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**Abstract:**

Instead of organising a stand-alone science communication training workshop in 2017, Europlanet's outreach activity joined forces with its science networking activity to run the 2017 Europlanet Summer School "Space missions: ground-based observations and science communication" from 18-28 July at the Molėtai Astronomical Observatory in Lithuania.

The innovative programme for the summer school aimed to equip young researchers and amateur astronomers with skills in observational astronomy and in science communication. Students received practical training on making spectroscopic observations of the chemical composition of stars and photometric detections of stellar variability and exoplanet transits. Afternoon sessions included a wide range of science communication training.

The workshop included a series of training modules on engaging with different audiences, including journalists, teachers and the general public, and using different communication channels, including the media and social media. The sessions were led by Rosa Doran (Nuclio, Portugal), Pedro Russo (University of Leiden, Netherlands), Eleni Chatzichristou (IASA, Greece), Thilina Heenatigala (Science Office, Portugal/Netherlands), Anita Heward (Science Office, Portugal/UK).

Practical exercises included giving a sixty second 'elevator pitch' on the relevance of each student's research to society, drafting a press release, developing an educational activity on the Graasp.eu platform of the EU-funded Go-Lab project (Grant Agreement no. 317601), mind-mapping a public engagement activity on the theme of 'Planetary sciences and climate change' and making a sixty-second video or a social media story. A press release written by students about the summer school was published on the Lithuanian news site [alkas.lt](http://alkas.lt).

The workshop had 21 participants (11 female, 10 male) from 13 countries (Azerbaijan, Colombia, Croatia, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Lithuania, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Ukraine and UK), comprising mainly young scientists (post-doctoral researchers, PhD students, Masters students and undergraduates) but also amateur astronomers.

15 students completed an online evaluation form for the science communication training components of the Europlanet Summer School. Comments and feedback were very positive. A short report and links to presentations from the Summer School and a summary of evaluation responses by the students can be found [here](#).