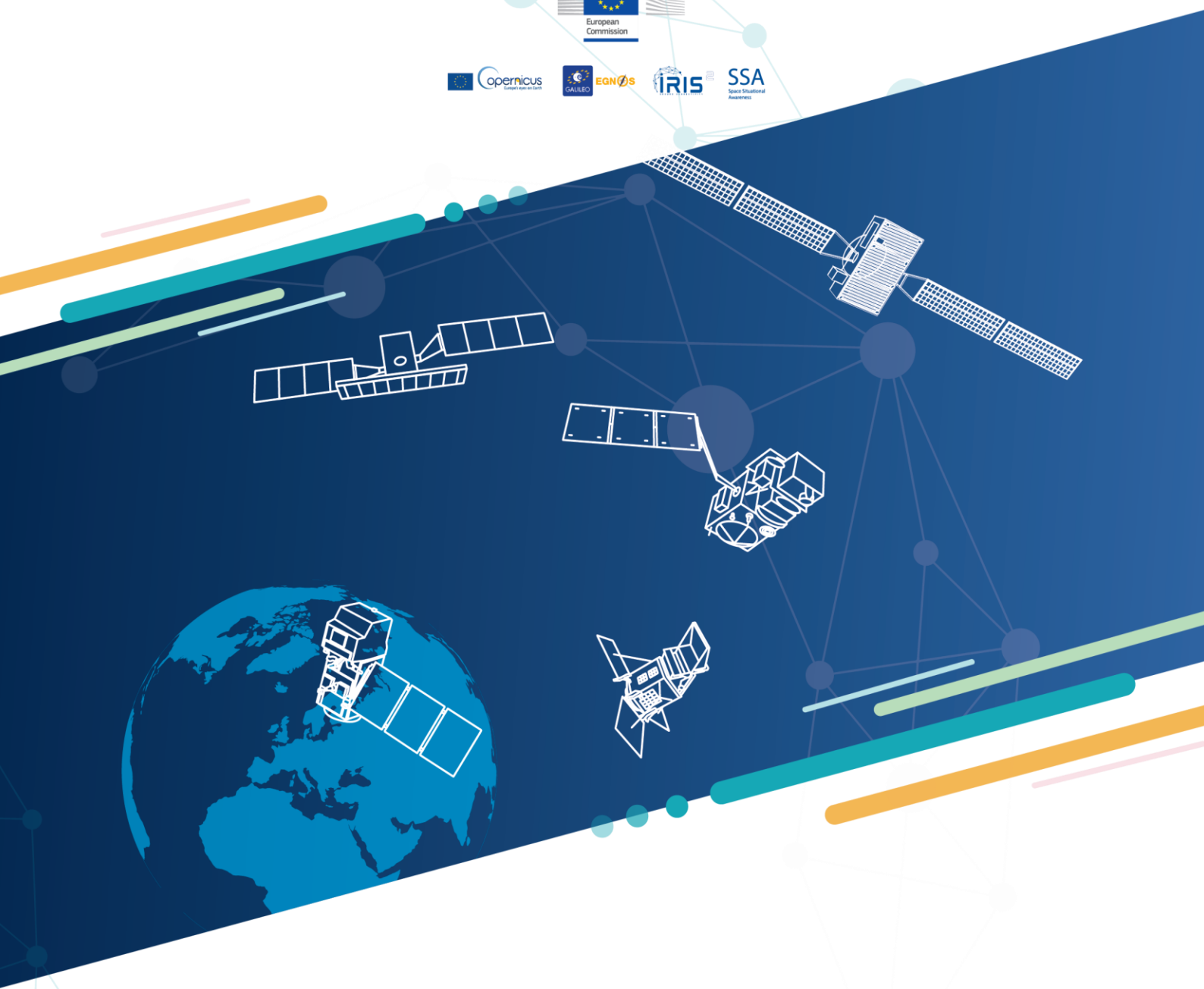


GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE EU SPACE NETWORKS 2025



Thursday 10 April 2025 — Afternoon Session

Hosted by the Veneto Region

13:30 – 14:00 Badge collection and welcome coffee

14:00	Welcome and Opening Remarks ➤ <i>Francesco Calzavara, Councillor for Digital Innovation at Veneto Region</i> ➤ <i>Benno Albrecht, IUAV University of Venice Rector</i> ➤ <i>Video message from Andrius Kubilius, EU Space and Defence Commissioner, European Commission</i>
14:45	Brief introduction and overview of the event schedule ➤ <i>Julien Turpin, Deputy Head of Unit - Communication, Human Resources and Security of Information at DG DEFIS</i> ➤ <i>Frédéric Collomb, Director of the EU Space Support Office</i>
15:00	Presentation on the Veneto Region's activities and initiatives related to space <i>Speakers:</i> ➤ <i>Luca Marchesi, Director General, Area Protection and Security at Veneto Region</i> ➤ <i>Daniele Piccolo, Area Protection and Security at Veneto Region</i>
15:30	Safeguarding cultural heritage with EU space data <i>This session will explore EO and GNSS-based solutions for monitoring, preserving, and protecting cultural heritage. EUSPA will present the upcoming Thematic Hub and the Italian CUF Delegate will present the work of the ad hoc Task Force on the same subject. A side event open to the public is scheduled for the afternoon of 11 April.</i> <i>Speakers:</i> ➤ <i>Fiammetta Diani, Head of Market, Downstream & Innovation at EUSPA</i> ➤ <i>Chiara Solimini, Space Downstream Market Officer at EUSPA</i> ➤ <i>Andrea Taramelli, Professor at Istituto Universitario di Studi Superiori di Pavia (IUSS) and Italian National Delegate at the Copernicus User Forum</i>
