

Europa⁺ Policy Activities toward FP9

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Abstract

In the past years, part of Europa⁺ 2020 Research Infrastructure (RI)'s efforts were dedicated to building connections and organising activities for and within the European Parliament to increase engagement between our policy makers and the planetary science community.

From September 2015 to August 2018, Europa⁺ 2020 RI has contacted all Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) on the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE), participating to meetings and conferences and organizing several individual briefings with MEPS and/or their representatives.

In April 2018, just before the launch of the next Multiannual Financial Framework and the new framework programme FP9 that will succeed Horizon 2020, Europa⁺ organized in the European Parliament in Bruxelles a successful Dinner Debate on the topic 'Planetary exploration inspiring European innovation'.

These were only the last of a series of events organized to enable members of the Europa⁺ community, politicians and interested parties to come together and discuss views on topics of interest or concern to the space and planetary sectors.

All these Policy activities have led to important opportunities for our community to feed into reporting and consultative processes: we will discuss these opportunities and the results achieved for FP9.

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