



Press release

Launch of InnEO'Space_PhD:

A project that supports space students employability by developing innovative e-learning programme

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Considering that Earth Observation data market is booming and that **12,450 jobs** (downstream application) **per year are published**. Considering also that **40% of European employers** have expressed difficulty **finding people with the right skills** and they have reported issues in finding applicants with **transversal skills** such as critical thinking, problem-solving and communication, some partners decided to propose to the European Commission a **project to supports space students employability by developing innovative e-learning programme: Inn'EO Space PhD !**

The proposal has been accepted and the project successfully kicked-off virtually on December 10th, 2020 with all project members and the project officer of the Research Executive Agency.

InnEO'Space PhD project will prepare young researchers for a successful career by developing modernised and transferable PhD courses and learning resources based on innovation skills and employers' needs as well as in-depth knowledge of high stakes and approaches of Earth Observation in any application domains.

The mains objectives of Inn'EO Space PhD are to:

- enhance and develop researchers' innovation-oriented mind-sets and skills through Earth Observation
- raise awareness about employment opportunities in and beyond academia among researchers and scientists.
- tackle future skills mismatches
- create new synergies between PhD students and researchers and potential employers

Two program will be develop and proposed to students:

- InnEO Schools focus on Open science (IPR, legal, research management, ethics), Excellence (EO, machine learning), Innovation and soft skills
- Startech Programmes focus on entrepreneurship and management.

Josiane Mothe, coordinator of the project says : "We have experience of European projects in the student environment. We've already managed with success the European Project FabSpace 2.0. « Open innovation, Open science, Open to the world », will be used as a driver of this project to foster the project impact on the students, research, industry and policy makers".

Next step will be in Avril 2021 with the 1st Startech course organises in Toulouse to train entrepreneurship skills to students.

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More Information

Supported for 30 month by the European Commission within the agreement number 1010062275, InnEO'Space_PhD has started on 1st December 2020. This project is coordinated by Josiane MOTHE, researcher at IRIT laboratory for the University Jean Jaurés in Toulouse (FR) and, followed with two additional universities, Universitatea Transilvania Din Brasov (RO) and Università Degli Studi Di Roma Tor Vergata (IT) along with Aerospace Valley (FR), the biggest european cluster for aeronautics, space and drones and finally Remedia Italia (IT), an international company expert in communication and e-learning products specialized in earth observation.

