

On the occasion of UNISPACE+50 and of the 61st session of the UN Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, the European Space Policy Institute and the European Space Agency, request the pleasure of your company at a joint symposium on

Intergovernmental organizations and the practice of space law

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14:00 – 15:00

European Space Policy Institute

Vienna, Austria

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About This Symposium

The year 2018 marks the 50th anniversary of the first United Nations (UN) Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (UNISPACE). This anniversary presents an opportunity to reflect on the role of International Intergovernmental Organizations (IGOs) in the application and advancement of space law.

As forums for international cooperation, at global or regional level, IGOs embody the principle of cooperation which remains central to public international law and lies also at the heart of the *corpus iuris spatialis*. The UN space treaties normatively address IGOs and thus assign a role to them in the application of space law.

The symposium will not only highlight this very role of IGOs but also analyse regional cooperation and space law practice exemplified by the European Space Agency (ESA) which, over half a century, has successfully continued to be an actor and a mechanism of international cooperation. In doing so, the symposium shall contribute to a better understanding of the potential that IGOs offer in strengthening international cooperation and international space law at large.

Programme

- 14:00 – 14:10 Welcoming and Opening Remarks**
“The importance of regional space cooperation: observations in the context of UNISPACE+50”
Jean-Jacques Tortora, Director of ESPI
- 14:10 – 14:25 “The role of intergovernmental organisations in the corpus iuris spatialis: from “declaring acceptance” to the advancement of international law”**
Stephan Hobe, Director, Institute for Air and Space Law,
University of Cologne
- 14:25 – 14:40 “The European Space Agency: a treaty-based organisation and its role in space law”**
Marco Ferrazzani, Legal Counsel and Head of the Legal Services
Department, ESA
- 14:40 – 14:55 Q&A Interactive Session with the audience**
Moderated by Jean-Jacques Tortora, Director of ESPI
- 14:55 – 15:00 Closing by Jean-Jacques Tortora, Director of ESPI**

Venue

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