

Executive Course

Summer School on Space Policy

25 - 27 August 2025

Sala Europa - Villa Schifanoia, Via Boccaccio 121 - Florence

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Introduction

The role of space in tackling real-world challenges is still emerging, yet it holds the potential to transform every aspect of our daily lives, economies, and digital futures. To realise this potential, space must be firmly embedded within – and understood across – other sectors. Only then can it become a key driver in closing the innovation and competitiveness gap in Europe.

To delve deeper into these interconnections, the Florence School of Regulation, in collaboration with the European Space Policy Institute (ESPI), co-organised a Summer School on Space Policy, which aims to:

- Deliver in-depth, high-impact training on space policy and strategy
- Spark interest in the space sector among both emerging and established professionals
- Highlight the relevance of space in addressing broader societal challenges
- Create a networking bridge between professionals from the space and non-space sectors

Draft Programme

25 August **Day 1 – Introduction to Space Policy**

09:00 - 10:30 Session 1: Welcome

- Welcome greetings
TBC | EUI
- Introduction to the course
Hermann Ludwig Moeller | ESPI
Leonardo Meeus | Florence School of Regulation, RSCAS, EUI

10:30 - 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 - 12:30 Session 2: Why and what of space

- Why Does Space Matter?
Hermann Ludwig Moeller | ESPI
Mamatha Maheshwarappa | UKSA
- Foundations, Assets and Policy Impact of Space
ESPI Team
Mamatha Maheshwarappa | UKSA

12:30 - 13:30 Lunch break

13:30 - 15:30 Session 3: Competitiveness perspective

- From Space Economy to Space for the Economy
Nikolai Khlystov | World Economic Forum
- The Industrial Perspective: Between Competitiveness and Autonomy
Walter Cugno TBC | Thales Alenia Space
Mariella Graziano | GMV Space Systems

15:30 - 16:00 Coffee break

16:00 - 17:15 Session 4: Space Policy and Politics

- The Big Picture (European and Global)
Elena Lazarou | EPRS
Piero Messina | ESA

19:00 Welcome aperitivo in Florence City Centre

26 August **Day 2 – Designing and Leveraging**

9:00 - 11:00 Session 1: Case Studies

- Case Study 1 on Agriculture
Fabio Gaetano Santeramo | Florence School of Regulation, RSCAS, EUI
- Case Study 2 on Transport
Juan José Montero Pascual | Florence School of Regulation, RSCAS, EUI
- Case Study 3 on Energy
Leonardo Meeus | Florence School of Regulation, RSCAS, EUI

11:00 - 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 - 13:00	Session 2: Case studies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case study 4 on Security & Defence: Security & Defence of Space Infrastructure Jana Robinson Prague Security Studies Institute • Case study 5 on Security & Defence: Space for Security & Defence on Earth Giulia Pavesi ESPI
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 - 15:00	Session 3: Case studies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case 6 on Connectivity and Digital Economy Flora Seube (TBC) EUTELSAT Sara Dalledonne ESPI
15:00 - 15:30	Coffee break
15:30 - 17:30	Session 4: Case studies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group work activity
17:30 - 21:00	Group dinner Etienne Schneider (TBC) ESPI Advisory Council Lord David Willetts (TBC) UK Space Agency, Resolution Foundation, ESPI Advisory Council
27 August	Day 3 – Consolidation
9:00 - 11:15	Session 1: Integrating space in the broader policy agenda Hermann Ludwig Moeller ESPI Eric Morel de Westgaver (TBC) ESA Lord David Willetts (TBC) UK Space Agency, Resolution Foundation, ESPI Advisory Council Isabella Poldrugo (TBC) European Commission Mariella Graziano GMV
11:15 - 11:45	Coffee break
11:45 - 12:30	Group activity: 3-minute space pitch
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch break
13:30 - 15:00	Session 3: Final remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consolidation Hermann Ludwig Moeller ESPI Etienne Schneider (TBC) ESPI Advisory Council • Wrap Up Hermann Ludwig Moeller ESPI Leonardo Meeus Florence School of Regulation, RSCAS, EUI