16:30	Session on the EU Space Networks <i>This session will begin with a roundtable where members of the EU Space Networks present in the room will have an opportunity to introduce themselves. There will be a brief introduction and an overview of past achievements, the evolution of the networks, and their current status, including a presentation on FPCUP results. The second part of the session will focus on brainstorming, allowing members to provide feedback, discuss their expectations for the development of the EU Space Networks, and propose ideas to the representatives of the European Commission.</i> ➤ <i>Simon Seminari, Policy Officer at DG DEFIS</i> ➤ <i>Andrea Taramelli, Italian National Delegate at the Copernicus User Forum</i> ➤ <i>Jorge Cabrera, EUSSO – EU Space Networks in Latin America</i>

18:00 Networking Cocktail

Until 19:30

Friday 11 April 2025 — Morning Session

Hosted by IUAV University of Venice

8:30 – 9:00 Welcome coffee

9:00 Talent for tomorrow – Bridging the skills gap in the EU space sector

This session will include a presentation from the European Commission, as well as from a national representative, to provide both a European and a local perspective. Furthermore, a side event open to the public is planned for the afternoon of 11 April to present the SpaceSUITE project and the activities of the Copernicus Academy National Coordination in Italy.

Speakers:

- *Maria Vittoria d’Inzeo, Policy Officer at DG DEFIS*
- *Milva Carbonaro, Coordinator at Geographical Information System International Group (GISIG)*

9:40 EU Space data and services for sustainable agriculture

This session will discuss how Copernicus and Galileo contribute to smart farming.

Speakers:

- *Tim Lemmens, Policy Officer at DG DEFIS (online)*
- *Camillo Zaccarini, Director CAP Strategic Plan Support at Institute of Agricultural Food Market Services (ISMEA)*

10:20 Coffee break

10:40 Leveraging EU space data for coastal and ocean sustainability

This session will discuss the European Digital Twin of the Ocean, coastal resilience, security, and the UN Ocean Decade challenges.

