



**EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN THE
SPACE SECTOR:**

**THE ROLE OF SPACE
OBSERVATORIES IN
EDUCATION/TRAINING IN EUROPE**

Thursday 27 February 2025, 11:00-12:30 CET

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Programme 27th February 2025 (moderated discussion with participating partners):

- Introduction and moderation by Margarita Chrysaki, NEREUS Communication & Project officer (5 min);

- Presentation of the University of Podkarpacie by Professor Grzegorz Kopecki
- Presentation of Observatório Astronómico de Santana - Açores by Alexandre Dias, Senior Science Communication Technician
- Presentation of Roque de los Muchachos Observatory (Canary Islands)

Space opportunities: Benelux Space Startup Competition by Alice Pellegrino, Space Generation Council

Moderated discussion (15 min)

Discussion & QnA

Closing

About: The 16th infosession on education/training in the space sector will explore the role of space observatories on education/training activities as part of their regional ecosystems. The panel of speakers will share with us individual experiences and knowledge from their career so far.

Target group: Universities/research centres which are NEREUS-Associate members, Universities based in NEREUS-members regions, other Universities interested in education/training, cooperation partners, NEREUS-regions who hosted the EO4GEO workshops in the past, all NEREUS-members interested in the education/training regarding the use of space technologies;

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The webinars have the overall objective to bring together the university community of the Network and partners of the network interested in education/training, capacity building skills development, create new opportunities for partnerships and set the frame for new ways of cooperation, create opportunities to better partner and network Associate partners with regional stakeholders but also to reach out to new organisations. The webinar aims at:

- Introducing new education players who recently joined the platform and other key stakeholders in the area of education/training;
- Enhancing collaboration amongst the universities/research centres presented present (?) on the platform but also to reach out to new players outside the Network;
- Identifying strengths/areas to cooperate with each other;
- Presenting major university related-projects and partnerships: a) the Erasmus+ EU education/training initiative, Universeh, an alliance of five young and mature universities from five European countries; (Please note, in case you wish to present an initiative of your region or organisation to the network community, please contact the secretariat.)
- Presenting and discussing on new funding opportunities/programmes;

Background:

The role of the education/training sector is crucial for the development of regional economy and growth. New skills and interdisciplinary knowledge is needed given challenges, such as unemployment, digitalisation, green transition, etc. The growing role of the space sector can provide solutions to a wide range of regional domains including agriculture, maritime activities, urban planning, air quality, climate adaptation, sustainable development.

These info sessions will introduce the key education players in the area of space and explore potential partnerships within but also outside the Network. In addition, new education/training trends on the uptake and integration of space/geospatial data and services will be presented

Education/training is also considered a key topic for regional strategies and future needs in space products and experts for the public and private sector at a local and regional level. NEREUS is a European network of regions, currently comprised of 24 Member regions and 33 Associate members (including universities) and its role is also to update members and participate in the development of an appropriate educational framework that will support regional growth and development.