

CONFERENCE

SPACE4Growth and Jobs:

The role of regional policies and programmes



Committee of the Regions (CoR)
2, Rue Van Maerlant - B-1040 Brussels

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The conference “SPACE4Growth and Jobs” organised by Nereus and the CoR will take place at the CoR premises in Brussels.

This conference will bring together representatives from Nereus member and non Nereus member regions, European Institutions, ESA, national space agencies, industries, clusters and academia, with the aim to highlight the fundamental role of Space to foster new business and economic growth, creating high skilled labour and addressing societal and economic challenges for the benefits of European regions and citizens.

The event will be the occasion to review and analyse regional strategies and programmes with a specific view to the dimension of space. The idea is to gain a better understanding of the impact of space based services and products on regional development.

Participating regions will introduce their Smart Specialization Strategies and explain their policy priorities; getting an overview of similarities, best practices and common interests among NEREUS and non-Nereus member Regions; sharing best practices and fostering territorial and funding synergies in the 2014-2020 period.

This conference will be also the opportunity to discuss the role of public demand in the space sector and how regional policies and programmes can stimulate the development of space applications and to create better framework conditions for service provider. Developing the downstream market in terms of demand and supply will have a significant impact for the SME-segment and regional growth and innovation dynamics.

The programme will be divided into two sessions: a political and a technical one.

Draft agenda

08.30 - 09.00 Registration

09.00 – 09.30 **Welcome and introductory remarks by** Jiří Buriánek, Secretary General of the European Committee of the Regions
and

Start-ups, Technology Transfer and Innovation

Frank Salzgeber, Head of ESA's Technology Transfer Programme Office

and

Short Impulse Statement by

Thorsten Rudolph, Anwendungszentrum GmbH Oberpfaffenhofen

Technical session

“S3 strategies and space, the role of PCP in the space sector”

Moderator: Roya Ayazi, Secretary General NEREUS

09.30 – 09.45 **“Space-Related R&D Investment, S3 Strategies and the Synergies with Horizon 2020”**

Andrea Conte, PhD, Project Leader, EC, DG Joint Research Centre (JRC)

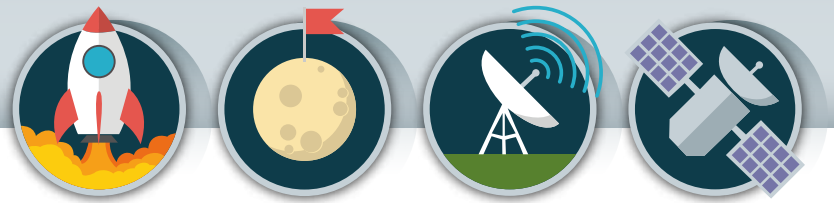
09.45 - 10.00 **The dimension of space in Lombardy's S3 strategy**

Armando De Crinito, Vice-Director General Regional Ministry of Productive Activities Research and Innovation

10.00 - 10.15 **Agrotech - technology for agriculture: the specialisation strategy of Extremadura Region**

Cristina Gallardo Rey, Innovation Manager, Extremadura Avante, Spain

10.15 – 10.30 Example from Attica Region



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10.30 – 10.45 **Connecting research and innovation to regional and urban policies**
Magda De Carli, EC, Deputy Head of Unit – B.5, DG Research & Innovation

10.45 - 11.15 Coffee break

Moderator: Teodora Secara, EURISY (User Programme Coordinator)

11.15 – 11.40 **PCP and PPI in EC policies** (*synergies between H2020 and structural funds for PCP and PPI projects*)
Lieve Bos, DG CNCT, European Commission

11.40 – 11.55 **Presentation of the UK-Space Agency Programme “SPACE FOR SMARTER GOVERNMENT PROGRAMME”**
Dr Katherine Bass, Head of Application Strategy – UK Space Agency

11.55 - 12.10 **Current and planned experiences on PCP in Puglia Region**
Marco De Ciani, PCP Expert from InnovaPuglia SPA

12.10 – 12.25 **The role of public demand/PCP in the space sector**
Apostolia Karamali, DG Growth, Deputy Head of Unit “Space Policy”

Short Announcement: SPACE&SOCIETY-Initiative

12.30 - 14.00 Networking Lunch

14.00- 16.40 *Political session- Round Table*
“The regional dimension of Space policy”

14.00 *Moderator:* **Christian Bruns**, NEREUS-Vice President

Welcome and Introduction by Nichi Vendola, President of Puglia Region and NEREUS-President

14.30 Intervention by **MEP Inés Ayala Sender (Vice-president of the Sky&Space Intergroup and member of the TRAN-Committee)**

14.50 – 16.00 Round Table:
Adam Struzik, Marshal of Mazovia Region (former rapporteur of the CoR-opinion on EU-space industrial policy)
Raffaele Liberali, Regional Minister of Basilicata Region for Development, Employment, Training and Research Policies
Mario Melazzini, Regional Minister for Productive Activities, Research and Innovation of Lombardy Region
Henri Malosse, EESC-President
Michel Praet, ESA-Office Brussels
Chantal Berthelot, French Guyana Deputy, Radical Party of the Left, President of the GPE (Groupe Parlementaire de l’espace)
Carlo des Dorides, Director GSA (from the perspective of a space player)

16.00 – 16.40 Open debate

16.40 **Conclusions**
Markku Markkula, CoR-President

17.00 End of the Conference

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