


Capacity Building in Space Law – The Space Law Essay Competition

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- Michael Bigl, University of Vienna, Award winner 2022

Capacity Building in Space Law in Austria

- The NPOC Space Law Austria acts as an interface between the European Centre for Space Law (ECSL) and persons interested in space law in Austria
- Its main objective is the promotion and development of space law in Austria
- It carries out activities in education and research and organises public events
- It is supported by the University of Vienna and the  Federal Ministry
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Activities_1

European Rounds of the Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition

- Austrian teams since 2013
- Local Co-Organiser 2020 and 2022 – Due to Covid-19 only virtually



Activities_2

ECSL Summer Course on Space Law and Policy

- Promotion and recruitment of participants from Austria
- Local Co-Organiser in 2004 (Graz) and in 2013 (Vienna)



Credit: <https://austria-in-space.at/en/space-law>

Activities_3

ECSL Young Lawyers Symposium

- Promotion and support of participation from Austria
- Young scholars and professionals (35 and under)
- Submit a 500-word abstract on a topic relating to the theme of one of the three panels
- Selection of speakers on the basis of their submitted abstracts
- Speakers have 10 minutes presentations



Credit: esa.int/About_Us/ECSL

Activities_4

Space Law Essay Competition

- Call for papers from November/December to March
- Promotion at Austrian universities
- Selection of papers
- Awards

AWARD CERTIFICATE

This certificate is presented to

Michael Bigl

1st place in the 2022 NPOC Space Law Austria Essay Competition

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Space Law Essay Competition

Topics (related to the ECSL Young Lawyers Symposium)

- Topics 2022
 - The legal consequences of non-binding legal instruments in space law
 - Do we need a new legal regime for Mars?
 - New legal aspects of satellite remote sensing
- Topics 2023
 - Legal aspects of active debris removal
 - The legal status of humans in outer space
 - The rise of large satellite constellations and its challenges for international and national space law

Awards and recognitions

- Participation in international space related events (financial support)
 - International Astronautical Congress (IAC)
 - ECSL events in Paris or Nordwijk
- Academic reputation
 - Award
 - Publication
- University recognition
 - 2 to 4 ECTS credit points as optional subjects
 - Integration in seminar papers, Bachelor or Master theses

Thank you very much for your attention!

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