

Special Session: Identifying Greece's Prospects in Space

Overarching Objective: To enhance Greece's scientific prominence and develop high-technology know-how through direct involvement in ESA science and technology demonstration missions.

Session Objective: To identify foundations for a Space Strategy. Namely, to outline a medium-to-long term Roadmap to achieve the country's strategic goals in Space and the Institutional framework to execute the strategy.

The session will be staging an open discussion between the Greek astronomy community, local space industry and government representatives. The session consists of a series of short introductory talks followed by a panel discussion and audience Q&A. The aims are: (1) Inform the Greek astronomy community about the ESA Science and Technology program and ways to get involved. (2) Present the current status of the Greek space program and space industry. (3) Discuss ways forward for a continuous presence of Greece in ESA space missions. Discussions may continue in splinter sessions.

Conveners: Angelos Vourlidas (chair), Markos Trichas, Dimitra Rigopoulou

INTRODUCTION		
Why and How to Get Involved in a Space Science Mission	A. Vourlidas	15 min
A Large System Integrator point of view. Future Planned missions, industrial Opportunities for Greek Involvement	M. Trichas	15min
Greece and ESA 's Science Program Committee: National Involvement	M. Georgoulis	15 min
CURRENT STATUS		
ESA plans and the Greek involvement so far	M. Bullock (ESA)	15min
The Hellenic Space Technologies and Applications Cluster, the Growing Greek Space Ecosystem	P. Georgiadis (Si-Cluster)	15 min
Space Activities of the Greek Industry: Key Players	A. Narlis (EAB)	15 min
Science Hardware/Software Capabilities in Greece	K. Tsinganos A. Paschalis Th. Sarris	45 min
X-ray Astronomy with the support of EU and ESA projects	I. Georgantopoulos	15min
FUTURE		
The Case for a Greek Space Office	A. Anastasiadis	15 min
Panel: Greek Space Strategy Panelists: Government, Industry, Science H/W, Academia	A. Vourlidas (coordinator) P. Georgiadis M. Trichas K. Tsinganos M. Georgoulis	1 hr

