Membership Application Pack



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The access that Europlanet provides to facilities - both equipment and expertise - makes possible scientific and technological impacts that would not otherwise have taken place.

Dr Jen DeWitt, Evaluation Officer
Europlanet 2024 Research Infrastructure (RI) project

Europlanet offers access to research infrastructure and services to support the planetary science community around the world. Its programmes have been developed and optimised over nearly 20 years through funding from the European Commission's Framework and Horizon programmes.

Europlanet AISBL (Association Internationale Sans But Lucratif) was founded in Brussels in 2023 as an international non-profit association. Through this membership organisation, Europlanet can deliver access, mobility and community support programmes on a sustainable basis.

Organisations joining Europlanet have the opportunity to participate in cutting-edge science linked to current and upcoming planetary missions, share facilities and services with an international user community, provide strategic input to help shape policy relevant to planetary research and exploration, and develop collaborations with global partners. Organisational Members are also eligible to participate in funding bids coordinated through Europlanet.

Membership costs are tiered, with reduced rates available for organisations and researchers in Under-Represented States (URS)*.

Europlanet services and programmes are used by planetary scientists across the globe. Its flagship Transnational Access scheme fosters international and interdisciplinary collaboration, with a proven track record in delivering high-impact publications.

By joining Europlanet as an organisational member, you can enhance your visibility and raise your profile in the planetary community. As well as researchers, Europlanet members include industry professionals, amateur astronomers and other community stakeholders. The annual Europlanet Science Congress (EPSC) is the largest European meeting for planetary science, attracting around 1200 participants. Over half of EPSC participants and Europlanet individual members are early careers, who are supported through training schools, a mentoring programme and the Europlanet Early Career (EPEC) network.

Membership Fees for 2025/2026/2027

Category	Description	Cost
Tier 1	Large-scale (national or regional) organisation	€10 000
Tier 2	Institution	€2 500
Tier 3	Institution in Under-Represented State*	€1 250
Tier 4	Amateur society or community association	€500

Organisational Membership entitles organisations and their staff to participate in the following Europlanet Activities:

Mobility and Access

- Access to laboratories and field sites relevant to planetary science
- Access to the Europlanet Telescope Network (In-person and Virtual)§
- Expert Exchanges (Travel, Accommodation and Sustenance)

Community Services

- Webinars
- Discord Community
- Stakeholder Engagement (Policy, Industry, Media, Public)
- Proposal Writing and Support
- Community Funding Schemes
- Bursaries
- Prizes
- Internships
- Opportunities and Discounts at EPSC

Training and Career Development

- Mentoring
- Early Careers Training
- Winter and Summer Schools

§ The pilot Transnational Access programme in 2025 will only include laboratories.

* Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, East Timor, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Estonia, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Lithuania, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Moldova, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, North Korea, North Macedonia, Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of the Congo, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, São Tomé and Príncipe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Syria, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Thailand, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Vietnam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Membership of Europlanet offers organisations:

Scientific Benefits

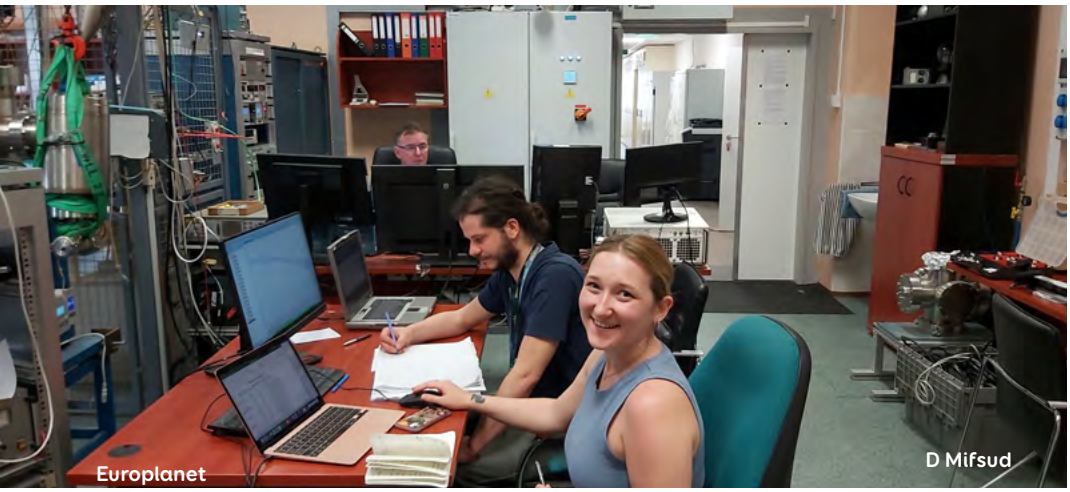
- Participation in world-class, high-impact research across all areas of planetary science
- Transnational Access to state-of-the-art facilities and services that have been specifically developed and tailored for the planetary community's needs
- Single-point entry for mobility and access programmes and virtual services
- Efficient use of research infrastructure
- Peer-reviewed Transnational Access proposals to ensure scientific excellence
- Shared know-how and best practice for facilities and researchers
- Expanded research networks
- Diversification of areas of expertise and collaboration
- Opportunities to support accelerated early career development through research programmes
- Access to an international user-community from across all populated continents.

