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Abstract: Three activities were organised under this deliverable in Year 2 of the Europlanet 2020-RI project:

- 1. Meeting on Brussels-based policy engagement activities, Brussels, 27 February 2017.** The aim of this meeting was to discuss and coordinate activities to engage Brussels-based policy makers with planetary science. The meeting was attended by: the Europlanet Coordinator, Nigel Mason; Europlanet NA2 Coordinator, Mariana Barrosa; Europlanet Communications Officer, Anita Heward; Europlanet Policy Officer (appointed but not yet in place), Livia Giacomini; Space Awareness Project Manager, Jorge Rivero Gonzalez; Deputy President of the European Geosciences Union Division on Planetary and Solar System Sciences, Özgür Karatekin; Aerospace engineer at the Royal Observatory of Belgium, Nicolas Gerbal. The meeting was very positive and the attendees agreed to keep each other updated on their policy engagement activities and to look for future opportunities for collaboration.
- 2. Session on “Making the case for European astronomy and space science: public and political engagement” at the European Week of Astronomy and Space Science (EWASS) 2017, Prague, Czech Republic, on 28 and 29 June 2017.** This session was co-organised by Europlanet 2020 RI and the Royal Astronomical Society (RAS). Abstracts were submitted for 13 oral presentations and 2 posters by outreach, communication and policy professionals from the European Space Agency (ESA), the European Southern Observatory (ESO), the Square Kilometre Array (SKA), the Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC), Space Awareness, JIVE, VIGO, the European Geosciences Union (EGU), the Italian Space Agency (ASI), the Armenian Astronomical Society and the University of Leiden’s Centre For Science And Technology Studies, as well as the RAS and Europlanet 2020 RI. The session was allocated two 1.5 hour time blocks, each including 30 minutes discussion on the topic. Key points from the discussion are currently being written up and will be published in the December issues of the RAS magazine, *Astronomy & Geophysics*, which reaches more than 3000 astronomers worldwide.
- 3. An outreach best practice session was held at the 2017 Europlanet Summer School on 25th July at the Moletai Astronomical Observatory in Lithuania.** 21 people attended (11 female, 10 male), including amateur astronomers, outreach professionals and young researchers, with participants from Azerbaijan, Colombia, Croatia, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Lithuania, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Ukraine and the UK. It was led by Eleni Chatzichristou of IASA, Thilina Heenatigala and Anita Heward of Europlanet/Science Office and Pedro Russo of the University of Leiden. The attendees split into four groups to brainstorm projects, strategies and/or key issues for (1) the visibility of planetary science (2) the relevance of astronomy to citizens’ lives (3) addressing topical issues and controversies (4) widening participation to engage different communities with planetary science. A short report and a summary of evaluation of the Summer School can be found [here](#).