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Erasmus+ Blended Intensive Programme
14–18 SEPTEMBER 2026
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LUDOVIKA UNIVERSITY OF PUBLIC SERVICE
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Overview

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

Access to outer space is increasingly shaping communication, security, innovation, and global development, while creating new legal, environmental, and policy challenges. Space in the 21st Century introduces students to the key legal, political, environmental, and security dimensions of contemporary space activities. Through expert lectures and discussions, participants will explore current developments in space law, governance, sustainability, and international cooperation.

The programme carries an academic value of 6 ECTS credits.

OBJECTIVES

- Understand the foundations of international and European space law.
- Examine responsibility, liability, and regulation of space activities.
- Explore sustainability, environmental, and security challenges in outer space.
- Develop critical perspectives on contemporary space governance and policy.

TEACHING AND LEARNING METHODS

- Expert lectures and interactive discussions led by academics and practitioners.
- Inquiry-based and problem-oriented analysis of contemporary space-related issues.
- Comparative legal analysis of international, European, and national space law.
- Collaborative learning through workshops, simulations, and intercultural academic exchange.

FRIDAY, 11. SEPTEMBER 2026

Programme

1st PART: ON - LINE INTRODUCTORY MEETING | Location: Zoom

10:00 - 11:30

ORIENTATION DAY

- **Dr Katarina Vatovec,** Dean of the European Faculty of Law, New University
- **Ms Nataša Kolavčič**, Erasmus+ coordinator, New University, European Faculty of Law
- **ESA** (European Space Agency)

The online orientation session will introduce participants to the programme, study requirements, and preparatory activities. It will also provide an opportunity for students to meet one another, exchange information about their home institutions, and discuss expectations for the week ahead.

Active participation is mandatory.

MONDAY, 14. SEPTEMBER 2026

Programme

INTERNATIONAL SPACE LAW: FUNDAMENTALS | Location: New University, Mestni trg 23, Ljubljana

14:00 - 14:30	**Registration of participants**
14:30 - 15:45	**Slovenian language and culture crash course** Ms Nataša Kolavčič, New University
16:00 - 16:10	**Opening remarks** Dr Katarina Vatovec, Dean of the European Faculty of Law, New University
16:10 - 17:40	**International Space Law I.: legal sources, institutions, liability and responsibility, legal aspects of space resource activities** Dr Balázs Bartóki-Gönczy (Ludovika University of Public Service, Hungary)
18:00 - 19:30	**International Space Law II.: Sustainability of space activities (space traffic management, space debris mitigation), military use of outer space** Dr Balázs Bartóki-Gönczy (Ludovika University of Public Service, Hungary)

TUESDAY, 15. SEPTEMBER 2026

Programme

EUROPEAN AND NATIONAL SPACE LAW | Location: New University, Mestni trg 23, Ljubljana

09:30 - 11:30	**Ljubljana Treasure Hunt**
11:30 - 12:00	**Group photo at New University**
12:00 - 14:00	**Traditional Slovenian lunch** (provided by New University)
14:00 - 15:30	**WORKSHOP: “Crisis in Orbit” – Security Council Simulation** Facilitator: Dr Katarina Vatovec
16:00 - 17:30	**From Market Integration to Orbital Governance: The EU Space** Dr Katarina Vatovec (European Faculty of Law, New University)
17:45 - 19:15	**The Draft Polish Act on Space Activities in the Context of European Regulations** Dr Agnieszka Fortońska (Lazarski University, Poland)

WEDNESDAY, 16. SEPTEMBER 2026

Programme

ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATIONAL DIMENSIONS OF SPACE GOVERNANCE | Location: New University, Mestni trg 23, Ljubljana

10:00 - 11:30	**Visit to the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Slovenia**
14:00 - 15:30	**WORKSHOP: A Council of the EU Simulation on Space Traffic Management** Facilitator: Dr Katarina Vatovec
16:00 - 17:30	**Legal implications of the concept “Dark and Quiet Skies”** Ms Barbara Horváth (Ludovika University of Public Service, Hungary)
17:45 - 19:15	**Space: The Slovenian Case** Dr Liliana Brožič (Faculty of Government and European Studies, New University)

THURSDAY, 17. SEPTEMBER 2026

SPACE AND DEFENCE | Location: New University, Mestni trg 23, Ljubljana

Programme

10:00 - 11:30	**Visit to the National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia**
14:00 - 15:30	**WORKSHOP: Liability, responsibility and dispute settlement** Facilitator: Dr Inesa Kostenko
16:00 - 17:30	**Space Defence and Security I.** Mr András Edl (Ludovika University of Public Service, Hungary)
17:45 - 19:15	**Space Defence and Security II.** Mr András Edl (Ludovika University of Public Service, Hungary)

FRIDAY, 18. SEPTEMBER 2026

Programme

SPACE, WAR AND STRATEGIC INNOVATION | Location: New University, Mestni trg 23, Ljubljana