Strategic and Funding Benefits

- Opportunities to participate as a third party through Europlanet in European Commission research infrastructure calls and other funding programmes
- Raised profile at a European and International level
- Coordinated input into policy, strategic calls and consultations at a European and International level, including ESFRI (European Strategy Forum for Research Infrastructures) and the European Commission
- Opportunity to shape Europlanet through participtation in its General Assembly, roadmaps and global collaboration strategy
- Access to impact evaluation reports and case studies.

Collaboration and Networking Benefits

- Staff access to Europlanet training, mentoring, career development and professional services
- Active early careers network, with opportunities to reach and engage early careers around the world
- Engagement with industry relevant to planetary science
- Visibility and exposure through dissemination channels targeted at the planetary community and external stakeholders
- Local and regional activities coordinated through Europlanet Regional Hubs
- Capacity building through diversity, inclusiveness and widening participation programmes
- Opportunities and discounts for organisations and staff at EPSC.









Membership application form

1. Organisation

Organisation Name	
Legal Status	
Registration Number	
VAT Number	
Address 1	
Address 2	
City	
Country	
Zip Code	
Website	

2. Primary Contact (give details of the person who should receive information on Europlanet membership and will represent your organisationand vote at the Europlanet General Assembly)

Name (First Name, Last Name)	
Salutation (Mr/Ms/Dr etc)	
Job Title	
Department	
Address 1	
Address 2	
City	
Country	
Zip Code	
Email	
Telephone (Optional)	

3. Are you interested in including your facilities in the Europlanet Transanational Access (TA) Programme? (For information only - this is not required for Orgaanisational Membership. Participation as a Europlanet TA facility requires signature of a separate agreeement.)

Yes/No	Give details of facility/facilities below

4. Tier of Membership (please check box - costs listed for 2025/26)

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5. Legal Signatory (if different from Primary Contact)

Name (First Name, Last Name)	
Salutation (Mr/Ms/Dr etc)	
Job Title	
Department	
Address 1	
Address 2	
City	
Country	
Zip Code	
Email	
Telephone (Optional)	

I confirm that I have the legal authority to sign this form on behalf of my organisation to become an Organisational Member of the Europlanet Association International Sans But Lucratif (AISBL) an international non-profit association hosted by the Planetary Atmospheres Group of the Royal Belgian Institute for Space Aeronomy (BIRA-IASB), Avenue Circulaire 3, B-1180 Brussels, Belgium (0800.634.634).

The purpose of Europlanet is to promote planetary sciences, planetary exploration and any other related field for the benefit of the community, by encouraging the creation of new knowledge, by promoting education, by stimulating innovation and enhancing accessibility and transparency.
I confirm that I have read the statutes of Europlanet AISBL, particulary Article 2.5 regarding the accession rights, and obligations of Organisational Members:

- Each member organisation should appoint a person to represent it and vote on its behalf at meetings of the Society (please give these details as the Primary Contact)
- Representatives of member organisations have the right to attend and participate in all activities of the Society on the same basis as any individual member:
    - Attend meetings of the general assembly;
    - Voting at the general meeting;
    - Participate in the activities of the association;
    - Propose candidates to the board of the association.

I understand that there is an annual membership fee, subject to renewal each year, and confirm that I have read and accept the Europlanet Code of Conduct and the Europlanet Privacy Policy.

Signature _____

Name _____

Position _____

Organisation _____

Date _____

Please return this form by email to:
President, Europlanet
directors@europlanet.org

If you have any questions, please contact:
Europlanet Executive Office
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