

# Space for you : NEREUS International Conference

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### Round Table : Space Careers Opportunities

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# YOUR REACTION ?

# **Average age in Space sector = 48 years !**

- **Within 15 years, majority of the staff will be retiring!!**
- **By 2029, we will have to fill +/- 16 000 free jobs !!**

# MANY POSITIVE INITIATIVES :

- Regional : Regione Puglia Governo ...
- National : Germany, Great Britain, France ...
- ESA : Education Service, Internship ...
- Europe : NEREUS ...

# BUT

## NO INTEREST IN SCIENTIFIC AND SPACE STUDIES !!

### WHY ?

- **Communication about studies** : «Long and difficult...only for engineers, mathematicians » - No information about Space options at the university
- No information about **numerous Space jobs** : jurist, agronomist, geographer, doctor, welder, biologist, computer graphist designer, computer scientist, electro-technician, ...
- **Education/industry, 2 worlds with insufficient interactions** = Students don't know the Space sector and how they can commit themselves

## How to face up to this lack of interest ?

**LET'S GO FOR A NEW CHALLENGE !**

**Build a strong « Spirit » in Spatial  
education in Europe**

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**Support students all along their studies**



# HOW TO BUILD THIS STRONG SPIRIT IN SPATIAL EDUCATION?

**A. National level** : Improve the interactions between the Educational and the Spatial sectors - Be pragmatic !

1. Better **exchange of information about Master thesis and doctorates and high qualified skills**
  - = Industry can suggest research subjects of interest
  - = University can share information about of their researches/works
2. Industry must **increase the number of minimum 6 months internships**
  - = to involve earlier the students in the sector
  - = to get the students more operational
  - = a win-win approach for enterprises and students

## **National level** : Improve the interactions between the Educational and the Spatial sectors (Continued)

3. Support the students by providing **mentors** to improve skills transfer
4. Inform on hundreds of **jobs** in the Space sector other than civil engineers and astrophysicists
5. Pay a **compensation** to the students (National Space Agency + industry)
6. Promote young scientific **talents** and skill workers (Space Price)

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## B. European level : Coordinate national efforts !!

- **Harmonizing the length of internship** - 6 month ? – 1 year ?
- Provide a specific **booth for “YOUNG” at Aeronautics and Space events** in Berlin, Paris or London with all European industries :
  - To organize conferences, debates
  - To exchange jobs, internships, CVs
  - To find mentors
  - To give them the opportunity of high level meetings
- Create a « **Space Erasmus** » of minimum 6 months during the studies
- Horizon 2020 : Foster the development of **common research subjects between industries and PHDs**

# CONCLUSIONS

**Space sector in Europe can be more attractive if :**

- We create a strong **“spirit”** for Space education and careers
- We intensify **contacts** and organize debates between the students and the Industry
- We set up in Europe a minimum **6 months internship** in the Industry during studies
- Students immerse themselves into new technologies, have time and « Brain juice » to think and ... to invent !



The future of humanity is in the head of the students !!

Let's intensify the changing of generation !!

