

Policy Activities in Europlanet 2020 RI

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Abstract

The Europlanet 2020 Research Infrastructure (RI) has received 9.945 million Euros from the European Commission to integrate planetary science across Europe, provide access to facilities, develop tools and build community cohesion. To help these processes and to increase engagement between our policy makers and the planetary science community, part of Europlanet 2020 RI's efforts are dedicated to building connections and organising activities for and within the European Parliament.

Since September 2015, Europlanet 2020 RI has contacted all 134 Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) on the ITRE Committee. More than 20 individual briefings have been held to date with MEPS and/or their representatives. In November 2016, Europlanet 2020 RI organized a very successful exhibition in the European Parliament as part of the 8th European Innovation Summit and the STOA Annual Lecture, and a dinner debate was held on the topic 'Impact of the EU on planetary science' in April 2016.

These events enable members of the Europlanet community, politicians and interested parties to come together and discuss views on topics of interest or concern to the space and planetary sectors. Efforts in recent years have led to important opportunities for our community to feed into reporting and consultative processes. In this talk we will discuss the results achieved in the last two years of activities and the next steps foreseen by Europlanet 2020 RI.

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