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Report on Political Dialogue

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Political Dialogue May 2015 – May 2017



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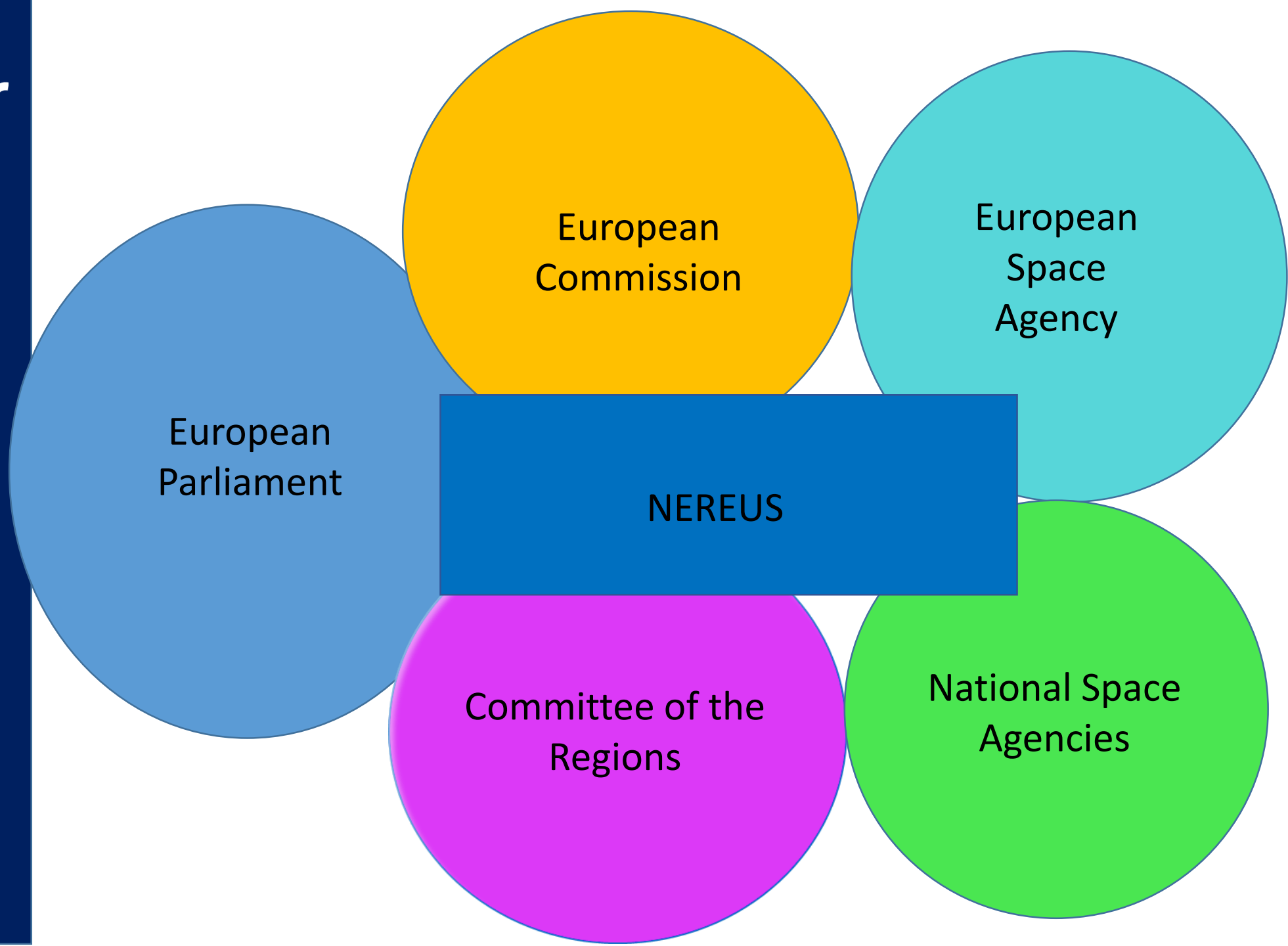
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- Strengthened/intensified relations with strategic partners (European Commission, European Parliament, Committee of the Regions, European Space Agency (ESA))
- Strengthened regions' visibility as an active space player
- Strengthened NEREUS's role as voice of European regions and point of reference on matters of space uses
- Contribution to definition of European Space Strategy
- Enhanced efforts to make the network known amongst relevant European communities

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- NEREUS is a recognized interlocutor at EU- and national level
- The regional dimension is increasingly taken into consideration when shaping and discussing space policies
- NEREUS is increasingly valued as a cooperation and project partner
- NEREUS is invited to relevant EU/ESA-expert groups and events in order to represent the perspective of regions

Strategic Partners



Strategic
Partner:
European
Parliament
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Joint Parliament Event in June 2016 – ***SENTINELS4REGIONS***

was supported and hosted by Patrizia Toia,
Member of European Parliament and Vice-Chair
of the ITRE Committee.

Numerous Members of European Parliament
who have their constituency in NEREUS-regions
joined the debate.



