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**Abstract:**

Europlanet 2020 RI organised a dinner debate in the European Parliament on 24th April 2018, hosted by Marian-Jean Marinescu MEP and attended by Clare Moody MEP, Flavio Zanonato MEP, 3 representatives of Members of the European Parliament, 5 representatives of the European Commission, as well as representatives of the European space industry and the European planetary science community. A total of 30 guests participated in the dinner debate. The discussion focused on Framework 9 discussions, as well as proposals of themes for future Widespread and calls.

The Dinner Debate was organised by Europlanet's Policy Officer, Livia Giacomini, in collaboration with the Office of Mr Marinescu. A series of meetings to discuss the date and plans were held between 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017, when Mr Marinescu agreed to host the event on behalf of Europlanet, and the event.

In addition, the Office of Clare Moody was very helpful in promoting the event to key contacts within the European Parliament.

Oriana Grasso, a long-term contact of Europlanet in Brussels (formerly a policy adviser to MEP Vittorio Prodi, the ex-Chair of the Sky & Space Intergroup, and currently working in the Copernicus Unit of the European Commission DG for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs), was very helpful in advising on the best dates and in securing participation in the dinner debate from representatives from the Commission.

At the start of the Dinner Debate, Mr Marinescu welcomed participants and Prof Nigel Mason gave a short introduction and showed the new Europlanet showreel animation, produced by Science Office, to give a short summary of the Europlanet 2020 RI project.

The three speakers for the event (Lena Noack, Freie Universität Berlin, Kartik Kumar, Austrian Space Forum, analogue astronaut, Co- founder & CEO satsearch.co, and Marcell Tessenyi, Europlanet 2020 RI Industry Officer, CEO Blue Skies Space Ltd) had been chosen to highlight the impacts of EU funding on the scientific community, wider society and industry respectively.

The briefing sheet and participation of representatives from Eurospace (Laura Gatti, Thales Alenia Space, Serge Radulovic, Arianespace, and Lucas Buthion, Head of the Eurospace Brussels Office) provided valuable input on the perspective of industry and, beyond the dinner event itself, has enabled Europlanet to build closer links with the ASD-Eurospace organisation.

The Dinner Debate also provided an opportunity for Europlanet to further develop a coordinated strategy for policy engagement with the European Astronomical Society, the European Geosciences Union and the Royal Astronomical Society, all of which were represented at the event.

Europlanet 2020 RI intends to follow up the dinner debate with an event in Strasbourg in November 2019.

## Appendix A: Briefing Sheets

The following briefing sheets were distributed at the event:

[Impact of European Union Funding on Planetary Science \(April 2018\)](#)

[Europlanet Background \(April 2018\)](#)

[Europlanet Project Summary \(April 2018\)](#)

[Europlanet Participants \(April 2018\)](#)

[Eurosace Exploration WG Key Messages to Europlanet on Planetary Exploration: Inspiring European Innovation](#)

Images of the event can be found at:

<http://www.europlanet-eu.org/resources/image/dinner-debate-april-2018/>

## Appendix B: Attendees at dinner debate:

First Name	Last Name	country	Role
Marian-Jean	Marinescu	Romania	Hosting MEP
Clare	Moody	UK	MEP
Flavio	Zanonato	Italy	MEP
Giacomo	Toffano	Italy	Assistant to Mr Zanonato
Anamaria Adalgiza	Pascovici	Romania	Assistant to Mr Marinescu
Jan	Sochorek	Czech Republic	assistant to Evzen Tosenovsky
Antonin	Chapelot	France	assistant to Dominique Riquet
Mats	Ljungqvist		European Commission (DG GROW)
Michel	Margery		European Commission (DG GROW)
Salvatore	Pignataro		European Commission (DG GROW)
Jean-Michel	Monthiller		European Commission (DG GROW)
Michael	Bode	UK	Liverpool John Moores University, RAS
Eleni	Chatzichristou	Greece	Europlanet 2020 RI
Régis	Courtin	France	Europlanet 2020 RI
Susmita Ratika	Datta	UK	Europlanet 2020 RI
Gareth Rees	Davies	UK	Vrije University Amsterdam

Laura	Gatti	Italy	Thales Alenia Space
Livia	Giacomini	Italy	Europlanet 2020 RI
Oriana	Grasso	Italy	European Commission
Jörn	Helbert	Germany	DLR
Anita	Heward	UK	Europlanet 2020 RI
Ozgur	Karatekin	Belgium	EGU
Kartik	Kumar	The Netherlands	Austrian Space Forum
Nigel	Mason	UK	Europlanet 2020 RI/Asterix/Chemical Cosmos
Robert	Massey	UK	Royal Astronomical Society
Lena	Noack	Germany	DLR
Serge	Radulovic	France	Ariane
Marcell	Tessenyi	The Netherlands	Europlanet 2020 RI/Blue Skies
Błażej	Thomas	UK	UKRO European Advisor
Lucas	Buthion		Head of Eurospace Brussels office

### Appendix C: Dinner Debate invitation:



Planetary exploration addresses some of humanity's greatest technical and philosophical challenges: Could we live beyond our planet? Can we use resources in space? What are the opportunities for entrepreneurs in the Space 4.0 environment? Will we find evidence for life elsewhere in our Solar System? Planetary exploration has the potential to drive

scientific, technological and commercial innovation, as well as inspire the much needed next generation of scientists and engineers.

Europe has world-leading facilities and the largest international community of planetary scientists, as well as more than 1200 SMEs providing technology and services relevant to planetary science spread across all EU Member States. EU support through the Europlanet 2020 Research Infrastructure and other Horizon 2020 projects has enabled this community to maximise the scientific and innovation return on investment in planetary exploration missions funded by ESA and international agencies. In the coming decade, Europe is taking a leading role in challenging missions to study potential habitats on the icy moons of Jupiter and preparing the facilities needed to analyse samples brought back from Mars. As we move towards the next Multiannual Financial Framework, it is a time of great opportunity and change in the space sector. There is increasing diversity of actors, with commercial players and entrepreneurs participating alongside national and international agencies. This Dinner Debate will discuss how Europe's planetary exploration programme can drive innovation and competitiveness in European science, industry and SMEs and inspire the next generation of Europe's STEM workforce.

**The programme for the evening will be:**

18:00 – Drinks reception

18:30 – Welcome by Marian-Jean Marinescu, MEP;

Europlanet presentation by Nigel Mason, Coordinator of Europlanet.

19:00 – Dinner served.

Presentations:

Lena Noack, Freie Universität Berlin

Kartik Kumar, Austrian Space Forum, analogue astronaut, Co-founder & CEO satsearch.co

Marcell Tessenyi, Europlanet 2020 RI Industry Officer, CEO Blue Skies Space Ltd

20:00 – Debate

21:00 – Close

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