



Policy Activities in Europlanet 2020 RI

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Europlanet 2020 RI - Policy Engagement



How it all started

Science in the European Parliament

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Why Europlanet wants to be in the European Parliament?

To bring the voice of the european planetary community to policy officers

To bring european fundings to the scientific community



What has Europlanet done so far?

Briefings with MEPS

Contacted all 134 MEPS on ITRE Committee (Industry, Research and Energy)

More than 20 1-1 briefings with MEPs and their representatives

Develop close working relationship with key MEPs and their offices (Clare Moody (H2020), Britta Thomsen (FP7), Sky & Space Intergroup)



Dinner Debates

April 2016 – *'The Impact of the EU on Planetary Science'* Hosted by MEP Clare Moody

February 2013 - *'Not just from Venus – Women in Planetary Science and Exploration'* Hosted by MEPs Britta Thomsen and Vittorio Prodi

May 2012 - *'Planetary Science as a Driver for Job Creation and Innovation'* Hosted by MEPs Britta Thomsen and Vittorio Prodi

February 2011 - *'Europe's challenge: to lead the New Age of Space Exploration'* Hosted by MEPs Britta Thomsen and Teresa Riera Madurell



Exhibition

Exhibition in European Parliament from 14-18 November 2017 as part of 8th European Innovation Summit and STOA Annual Lecture events



National Engagement

Minister for Education and Finance Minister speaking at EPSC 2017, Latvia

Strong regional/city support for EPSC in Nantes in 2015 and 2011

Session at EPSC 2013 in London at the Houses of Parliament

Input into Parliamentary consultations in UK (HoC/HoL Select Committee Inquiries on Brexit, UK Space Strategy) and for Latvian Space Cluster in January 2015



Responses to consultations

Coordinated responses from the planetary science community to European consultations (Space Strategy, FP7 and H2020 work programme and mid-term review)



Next steps...

Enhance awareness in scientific community

The awareness of the need for political engagement is still low in our scientific community

Planetary science, cosmology, space science...
it's all 'space' to most policy makers!!!

Collaboration with other organisations on policy activities: SPACEAWARENESS, European Astronomical Society, EGU



Building a “golden circle” of MEPs

Upcoming focus on MEPs not already engaged with space, to highlight science as well as applications, with 1to1 meetings and other selected activities



New Events in Parliament

Tentatively a DINNER DEBATE on the 22nd of November, in collaboration with SPACEAWARENESS

COMING SOON...

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