

What are the Social benefits of Space Exploration?

Briefing with media, EGU, Monday 16 April, 16-17h , EGU media room

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Why should we invest in Space Exploration? A selected panel of experts will address the media:

- Scientific & Technical rationale for exploration (Bernard H. Foing)
- Political and Economical drivers for planetary exploration, and competition for resources (Dr Serge Plattard)
- Panorama and roadmap for international missions (Bernard H. Foing/Pascale Ehrenfreund)
- Strategic framework: Collaboration or competition? (Dr Serge Plattard)
- Legal and ethical issues in Exploration and Use of Outer Space (Dr Niklas Hedman)
- How to engage the public and the youth? (Dr John Farrow)
- How to ensure a Sustained development and benefits to Earth?