a network linking planetary scientists from across Europe. The aim of Europlanet is to promote collaboration and communication between partner institutions and to support missions to explore the Solar System.

The objectives are to:

• increase the productivity of planetary projects with European investment, with emphasis on major planetary exploration missions;

• initiate a long term integration of the European planetary science community;

• improve European scientific competitiveness, develop and spread expertise in this research area,

• improve public understanding of planetary environments.
Early Career Support

Supporting pre-Early Space Researchers

- High-school students
- BA, MS, PHD students
- Professionals

By providing a list of first-contact Space Researchers

- Approachable
- Diverse
  - Geographically
  - Topically
- Easily searchable
Searchable list

Nauris Dorbe
Data Scientist, Machine Learning Researcher
Reinforcement Learning
Latvian

Joana Neto-Lima
Biologist and geologist
Serpentinization on Ocean Worlds
Portuguese

Tamara Abajo
Geologist, Remote Sensing Specialist
Natural hazards assessment by remote sensing
Spanish

Angelos Tsiaras
Physicist
Characterisation of Exoplanets
Greek
My journey in Astronomy began in 2009, when as a high-school student I was selected to represent my country, Greece, in the International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics. Since then I am pursuing an academic career in Astronomy, determined to explore our place in the universe and spread this knowledge to the society.

I moved away from my village close to the city of Drama when I was 18 to do an undergrad in physics in Thessaloniki. During my undergrad, the field of exoplanets caught my attention. It was the era of the great achievements of Kepler, which turned the search for exoplanets into the modern expedition for new worlds. Five years later, I got a scholarship to do a PhD at UCL in London, on the characterisation of exoplanetary atmospheres through transit spectroscopy. Given the large number of exoplanets detected I believed that it was time to put more effort on understanding what these new worlds really are, and do one step closer to the holy grail of exoplanet research: finding another habitable world.

Today, I am working as a post-doc at the same group where I did my PhD, with similar topic of research. The main ideas that motivate my career are the same as when I started: exploring the nature and disseminating knowledge both within and outside academia. My day-to-day job is to develop software for analysing data from space telescopes, in particular the Hubble Space Telescope. My view is that sharing such software benefits the scientific community as a whole and helps research go forward. For this reason I have made, and I will continue making, my work publicly available.

We live in an era where people are questioning science more than ever. I believe that it is our duty, as scientists, to have an active role in society, starting from making our work more understandable to people. In this context, I spend a lot of effort on developing analysis tools that can be used by anyone outside academia, and through that, I aim to spread the knowledge and engage the public, students, and amateur astronomers, with whom I have already been collaborating on a few projects.

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