

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 and introduction to the course
Hermann Ludwig Moeller | ESPI
Leonardo Meeus | Florence School of Regulation, RSCAS, EUI

10:30 - 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 - 13:00 Session 2: Why and what of space

- Why Does Space Matter?
Hermann Ludwig Moeller | ESPI
Eric Morel de Westgaver | ESA
- Foundations, Assets and Policy Impact of Space
Sara Dalledonne | ESPI
Piero Messina | ESA

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch break

14:00 - 15:30 Session 3: Competitiveness perspective

- From Space Economy to Space for the Economy
Nikolai Khlystov | World Economic Forum

15:30 - 16:00 Coffee break

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

- The Big Picture (European and Global)
Elena Lazarou | ELIAMEP
Eric Morel de Westgaver | ESA

19:30 Welcome aperitivo in Florence City Centre

Introductory Talks by Hermann Ludwig Moeller and Eric Morel de Westgaver

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

- 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

- Case 6 on Connectivity and Digital Economy
Flora Seube | EUTELSAT
Sara Dalledonne | ESPI

15:00 - 15:30 Coffee break

15:30 - 17:30 Session 4: Case studies

- Group work activity

17:30 - 21:00 Group dinner

Introductory Talks by Hermann Ludwig Moeller & special guests

27 August **Day 3 – Industry & Policy Perspectives and Consolidation**

9:00 - 11:30 Session 1: Industry Perspectives

- Industry Perspectives on European Competitiveness and Resilience
Mariella Graziano | GMV Space Systems
- The Cosmic Connection: “How Space Infrastructure & Services Power Tomorrow’s Enterprise and User Vertical Benefits
Markus Fritz | ADVISORIO

Session 2: Policy Perspectives

- Integrating space in the broader policy agenda
Isabella Poldrugo | European Commission

11:30 - 12:00 Coffee break

12:00 - 12:45 Group activity: 3-minute space pitch

12:45 - 13:45 Lunch break

13:45 - 15:00 Session 3: Final remarks

- Consolidation
Hermann Ludwig Moeller | ESPI
Isabella Poldrugo | European Commission
Markus Fritz | ADVISORIO
Mariella Graziano | GMV Space Systems
- Wrap Up
Hermann Ludwig Moeller | ESPI
Leonardo Meeus | Florence School of Regulation, RSCAS, EUI

Speakers

Sara Dalledonne	Research Fellow and Lead on EU Relations and Regulatory Affairs, ESPI
Markus Fritz	Managing Director and Owner, ADVISORIO
Mariella Graziano	Executive Director of Strategy and Business Development, GMV Space Systems
Nikolai Khlystov	Lead, Space Technologies, WEF
Elena Lazarou	External Policies Unit, ELIAMEP
Leonardo Meeus	Director , FSR
Piero Messina	Senior Policy Advisor, ESA
Hermann Ludwig Moeller	Director, ESPI
Juan José Montero Pascual	Director of the Transport Area, EUI
Eric Morel de Westgaver	Director of Strategy, Legal and External Affairs, ESA
Giulia Pavesi	Research Fellow, ESPI
Isabella Poldrugo	Deputy Head of Space Policy Unit, European Commission
Jana Robinson	Managing Director, Prague Security Studies Institute
Fabio Gaetano Santeramo	Part time Professor, EUI
Flora Seube	Head of European Affairs, EUTELSAT