



EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN THE SPACE SECTOR XXII:

WOMEN IN SPACE AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES



TUESDAY 19 MAY 2026, 11:00-12:30 CET

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

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

- Views from:
 - Cristina Ananasso, ECMWF
 - Mathilde Reumaux, ESA Brussels Office - EU Relations Office (SLE-U)
 - Natacha Callens, ESA Academy Engagement
 - Professor Sarah Baatout, Deputy Institute Director Nuclear Medical Applications, Belgian Nuclear Research Centre
 - Francesca Albanese, Planetek Italia
 - Vera Carvalho, Thales Portugal
- Discussion & QnA
- Closing

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About: In the 22nd session, we will explore how women working across diverse environments contribute to the advancement of the space sector and its outreach activities, while actively supporting education and training initiatives. The session will highlight voices from a range of backgrounds—including the private sector, institutional organizations, and regional authorities—each bringing unique perspectives and experiences. It will examine how their work not only drives innovation and strengthens the space ecosystem, but also plays a key role in inspiring and educating future generations. Through their contributions, these women help bridge different parts of the sector, foster collaboration, and generate new ideas that enrich both the space industry and its educational landscape.

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: