



INFORMATION SHEET

GENERAL PRESENTATION

NEREUS, the Network of European Regions Using Space Technologies currently counts 25 Full members and 24 Associate Members. Its permanent secretariat is based in Brussels and organised as an international not-for-profit association (Belgian a.i.s.b.l.). It is financially independent and is funded by membership fees (for membership list please see overleaf).

According to the NEREUS Political Charter the key objectives of the network are to provide a platform for:

- voicing the regional dimension of space policies at a political level
- making sure that the whole potential of space technologies is exploited for the benefit of European regions in respect of R&D as well as economic competitiveness
- enhancing the growing role of citizens in the development of a European space policy, and in the construction and development of space technology markets.
- information and knowledge exchange
- networking and building of strong partnerships
- mobilising convincing projects and initiatives

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

Full Members (Regions)

Full Members are regions or regional entities from the EU Member States, which enjoy a level of autonomy ranking immediately after the state level, and are endowed with an independent political representation. If such criteria are not met the public institutions representing comparable regional entities may be admitted as Full Members.

Full Members have the right to vote in General Assemblies and their representative may be elected to the Management Board.

Associate Members

Associate Members are local authorities other than the Regions described above, companies, corporations, associations, foundations, banks, universities, firms, private actors, stakeholders, other networks, etc., whose competence, knowledge and interests concur with the aims of the NEREUS network.

Associate Members are allowed to participate in all Working Group activities and have a consultative vote in General Assemblies.

ADHESION PROCEDURE

Adhesion requests should be sent in writing to the NEREUS Secretariat (see address below) for transmission to the Management Board, using the NEREUS Adhesion form. In their letter of motivation, candidates should introduce themselves and provide a description of their activities. They should also endorse the NEREUS Political Charter and NEREUS Statutes, and attach a signed copy of these documents to their adhesion request.

Finally they should commit to paying their annual membership fee upon receipt of the NEREUS invoice and request for payment.

All requests for adhesion are considered by the NEREUS Management Board who issues a recommendation to the General Assembly on the admission/rejection of new members. The General Assembly takes its decision by a majority of two thirds; this decision is final.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Full Members (2009)

10,000 EUR per annum

Associate Members (2009)

- Companies with more than 250 employees	5,000 EUR per annum
- SME's with less than 250 employees	1,000 EUR per annum
- Local authorities, universities, research centres, non-profit organisations and SME's with less than 50 employees	500 EUR per annum

Note: Membership fees are fixed annually by the General Assembly upon recommendation of the Management Board.

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NEREUS MEMBERS (December 2009)

Full Members

- Abruzzo (Italy)
- Andalusia (Spain)
- Apulia (Italy)
- Aquitaine (France)
- Azores (Portugal)
- Baden-Württemberg (Germany)
- Basilicata (Italy)
- Bavaria (Germany)
- Brandenburg (Germany)
- Bremen (Germany)
- Brittany (France)
- Brussels-Capital (Belgium)
- City of Vienna (Austria)
- Castilla y Leon (Spain)
- East Midlands (United Kingdom)
- Guyana (France)
- Hesse (Germany)
- Lombardy ((Italy)
- Madrid (Spain)
- Mazovia (Poland)
- Midi-Pyrenees (France)
- Molise (Italy)
- Piedmont (Italy)
- Veneto (Italy))
- Walloon Region (Belgium)

Associate Members

- Aratos Technologies SA (Western Greece)
- Capital High Tech SARL (Aquitaine)
- Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales, CNES (Midi-Pyrenees)
- Centro de Conservação e Protecção do Ambiente, CCPA (Azores)
- Centro Interdipartimentale Studi e Attività Spaziali (CISAS) «G. Colombo» (Veneto)
- Centro de Vulcanologia e Avaliação de Riscos Geológicos, CVARG (Azores)
- Chambre de Commerce et d'Industrie du Gers , CCI Gers (Midi-Pyrenees)
- Cite de l'Espace (Midi-Pyrenees)
- Consorzio per la Gestione di Coordinamento delle Attività di Ricerca Inerenti il Sistema Lagunare di Venezia, CORILA (Veneto)
- Consorzio per le Technologie per le Osservazioni della Terra e dei Rischi Naturali, TeRN (Basilicata)
- CYBERMAP Lda (Azores)
- EADS Astrium (Midi-Pyrenees)
- EDISOFT SA (Azores)
- Escola de novas tecnologias dos Açores, ENTA (Azores)
- FFG, Austrian Research Promotion Agency (City of Vienna)
- France Développement Conseil (FDC) SARL (Ile de France)
- GLOBESTAR SYSTEMS Lda (Azores)
- Observatoire Midi-Pyrénées (Midi-Pyrenees)
- SICOVAL, Communauté d'Agglomération Sud-Est toulousain (Midi-Pyrenees)
- STAE Foundation (Midi-Pyrenees)
- TELESPAZIO FRANCE (Midi-Pyrenees)
- TéSA Laboratory (Midi-Pyrenees)
- Thales Alenia Space (Midi-Pyrenees)
- World Academy of BioMedical Technologies, WABT (Ile de France)