14:00 - 15:30	**WORKSHOP: Dark and Quite Skies Challenge** Facilitator: Ms Barbara Horváth
16:00 - 17:30	**The Role of Satellite Technology in the Russia–Ukraine War and Its Implications for International Space Law and Global Security** Dr Inesa Kostenko (Trnava University, Slovakia)
17:45 - 18:45	**Slovenia in Space: A discussion with guests** Dr Liliana Brožič (Faculty of Government and European Studies, New University)
18:45 - 19:30	**Closing Remarks and Ceremony** Dr Liliana Brožič, Dean of the Faculty of Government and European Studies, New University

Lectures

DR BALÁZS BARTÓKI-GÖNCZY BALA

Dr. Balázs Bartóki-Gönczy is associate professor of law and director of the Budapest-based Institute of Aerospace and Telecommunications Law, which he founded in 2020. Together with his team, he has authored more than 80 scientific papers and four textbooks on space law and policy. He leads several successful international research projects on space law and policy. His institute serves as the national contact point for the European Space Agency's Space Law Center (ECSL), with which they have organized numerous professional events in recent years (e.g., the ESA Summer School on Space Law and Policy in Budapest in 2023). Dr. Bartóki-Gönczy is a full member of the U.S.-based International Institute of Space Law. In this capacity, he has served as a judge in the European finals of the Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court for many years.

DR LILIANA BROŽIČ

Liliana Brožič began her career at the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Slovenia in 1996. She is an Associate Professor at the Faculty of Government and European Studies, where she specialises in security studies, and currently serves as the Faculty's Dean. Her primary research interests include national and international security, armed forces, the Common Security and Defence Policy of the European Union, gender equality in security institutions, international migration, research methodology, and the quality of higher education. She has authored numerous scholarly articles in both Slovenian and English on these topics.

Lectures

MR ANDRÁS EDL

András Edl is a researcher, space defense and security advisor at the LUPS Institute of Aerospace and Telecommunications Law, Budapest. His background is in history and East Asian studies. Currently, he is finishing his PhD studies at the LUPS Doctoral School of Military Sciences and the European Security and Defense College. His research focuses on the space activity of the U.S., China, Russia, and the EU while also examining related questions of supply chain security, deterrence, technology development, and the Moon programs.

DR AGNIESZKA FORTOŃSKA

Agnieszka Fortońska holds a PhD in Social Sciences in the discipline of Law. She is a lawyer and holds an MA in Philology. She serves as an Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Law and Administration of Łazarski University. She has extensive experience in teaching both university students and prospective pilots. She is the author of scholarly articles and chapters in academic monographs, as well as the scientific editor of co-authored monographs. Dr Agnieszka Fortońska has participated in numerous research projects and in both international and national conferences, where she has presented papers primarily on aviation law, space law, European Union law, international law, and regulations concerning unmanned aircraft systems (UAS). She was awarded a scholarship under the international Programme in European Private Law for Postgraduates programme and participated in summer schools at the University of Ljubljana under the Erasmus Programme and at Comenius University Bratislava under the NAWA Programme. She also serves as a coach and academic supervisor of students participating in aviation and space law moot court competitions.

Lectures

MS BARBARA HORVÁTH

Barbara Horváth is a PhD Candidate at Széchenyi István University in Győr and a Research Fellow at the Institute of Aerospace and Telecommunications Law of the Ludovika University of Public Service in Budapest. Her research focuses on space law, particularly the legal aspects of the protection of dark and quiet skies, large satellite constellations and environmental aspects of space activities. She has actively participated in several international academic programmes and competitions in the field, including the Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition and the ECSL Summer Course on Space Law and Policy. She gained practical experience in international and space law at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary, as well as at the Hungarian Institute of International Affairs. She is also actively involved in international professional organizations, including the ILA, SGAC, IISL and the IAU CPS.

DR INESA KOSTENKO

Dr Inesa Kostenko is a Research Fellow at the Faculty of Law, Trnava University. Her research focuses on international and European space law, space security, satellite technologies, dual-use space activities, and the regulation of emerging space operations, with particular emphasis on space regulation and evolving legal models for outer space activities. She has authored more than 20 publications on space law and policy, including research on satellite technologies, commercial remote sensing, orbital sustainability, and the legal implications of the Russia–Ukraine war for international space law and global security. Dr Kostenko has led and co-organised several British Academy- and Leverhulme-supported research projects and initiatives on space security, sustainability, and regulatory challenges related to emerging space activities. She is also an editor of the peer-reviewed journal Advanced Space Law.

Lectures

DR KATARINA VATOVEC

Katarina Vatovec is an Assistant Professor of European Law at the European Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Government and European Studies (New University, Slovenia). Her research focuses on EU law, the politics and law of international organizations, constitutional law, international sanctions, and the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms at national, regional, and international levels.