**Strategic
Partner:
European
Parliament
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- Advocating the views and concerns of the regional dimension, NEREUS represented by VP Christian Bruns exchanged with rapporteur of the ITRE-Committee Constanze Krehl, responsible for the report of the European Parliament on the European Space Strategy



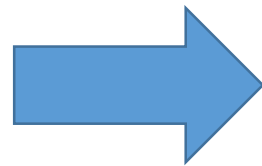
Strategic
Partner:
Committee of
the Regions
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- Continuous exchange with ENVE-Commission and giving input to activities of members from NEREUS-regions
- Prior to the publication of the EC-proposal, NEREUS-Delegation discussed with the CoR Secretary General Jiri Burianek the role and impact of the regional level in view of a future European Space Strategy and how both organisations could join forces to promote the regional dimension

- NEREUS is an appreciated interlocutor of the rapporteur of ENVE-Commission, Andres Jaadla (Estonia) with respect to the opinion of the Committee of the Regions on the European Space Strategy
- NEREUS represented by VP Christian Bruns presented its position together with the European Parliament (MEP Krehl) and the European Commission in a session of the ENVE-Committee
- NEREUS represented by SG Roya Ayazi presented its views in a stakeholder hearing with the rapporteur and the EC, organized by the Committee of the Regions
- Committee of the Regions through its president asked to be represented on behalf of regions in Copernicus User Forum (key governance body for Copernicus program)

Strategic Partner:
European
Commission (EC)
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- Prior to the publication of European Space Strategy by EC in October 2016, NEREUS broadly promoted its position towards relevant institutional partner
- To this end NEREUS-Delegation met with EC, DG Growth Director Phillippe Brunet, to discuss the regional dimension with respect to a future European Space Strategy



Proposed European Space Strategy by EC puts the users in its centre while making concrete reference and mention of the regional level

**Strategic Partner:
European
Commission (EC)
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- NEREUS is a valued cooperation partner within multiannual framework contract to promote the up-take of Copernicus and brings the regional dimension into the project realisation and related policy debates
- NEREUS is a member of the Horizon2020-Space Advisory Group

Strategic
Partner:
ESA
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Exchange with ESA-Director General Prof. Wörner in January 2017



- Bringing space to European regions via a user-driven approach. With view to the up-coming European Space Strategy the role and impact of the regional dimension was underlined by both organisations.

Strategic
Partner:
ESA
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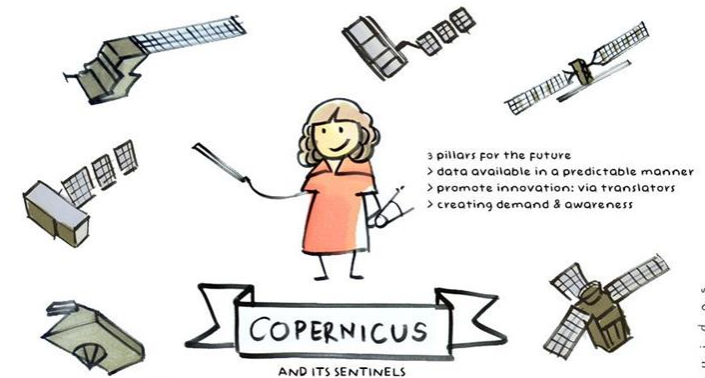
Continuation of ESA/NEREUS-partnership in order to promote Copernicus at regional level: Joint Parliament Event in June 2016 – ***SENTINELS4REGIONS***

WALLONIA - Nathalie Stéphenne, ISSeP



NEREUS
@NEREUSaisbl
Rep from @WallonieBE highlights space monitoring of seismic risks from its mining history. #Sentinels4Regions
4:31 PM - 28 Jun 2016

Bringing concrete
regional user-
experiences to the
European Parliament



Sabine Allaes @barbarelle · 28 Jun 2016
3 pillars for the future as suggested by #AndreasVeisapak #Copernicus #Sentinels4Regions @NEREUSaisbl @CopernicusEU
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**Strategic
Partner:
National Space
Agencies
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- Liaising and exchanging with national space agencies is an important pillar of NEREUS-work program
- CNES (French Space Agency) is an Associate Member since the foundation of the network and a continuous interlocutor and cooperation partner
- ASI (Italian Space Agency) is becoming an Associate Member
- NEREUS has close relations to Space Agencies of Member States whose regions are present on NEREUS-platform

**Strategic
Partner:
National Space
Agencies
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DLR (German Space Agency):
A high-level NEREUS-delegation
met with DLR-chair woman Prof.
Pascale Ehrenfreund to exchange
and explore topics of common
interest.

Both organisations agreed to
meet on a regular basis.



NEREUS- Position Paper

NEREUS-Position Paper: *„Recommendations on adding a regional dimension to the European Space Strategy”*





Outlook advocacy 2017/2018

Positioning of the network with view to the implementation of the European Space Strategy and engaging actively

- Prioritisation?
- Concrete measurer/actions?
- New Trends?
- Financial envelop?
- Next Multi Annual Financial Framework (MFF)?
- Gathering more information (facts & figures) on the situation of the downstream sector and the impediments at regional level for its development across Europe!!!!



THANK YOU!
