

Ensuring the Sustainability of Outer Space – The Role of Space Law and Policy

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Online Event

At the margins of the 65th session of the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (UNCOPUOS)

More and more actors are recognising space as an important area of activity. They launch hundreds of satellites. This brings advantages, but also disadvantages. Space debris, complexity of space operations, increased risks of collision and interference with the operation of space objects are among the most pressing issues. They are addressed in the **21 UN Guidelines on the Long-Term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities of 2019 – the "LTS Guidelines"** – and by other international, regional and national initiatives. Various actors and stakeholders at different levels and in different disciplines need to be involved in order to ensure that they also have an effect in practice.

The legal and regulatory aspects of the long-term sustainability of outer space activities are an important part of the LTS Guidelines, but leave a rather large range of options for governments. At the event, a panel of experts is invited to present approaches by governments, international organisations, NGOs and industry on how to implement to implement the Guidelines and to exchange ideas and best practices to achieve the desired results.

The event will be held in a virtual format and be organised by the National Point of Contact for Space Law (NPOC) Austria at the University of Vienna, together with the Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology.

Introductory remarks: Margit Mischkulnig (Austrian Federal Ministry for Climate Action)

Keynote: Holger Krag (ESA)

Perspectives from different countries:

Joanne Wheeler (Alden Legal, UK)

Mahulena Hoffmann (University of Luxembourg)

Jean-François Mayence (BELSPO)

Tanja Masson-Zwaan (University of Leiden)

Ryan Guglietta (US State Department)

Moderator: Irmgard Marboe (University of Vienna)

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