

The European Centre for Space Law (ECSL)

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What is the ECSL?



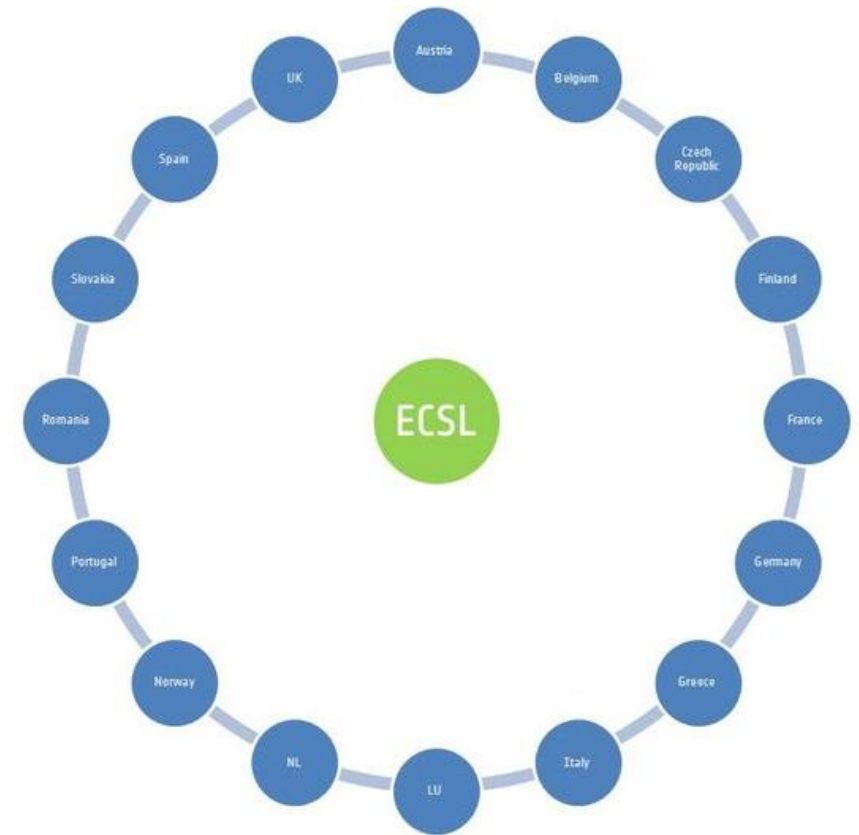
- Created under the auspices of ESA in 1989
- Located at ESA HQ in Paris
- To promote knowledge, awareness and development of the legal framework relevant for conducting space activities.
- Network of stakeholders in space law and policy development



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
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- 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
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- 21 – 24. May, **European Rounds Manfred Lachs Moot Court Competition**, Paris, France
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- 1 -15. September, **ECSL Summer Course on Space Law and Policy**, Messina, Italy

ESA – ECSL Space Debris Workshop

- 19 – 21. March, ESA ESOC, Darmstadt, Germany



- 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



The ESA-ECSL Space Debris Regulation, Standards and Tools Workshop
19-21st of March 2019, ESA ESOC, Darmstadt, Germany

IISL/ECSL Symposium

- 1th 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 40th Anniversary of the Moon Agreement
- Opportunity for ECSL members to observe Symposium and COPUOS
- This year in particular we celebrated our 30th 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

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THE YOUNG LAWYERS' SYMPOSIUM

ESA ESTEC, 26 APRIL 2019



THE TOPICS

LEGAL CHALLENGES RELATING TO:

THE FUTURE OF THE MOON AGREEMENT

COMMERCIAL MINING OF CELESTIAL BODIES

PROTECTION OF CULTURAL HERITAGE
SITES ON THE MOON

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**

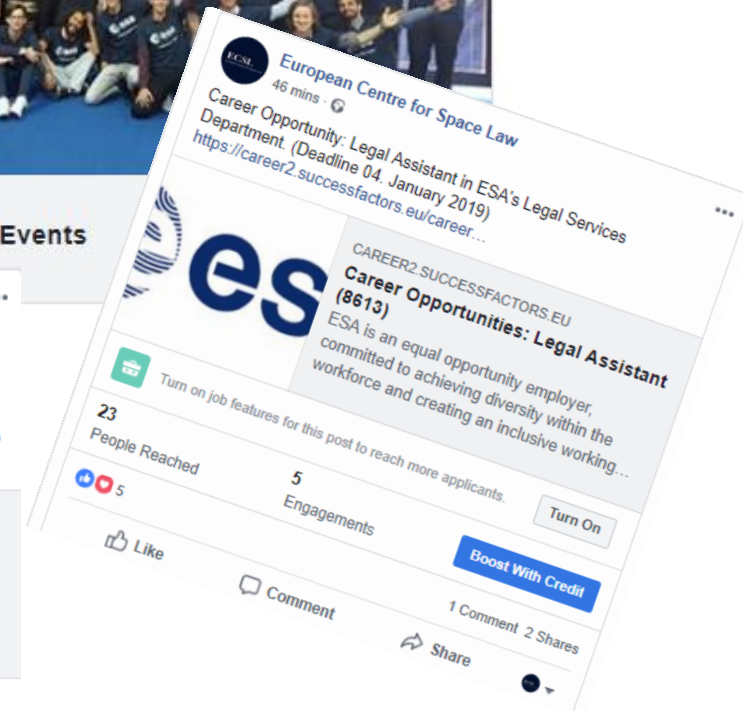


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 - Facebook
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- Space law and policy events
- Open positions/internships
- Stories from the community



I will be happy to receive your questions !

