing

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DESCRIPTION, OBJECTIVES & TARGET AUDIENCE

The Italian Member of the European Parliament (MEP) and Vice President of the ITRE Committee, Giorgio Gori, follows the negotiations of the space package as shadow rapporteur. He will set out his views and political priorities for the package and give first-hand feedback from the current state of negotiations in the ITRE Committee.

Salvatore Pignataro serves as space attaché at the Italian Permanent Representation in Brussels, monitoring negotiations on the European Space Law within the European Council and preparing the Italian minister responsible for space. Salvatore will report on the state of play of negotiations in the Council and share his views on the proposal of the European Commission.

Following the views of the co-legislators, we invited different representatives of the stakeholder community and experts to share their views:

Avvocato Stefano Mele, Head of the Cybersecurity, Data Privacy, and Space Economy Law Department, at Gianni & Origoni law firm, Rome, is an experienced lawyer and joined a group of European law firms that specialise in space law. In his legal practice, Stefano focuses on the political, strategic, and legal aspects of the impact of technology on citizens' lives, businesses, and national security, both nationally and internationally. Stefano will give input to the discussion on the EU-space package from his legal point of view.

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Prof. Ing. Giacomo Cao, President of the Aerospace District of Sardinia and Ing. Gennaro Russo, Senior Manager of the Aerospace District of Campagna, will enrich the discussion from their perspective as

cluster representatives who are in daily contact with a wide range of space companies along the whole value chain and have in-depth knowledge of the sector and market.

An academic perspective will be featured by Prof. Nicole Viola, aerospace expert from the Politecnico di Torino.

Guillaume de Dinechin, President ASTRIA Space Risk and Insurance Advisors, will reflect on the proposed EU Space Law from the angle of the insurer's perspective. Guillaume is an experienced space professional who started his career in French Guyana and is now one of the leading Space Risk and Insurance Advisors in Europe.

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On 25 June 2025, the European Commission (EC) presented a Space Package composed of two elements: the proposed EU Space Act and the Vision for the European Space Economy. The legislative package aims to create a strong EU Single Market that empowers European space players/companies to benefit from a stable and competitive business environment and protects space-based data and services. The space package addresses space safety and sustainability, market development, security and resilience, innovation and skills, and governance/procurement. The idea is to work against the fragmentation of the market (e.g. 13 different national space laws in Europe) and enhance stronger harmonisation across the Union. The proposal is expected to lay down rules on the authorisation, registration and supervision of space activities and services carried out by space service providers; orbit traffic management; and the establishment of an EU space label.

The co-legislators are now negotiating the proposal, the European Parliament and the Council. In the European Parliament, the file has been assigned to the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE), MEP Elena Donazzan (ECR, Italy), rapporteur) On 03rd of March 2026, the rapporteur (MEP Elena Donazzan) published her draft report. Members of the ITRE Committee are expected to submit their suggestions for amendments by the latest 26th March 2026. The negotiations within the ITRE Committee are scheduled for April-June. A vote on the ITRE report is expected for 10th November 2026, a voting in the plenary is expected for the end of the year.

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On 9 December 2025, Ministers debated the proposal at the Competitiveness Council, expressing general support for its objectives while stressing the need for simplification. Under the Cypriot Presidency, the Council published on 30th March 2026 an updated compromise text introducing new elements to the proposal.

Objectives:

These webinars aim at

- Presenting the views of the co-legislators (the European Parliament and the Council) and of the Committee of the Regions to gain a clearer understanding of the current state of play in the negotiations. What are political priorities? On which items are controversial views?
- Better understanding the scope and objectives of the EU Space Act, and how it will impact different stakeholders along the value chain and public authorities.
- Stimulating interaction and exchange of European stakeholders from relevant domains to exchange on their different viewpoints and perspectives.

Target Audience:

- NEREUS community and beyond
- Representatives of regional administrations and their entities
- SMEs and industry professionals working in relevant fields, space clusters and districts, Space SMEs, primes, investors, accelerators, research institutions, and universities.
- Academia and research players

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