

*4th Inter-Regional Space Policy
Dialogue Between Asia-Pacific
and Europe*

**Exploring New Funding Pathways
for the Global Space Economy**

1. Introduction

The European Space Policy Institute (ESPI) and the APRSAF Secretariat will co-organize the 4th Inter-Regional Space Policy Dialogue between Asia-Pacific and European countries on the occasion of the 67th session of the United Nations COPUOS, for promoting understanding of each region's space policy.

The Dialogue will be organized in the form of a Space Policy Practitioners Workshop aiming to provide the opportunity to exchange information and mutually learn about the experience of the development and implementation of space policies among the countries in Europe and the Asia-Pacific region.

The Workshop will feature technical presentations by experts from both regions and a roundtable exchange on different approaches to a selected overarching topic.

The participants of this closed workshop are invited government/space agency officials from the Asia-pacific and European region who will be in Vienna to attend the COPUOS meeting. The event envisions at least 8 delegates (4 for Europe and 4 for the APAC region) to each deliver short presentation followed by a Q&A session and to then follow with a general roundtable discussion among participants.

2. Overview

- **Date & Time:** Saturday, June 22, 2023, from 9:30 AM – 14 :00 CEST (including lunch hosted by ESPI)
- **Venue:** ESPI premises (Schwarzenbergplatz 16 (TOP 1), 1010, Vienna, Austria)
- **Approach:** Closed door, invited & pre-registered representatives from Asia-Pacific and European countries
- **Expected Participants:** Ministry and space agencies officials of APAC and European countries that are attending 67th session of UN COPUOS

3. Thematic focus

The overarching theme chosen to spark substantive exchange among participants is: **“Exploring Public and Private Partnerships for the Global Space Economy including New Alternative financing mechanisms for the space sector”**.

Topics that can be covered during the roundtable discussion include:

- National funding systems (government, private, academia)
- Public innovation funds and commercialisation pathways
- Incentives for the private sector to provide equity support in PPPs
- Public fund-of-funds in support of space-focused VCs and existing funds in non-space sector
- The role of export credit agencies in driving sales for the space sector and reduce import barriers

- Investor networks in public agencies

4. Preliminary agenda

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| 09.30 – 10:00 | Registration and Welcome Coffee |
| 10:00 – 10:30 | ESPI and APRSAF Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ESPI Director ▪ JAXA Director Int, Relations ▪ Research insights by ESPI/JAXA |
| 10:30 – 11:30 | Country reports on Financing Mechanisms for the space sector <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 8 minutes presentation ▪ Possibility to use slides ▪ Q&A on country reports |
| 11:30 – 11: 45 | Coffee Break |
| 11:45 – 12: 45 | Roundtable discussion |
| 12:45 – 13.00 | Wrap up and announcements |
| 13:00 – 14:00 | Networking Lunch |