Speakers:

- *Tina Silovic, Programme Officer at Mercator Ocean International (online)*
 - *Cosimo Solidoro, Researcher at National Institute of Oceanography and Applied Geophysics (OGS)*
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11:20	Securing Europe's space assets – SSA & STM <i>This session will present Space Situational Awareness and EU Space Traffic Management—key components of the EU Space Programme.</i> <i>Speaker:</i> ➤ Rodolphe Muñoz, Team leader SSA/STM at DG DEFIS (online)
12:00	Closing remarks ➤ Theodora Antoniou, information and Communications Officer at DG DEFIS
12:15	Networking Lunch <i>Until 14:00</i>

Friday 11 April 2025 — Afternoon

Two side events are planned for the afternoon of 11 April, between 14:30 and 17:00 at [Complesso dei Tolentini](#). The afternoon sessions will take place in parallel and will be open to participants from outside the networks. However, they will still be held in English to ensure participation of members of the EU Space Networks. The topics of these sessions will complement the two thematic sessions scheduled for the first day of the General Assembly, albeit with a different focus.

➤ **Satellite data and Skills in Action: Training for the development of real-world Applications**

Co-organised by CICA and GISIG

Chair: Bernardo De Bernardinis, President of CICA & Copernicus Academy National Coordination

Presentations:

- ***A European framework for skills development in the space downstream sector: the SpaceSUITE flagship project*** - Milva Carbonaro, Coordinator at GISIG
- ***Skills needs in the downstream space sector: preliminary results of our analysis*** Gabriella Povero, Office Manager at LINKS Foundation
- ***Curricula design, development and delivery: how it works and what you get*** - Danny Vandenbroucke, Research Manager at KU Leuven, Spatial Applications Division
- ***From satellite data to solutions: building real-world applications in disaster management*** - Martyna A. Stelmaszczuk-Górska, Postdoctoral Research Associate at Friedrich Schiller University Jena, Institute of Geography, Department for Earth Observation

- **Earth Observation training and skills to support agriculture** - Antonio Denaro, Manager at ISMEA & Maria Vittoria Castellani, Copernicus Academy National Coordination & National Doctorate on Earth Observation – DNOT
- **The Great Disaster Challenge – Introducing Earth Observation to European secondary schools** - Petter Evju Skanke, Senior Adviser Earth Observation at the Norwegian Space Agency

➤ **Safeguarding cultural heritage with EU space data**

Co-organised by IUAV University of Venice

Chair: Francesco Musco, Full Professor in Urban Planning at IUAV University of Venice

Discussant:

Caterina Balletti, Associate Professor at IUAV University of Venice

Federico Cinquepalmi, Full Professor of Project Management at Sapienza University of Rome

Denis Maragno, Assistant Professor at IUAV University of Venice

Presentations:

- **How the Copernicus Service on Support to EU External and Security Actions (SESA) contributes to the protection of cultural heritage** - Roberta Onori, SESA Operation Team Leader at SatCen
- **Cultural heritage and natural hazards in a changing climate: Land Monitoring Services and Ground Motion application** - Daniele Spizzichino, Researcher and member of the Scientific Council at ISPRA (online)
- **Copernicus Climate Change and Atmosphere Monitoring Services supporting Cultural Heritage preservation** - Cristina Ananasso, Team Leader at European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts (ECMWF), (online)
- **Leveraging EU space data and AI for understanding and protecting cultural landscapes** Arianna Traviglia, Coordinator of the Centre for Cultural Heritage Technology at the Italian Institute of Technology (IIT)
- **Remote sensing for a climate change risk assessment of Venice** - Francesco Trovò, Greta Bruschi, Scientific Researcher at IUAV University of Venice

Saturday 12 April 2025 — Morning

The University of Padova has offered to organise a visit to the city of Padova, including bus transportation, or an alternative visit to one of Venice's historical gardens for EU Space Networks members who are staying an additional day. Interest in this activity will be assessed through the [registration form](#).