The European Centre for Space Law (ECSL)

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What is the ECSL?

• Created under the auspices of ESA in 1989

• Located at ESA HQ in Paris

• To promote knowledge, awareness and development of the legal framework relevant for conducting space activities.

• Network of stakeholders in space law and policy development
Who is the ECSL?

- **Members**
  academics, students, lawyers and representatives from industry, space agencies and other international organizations.

- 17 National Points of Contacts
- 10 Board Members
- 1 Friend of the ECSL
- 1 Executive Secretary
- 1 Student Representative
How do we work?

• Courses, Conferences and Competitions

• Capacity building and facilitate for dialogue across sectors

• Communication

• Europe's network for all things space law related

• Community
ECSL Events - 2019

- 19 – 21. March, ESA – ECSL Space Debris Workshop, ESA ESOC, Darmstadt, Germany

- 1. April, IISL/ ECSL Symposium, UN COPUOS Legal Subcommittee, Austria

- 24. April, General Assembly of the Members, ESA ESTEC, the Netherlands

- 25. April, The Practitioners Forum: The Moon Village Concept, ESA ESTEC, the Netherlands

- 26. April, The Young Lawyer Symposium, ESA ESTEC, the Netherlands

- 21 – 24. May, European Rounds Manfred Lachs Moot Court Competition, Paris, France

- 1 -15. September, ECSL Summer Course on Space Law and Policy, Messina, Italy
• 1st interdisciplinary workshop on the topic
• Platform for both legal and technical communities
• 150 participants from all over the world
• Great participation of media representatives
IISL/ECSL Symposium
- 1\textsuperscript{th} of April, Vienna

- Organised with International Institute for Space Law (IISL)

- Taking place at the first day of UN COPUOS Legal Subcommittee

- Topic 2019: The 40\textsuperscript{th} Anniversary of the Moon Agreement

- Opportunity for ECSL members to observe Symposium and COPUOS

- This year in particular we celebrated our 30\textsuperscript{th} anniversary!
Practitioners Forum
- 25th of April 2019, ESA ESTEC, Netherlands

• An ECSL Flagship event

• High level representatives

• **Objective:** Provide an opportunity to network and discuss topical areas of space law and policy relevant to the space sector.

• Experts present on topics, followed by debate
Young Lawyer Symposium
- 26th of April 2019, ESA ESTEC, the Netherlands

• An opportunity for young scholars and professionals to present a paper on a space law related topic.
  • Discuss with community
  • Publish on ECSL website

• Topics for 2019:
  1) The Future of the Moon Agreement
  2) Commercial Mining of Celestial Bodies
  3) Protection of Cultural Heritage Sites on the Moon

• You are welcome to assist for insightful debates
Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court
- 21- 24th - Paris, France

• Covers 4 regions

• ECSL organises European Rounds

• New city and new university every year: this year, Paris-Sud University will host the competition

• Teams of 2-3 people

• Fictional space law case

• ECSL sponsor European winners to World finals

• World finals for 2019: IAC, Washington (USA)
The 28th ECSL Summer Course on Space Law and Policy
- 2nd to 12th of September 2019, Messina, Italy

- New destination each year
  - To be announced (2020)
  - Messina (2019)
  - Helsinki (2018)
  - Rome (2017)

- 40-50 participants from Europe and beyond

- Two weeks

- Free for students from or studying in ESA member states

- High level of experts teaching

- Themed project

- Registration open late spring 2019
The ECSL on social media

- ECSL Website: www.esa.int/ecsl

- Follow European Centre for Space Law on:
  - Facebook
  - LinkedIn

News on:
- Space law and policy events
- Open positions/internships
- Stories from the community
I will be happy to receive your questions!