

# UNIVERSEH

## INVITATION

### Space and the Universities of the Future in Europe

4 October 2021

**Location:** Cité de l'Espace  
Avenue Jean Gonord  
31500 Toulouse

UNIVERSEH, a unique cooperation between five European higher education institutions focusing on Space topics, invites to its inaugural conference "Space and the Universities of the Future in Europe" to mark the launch of UNIVERSEH and its research-focused programme *Beyond UNIVERSEH*.

Focus topics for keynotes and round tables are:

- Europe's role in "New Space"
- New skills for the future of space
- The European Space Policy
- European Space Agency: Vision of the Future

#### Speakers:

- Christophe Grudler, Member of the European Parliament - confirmed
- Géraldine Naja, Director of ESA's Directorate of Industry, Procurement and Legal Services (Acting) - confirmed
- Thierry Breton, European Commissioner for the Internal Market - invited



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# OUTLINE AGENDA

*The programme may be subject to change.*

## 10:30 Registration of participants

## 11:00-12:30 Business networking pre-event

Employability and future skills: the role of SMEs and corporations in UNIVERSEH

## 12:00-14:00 Buffet lunch

## 14:00 Opening of the conference

Welcome by Philippe Raimbault, President of Université Fédérale Toulouse Midi-Pyrénées

## 14:15-14:45 Presentation of UNIVERSEH and Beyond UNIVERSEH

Emmanuel Zenou, Project Coordinator

## 14:45-15:30 Keynote addresses

Guest speakers to be announced soon

**Europe's role in New Space:** The development of an entrepreneurial space encompasses a globally emerging private spaceflight industry. In this "New Space" business arena, comprehensive higher education is critically needed to realise new value propositions for innovation, intellectual property, and consequently global business opportunities.

**New skills for the future of space:** Following the recommendations of the New skills agenda for Europe, promoting work-based learning to match the current and future needs of the labour market is a priority for higher education institutions. Digital competences and skills are key elements to articulate and retrieve information, digital data and content.

**The European Space policy:** EU space activities provide incentives for technologies and for global business opportunities. The new EU space programme deepens investments in satellite navigation, Earth observation, space situational awareness and secure communications with the establishment of the EU Agency for the Space Programme.

**European Space Agency: Vision of the Future:** After the Financial Framework Partnership Agreement signed by ESA and the EU, the new EU Space Programme reinforces the highly successful flagship programmes and will support new initiatives, notably in the field of secure connectivity, research and development and space commercialisation.

## 15:30-16:30 Session 1 "The universities of the future and their ecosystem"

The UNIVERSEH Alliance builds innovative employment-oriented curricula. Speakers will discuss the importance of the link between universities and society. They will focus on how to train highly-skilled students to match the current and future needs of the market but also to contribute to the regional development and EU leadership in the space sector.

## 16:30-17:00 Coffee Break

## 17:00-18:00 Session 2 "Ensuring equal access of all students to a high quality education"

The UNIVERSEH Alliance is committed to making higher education widely accessible, more inclusive, with a specific focus on learners' mobility. Speakers will discuss measures to support all learners according to their particular needs, and the importance of student involvement in the transformation of higher education.

## 18:00-20:00 Visit of the Cité de l'Espace

## 20:00 Cocktail and Dinner

Participation is free and on invitation only.  
The number of guests is limited due to COVID-19.  
Registration via [this link](#) (or scan the QR code)

