

Space Sustainability Course- how to design more sustainable missions?

The goal of the course is to give the students a sense of what space sustainability means and how they can design, operate missions and how to manage space business with a sustainability perspective. The experts will tackle the history of space sustainability and geopolitical challenges. Different tools and methods will be presented and then used in group works. On the last day, the concept of Environmental Social Governance (ESG) and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) will be presented. Throughout the 3-days the concepts covered are accompanied by group work, in which the students will develop a concept for a space mission, evaluating the technical, economical, governance and geopolitical aspects of sustainability in space.

The target audience is composed of professionals with a few years of working experience with an interdisciplinary background, should it be engineers, managers or policy practitioners. The group work will also allow a learning-by the peers dimension to the students and identify the challenges from other disciplines.

After completing the course, the participants will have a better understanding of the challenges of space sustainability, a concrete set of tools and methods on how to better measure, analyse and act towards more sustainable space missions. The three day course also allows having in-depth exchanges with experts.

The target audience is space expert that want to managers, engineers, decision-makers

Day 1- Introduction history and geopolitics

09:00-10:00	Introduction	Emmanuelle David
10:00-10:30	Break coffee & cakes	
10:30-13:00	Introduction on Space Sustainability : History / Geopolitics	Minoo Rathnasabapathy, MIT
13:00-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-15:00	What are the metrics of space sustainability? <i>The course will describe which are today the metrics to measure sustainability in the economic, societal and environmental perspective</i>	Emmanuelle David , EPFL
15:00-16:00	Introduction to Life Cycle Assessment in an eco-design perspective <i>The course will present LCA approach, tools developed at EPFL and how they can be applied in an eco-design perspective during mission development</i>	Mathieu Udriot, EPFL
16:30- 17:30	Group work	Mathieu Udriot, EPFL
17:30- 18:30	Practitioners presentation- ClearSpace	Romains Buchs, Clearspace

Day Two- technical side- Overview- technologies incorporated and ESA/EPFL tools -

09:00-10:00	ESA's Tools - MASTER + DRAMA suite <i>During the session, the expert will introduce activities at ESA and the tools MASTER and Drama that are used for developing more sustainable missions</i>	Vitali Braun, IMS consulting
10:00-10:15	Break	
10:15-12:00	Group work	Vitali Braun, IMS Consulting
12:00-13:30	Lunch	
13:30-15:00	Introduction to the Space Sustainability Rating <i>The expert will introduce the Space Sustainability rating and go in depth in the input required and how it can support the development of more sustainable missions?</i>	Emmanuelle David, Space Sustainability Rating Association
15:00-16:00	Group work	
16:00-16:30	Break	
16:30-17:30	What are the latest updates in Space sustainability research?	Prof Kneib, EPFL Space center
17:30-18:30	Practitioner's testimony : How to think of sustainability? From the example of climate neutral aviation to the big picture	Prof Sascha Nick, Laboratory of environmental and urban economics, EPFL

Day three- ESG/CSR and economics of Space Sustainability

09:30-11:30	ESG/CSR and economics of space sustainability	Nicolas Peter, ISU Sabrina Alam, BDO Luxembourg
11:30-12:30	Group work	
12:30-13:30	Lunch	

13:30-15:30	Group work and Practitioners Testimony	
15:30-16:30	Earth-Space Sustainability: A broadened policy agenda for satellite infrastructure systems <i>In this lecture, we will think and learn about broader policy considerations when addressing sustainability challenges stemming from satellite activities. This includes preventing negative feedback loops from space activities back to Earth (and vice versa) and problem-shifting between environmental, economic, and social dimensions.</i>	Dr. Xiao-Shan Yap, EPFL
16:30-17:30	Presentation of group work- conclusion and goodbye	All