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ESPI Vienna Space Diplomat

3rd ESPI VSD Newsletter



I am happy to share with you the third edition of the ESPI VSD newsletter. As we anticipated, 2024 has kicked off with a whirlwind of activity, fully living up to our expectations of a busy year within the VSD. This period of intense activity coincides with an exciting development for ESPI: we have moved to a new address at Schwarzenbergplatz 16, marking a new chapter in our journey together with the European and International space community. This year has launched into action, and in just three months, we had the pleasure to host several significant activities, including two VSD side events to COPUOS on the work of the IADC at its 30th Anniversary and the Strategic Value of Earth Observation, and the inaugural VSD forum on the topic of Space Weather. Our goal is to further promote European Space Policy globally, to expand our reach, growing our network and connecting with more diplomatic delegations.

ESPI's New Office

On January 26, 2024, ESPI celebrated a major milestone by inaugurating its new office at Schwarzenbergplatz 16. This event, attended by nearly 100 guests including 15 Ambassadors and over 50 different nations, marked ESPI's commitment to Space for Peace, Prosperity, and Future Generations. The move to our new home is more than a change of address, it is leap towards actualising our vision for space diplomacy, strengthening the Vienna Space Diplomat community.

Success of VSD Side Events and 1st VSD Forum

ESPI successfully hosted two VSD side events in January and February 2024, focusing on the challenges of space sustainability and the strategic value of Earth Observation.

Moreover, the inaugural VSD Forum is a testament to the types of impactful dialogues and gatherings our new office will facilitate. The event featured Juha-Pekka Luntama from ESA, whose insights at the forum highlighted the widespread effects on various sectors of the economy, from aviation to shipping, stressing the need for robust preparedness against space weather-related disruptions. He also emphasised the significant impact of space weather on Europe's technological infrastructure, including satellite navigation, communications, and power systems.



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Newsletter Highlights

**ESPI's New Office
Inauguration**

**VSD Side Event:
"From WRC-23 to the
Next Cycle"**

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**1st VSD
Interregional
Dialogue with
Latin America and
the Caribbean:**

**"Space for Earth's
Sustainability"**

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NEXT VSD ENGAGEMENTS

We are excited to welcome all VSD members to our VSD side events during COPUOS, as well as future VSD events at this new location.

From WRC-23 to the Next Cycle: How to Make Everyone Happy? (Hint: You Can't)

The VSD side event, "From WRC-23 to the Next Cycle: How to Make Everyone Happy (Hint: You Can't)," is scheduled for **April 16th**. This event will facilitate an open exchange on the outcome of the World Radiotelecommunication Conference 2023 (WRC-23), and its implications for the space domain.

1st Interregional Dialogue between Latin America and Europe

ESPI and the Permanent Missions of Argentina to the UN in Vienna will co-host the 1st Inter-Regional Space Policy Dialogue between Europe and GRULAC countries. This event, set for **April 20th**, 2024, aims to foster understanding and exchange on space policy development and implementation between Europe and Latin America and the Caribbean region.

The event will feature expert technical presentations and roundtable discussions on **regional cooperation in space for Earth's sustainability**, with government and space agency officials from both regions participating. It plans for 8 delegates (4 each from Europe and Latin America) to present and engage in a Q&A, followed by a group discussion, highlighting diverse space policy insights and experiences from 8 different countries.

Save-the-date for the next VSD Summer Reception



We are delighted to announce that the **2nd VSD Summer Reception**, scheduled for **June 13th** and **co-hosted with the Permanent Mission of Switzerland**, will feature esteemed guest speakers **Daniel Neuenschwander**, Director of Space Exploration at ESA, and **Carmen Possnig**, a distinguished member of the ESA Astronaut Reserve. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Switzerland for their hospitality in facilitating this event. This gathering, enhanced by the insights of our guest speakers, aims to further unite the diplomatic community in Vienna, connecting a spectrum of space sector stakeholders to encourage a vibrant forum for cooperation and shared understanding.

Yours sincerely,

Hermann Ludwig Moeller
Director of ESPI



Selected ESPI publications to the attention of the VSD community



[Space Spectrum Management.](#)



[EU Space Policy and the Involvement of Civil Society](#)



[Multilateral engagement on Space Security](#)



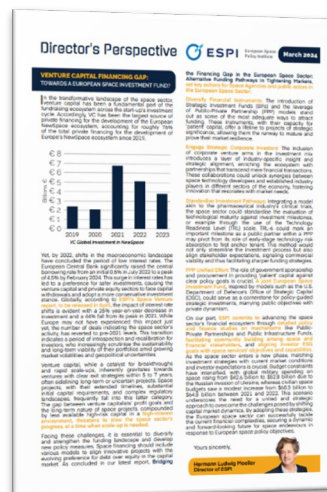
[Space Safety and Sustainability](#)



[More than a Space Programme](#)



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Events organised by ESPI · 2024

JANUARY

» 30 JAN: ESPI/
Inter-Agency
Space Debris
Coordination
Committee Side
Event.

FEBRUARY

» 5 FEB: ESPI/
International
Society for
Photogrammetry
and Remote
Sensing Side
Event.

MARCH

» 6 MAR: 1st VSD
Forum, Dialogues
on Space
Weather.

APRIL

» 16 APR: VSD
Side Event: "From
WRC-23 to the Next
Cycle."
» 20 APR: VSD
Interregional
Dialogue with
Latin America and
the Caribbean:
"Space for Earth's
Sustainability."

MAY

JUNE

» 13 JUN: 2nd
VSD Summer
Reception.
Coorganised with
the Swiss Permanent
Mission.
» 22 JUN: 4th
Interregional
Dialogue with
Asia.
» TBC: VSD Side
Event.

JULY

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

» 1-2 OCT:
ESPI Autumn
Conference:
"Scaling European
Space Capabilities for
Security & Defence:
from Ambition to
Implementation."
Vienna, Austria.

NOVEMBER

» TBC: 2nd VSD
Forum.

DECEMBER