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Breve descrizione

SPACE-LEX (Shaping Policy And Competitive Excellence through Legal Education and eXpertise in EU Space Economy) is a Jean Monnet Module funded by the Erasmus+ Programme that addresses a critical educational gap in European higher education. The project aims to train professionals capable of navigating the complex legal and economic frameworks governing EU space activities in a sector projected to reach USD 1.8 trillion by 2035. The Module targets students from law, economics, engineering, political science, and environmental science faculties, offering an innovative

interdisciplinary approach that goes beyond traditional EU Studies. The teaching programme examines the International and EU legal framework, EU Space Programme components including Galileo navigation system, Copernicus Earth observation, and IRIS2 secure connectivity infrastructure, while analyzing the proposed EU Space Act addressing regulatory harmonization, space traffic management, and liability frameworks. The distinctive element of SPACE-LEX is the Legal Clinic component, which engages students with real-world cases involving space debris mitigation obligations for over 1.2 million orbital objects, cross-border regulatory compliance, public-private partnership structures, sustainability governance, and emerging issues in-space operations and resource utilization. This experiential learning methodology develops practical competencies in legal analysis, policy drafting, and stakeholder consultation. SPACE-LEX runs over three academic years (2026-2029) and establishes sustained dialogue platforms connecting academia with policymakers from the, ESA, national space agencies (ASI), industry associations, and civil society organizations. The Module is coordinated the Centre for Advanced Defence Studies in Rome, with strategic partnerships involving the Italian Ministry of Defence (General Space Office), ESA, ASI, Thales Alenia Space, and Leonardo S.p.A.

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