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**SPACE & SOCIETY CONFERENCE**  
**TOWARDS A EUROPEAN SPACE COMMUNITY**  
European Economic and Social Committee, Brussels  
29<sup>th</sup> June 2015

**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

**10.00 – 11.00 | OPENING SESSION**

Welcome speeches:

- Mr Martin Siecker, EESC INT section president
- Mr Iozia, EESC Space & Society project coordinator

Key note speeches:

- Mr Marian-Jean Marinescu, Member of the European Parliament
- Mr Nichi Vendola, President, NEREUS
- Mr Michel Praet, Head of Brussels Office, ESA
- Mr Gian Gherardo Calini, Head of Market Development, GSA (tbc)

**Discussion**

**11.00 – 11.30 | OPENING OF PHOTO EXHIBITION "SPACE GIRLS, SPACE WOMEN"**

- Mr Nichi Vendola, President, NEREUS

**11.30 – 13.00 | Round Table WHAT ARE THE PERSPECTIVES FOR SMEs IN THE SPACE MARKET**

**Moderated by: Mr Joost van Iersel, EESC member**

Key note speech: Mr Daniel Calleja Crespo, Director General DG GROW, European Commission

With the participation of:

- Mr Jacques Lemerrier, EESC member
- Mr Mindaugas Maciulevičius, EESC member
- Mr Massimo Claudio Comparini, Telespazio, Chairman of SPIN IT Platform
- Mr Domantas Bručas, Lithuanian Space Association, Space Science and Technology Institute, SME4Space
- Mr Priit Anton, AS Regio
- Mr David Zolesi, Kayser Italia

**Discussion**





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**13.00 – 14.30 | LUNCH BREAK**

**14.30 – 15.30 | Round Table FUTURE GENERATION FOR SPACE**

**Moderated by: Mr Martin Siecker, EESC member**

With the participation of:

- Mr Gerd Wolf, EESC member
- Mr Mihai Manoliu, EESC member
- Ms Dominique Tilmans, former Belgian Senator, Chair of YouSpace
- Ms Audrey Korczynska, Universe Awareness and Space Awareness, Leiden University

**Discussion**

**15.30 – 17.00 | FUTURE FOR SPACE - BUILDING A EUROPEAN SPACE COMMUNITY**

Discussion:

- Mr Edgardo Iozia, EESC member
- Ms Apostolia Karamali, European Commission
- Mr Giulio Barbolani di Montauto, ESA
- Mr Stefaan De Mey, Secretary General, EURISY
- Mr Geoff Sawyer, EARSC
- Mr Gian Gherardo Calini, Head of Market Development, GSA (tbc)

**Discussion**

**17.00 | END OF THE CONFERENCE**

*Interpretation available in French and English (speaking possible in Italian)*

