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Moon Village Association (MVA) and Space Generation Advisory Council (SGAC) signed a Memorandum of Understanding for space promoting Outreach and Education



Vienna, Austria - (April 17, 2020) –

On 26 March 2020, the Space Generation Advisory Council (SGAC), represented by the Executive Director Clementine Decoopman, and the Moon Village Association (MVA), represented by the Education and Outreach Coordinator Aline Decadi, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). The common goal is promoting space activities internationally, by developing cooperative activities around Outreach, Education, and create a balanced community in the fields of STEM/ STEAM.

The partnership includes a list of activities that will be carried out together, such as cross communication, space resources governance, outreach events. In particular, public talks will be dedicated to space exploration and moon village in the areas of education, with hands-on workshops and thematic lectures, which shall motivate young people to pursue career in STEM/STEAM areas and to propose challenge and opportunities into these fields, and art, with the creation of competitions, essay contests, exhibitions, etc. Synergies will be also implemented to promote the role of science and technology for women pursuing education in STEM/STEAM by using Moon Village as a driving vision.



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About the Moon Village Association

The Moon Village Association (MVA) is an international non-governmental organization (NGO) based in Vienna, founded in 2017. Its goal is the creation of a permanent global informal forum for stakeholders like governments, industry, academia and the general public interested in the development of the Moon Village. The MVA is the assembling of all efforts from private industry, governments and others aimed to explore and use the Moon in a sustainable manner. Therefore, it is not a literal village on the Moon, it is not an 'International Space Station on the Moon', and it is not a single science facility. The MVA fosters cooperation for existing or planned Moon exploration programs, be they public or private initiatives. It comprises approximately 220 individual and 26 institutional members from more than 40 countries, representing a diverse array of technical, scientific, cultural and interdisciplinary fields. The MVA partners with non-space organizations to promote international discussions and formulation of plans to foster the development of the Moon Village, and is creating international, national and regional networks to engage civil society around the world. The Moon Village Association's mission is unique, bridging together both spacefaring and non-spacefaring nations offering them the opportunity to play a role in its realization. There is no other organization on the international scene having such a mission.

MVA video 2020 is available: <https://youtu.be/6o-EJ7rTTSc>

About the Space Generation Advisory Council

The Space Generation Advisory Council in Support of the United Nations Programme on Space Applications is a global non-governmental, non-profit (US 501(c)3) organization and network which aims to represent university students and young space professionals ages 18-35 to the United Nations, space agencies, industry, and academia. Headquartered in Vienna, Austria, the SGAC network of members, volunteers and alumni has grown to more than 15 000 members representing more than 150 countries.

SGAC was conceived at UNISPACE III in 1999, whereby states resolved, as part of the Vienna Declaration, "To create a council to support the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, through raising awareness and exchange of fresh ideas by youth. The vision is to employ the creativity and vigor of youth in advancing humanity through the peaceful uses space". SGAC holds Permanent Observer status at the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (UN COPUOS) and regularly takes part in the annual meeting, as well as its Legal and Scientific and Technical Subcommittees. SGAC holds consultative status at the United Nations Economic and Social Council (UN ECOSOC), contributing to discussions on the role of space in achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals.