

The Way Forward for the European Space Workshops

- Launched in 2002 by KU Leuven and SNI following 2001 ESA ministerial Council outcomes
- Major changes in world space climate and in ESA and Commission relations, esp. Galileo, GMES
- Aim: Limited series (4) to provide informal setting for dialogue as aid to process; academic standards
- Supported by ESA, European Commission

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- **ESPW1:** Fundamental Issues (19.09.02)
- **ESPW2:** Identifying the Stakeholders and their Interests (10.01.03)
- **ESPW3:** Key Challenges of Space Policy with Focus on Applications & Human Spaceflight (08.09.03, after Green Paper)
- **ESPW4:** Enlarging the Space Policy Debate (04.02.04, after White Paper)

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Outcomes:

- Staged introduction of debate on system-level features and concerns & priority activity themes
- Growing interaction with high level policy makers and influencers & broadening of key support: Belgian Government, Eumetsat, BNSC, industry (AE, EADS)
- A “Leuven process” has been established

Way forward for the “Leuven process”:

- Continue, deepen and refine debate on system-level features and concerns & priority activity themes
- Increase and extend interaction with partners, at national, European and international levels
- Accompany the ESPW process through integration of research into policy themes via ICSS programme

Next priorities for second ESPW series:

- Space science and exploration (ESPW5 from ESPW4)
- GMES; defence
- Institutional realignment and decision processes for the European Space Programme
- Education, media and awareness
- Industrial competitiveness, tech transfer, procurement policies and opportunity generation