

**Communication package**

**ESA Council meeting at Ministerial level, Bremen (Germany)**

**26-27 November 2025**



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This document aims at presenting the European Space Agency (ESA) communication package on 26-27 November 2025, at ESA Ministerial Council, in Bremen (Germany). ESA puts at national delegations' disposal a range of products and services aiming at facilitating their communication activities.

## WEBSITE

The European Space Agency (ESA) publishes a website ([www.esa.int/cm25](http://www.esa.int/cm25)) especially devoted to the Ministerial Council 2025 presenting its strategy approaching challenges and opportunities up to 2040. Strategy 2040 is framed around five encompassing goals, each of which has specific objectives assigned. The Five Goals demonstrate the important role space can play in every aspect of citizens' lives across Europe.

- Protect our Planet and Climate
- Explore and Discover
- Strengthen European Autonomy and Resilience
- Boost Growth and Competitiveness
- Inspire Europe

In addition, ESA makes available explanatory sheets related to:

- Exploration
- Climate / Climate protection
- Resilience / Strategic autonomy

**All these documents are available and can be downloaded at [www.esa.int/cm25](http://www.esa.int/cm25)**

## PHOTOS

Photos will be taken by ESA professional photographers and made available on the following link:

[Home Page – Photolibrary for professionals](#)

Photos can also be requested by sending an mail to [spaceinimages@esa.int](mailto:spaceinimages@esa.int)

National delegations will therefore be able to download this material for their own communication activities (Credit: © ESA).

## WEBSTREAM AND VIDEOS

Part of the Council Ministerial Council will be web-streamed on ESA web TV at [ESA Web TV](#).

### Webstreamed sequences

- **Ministerial Council 2025 1<sup>st</sup> sessions**  
Wednesday 26 November 2025, 13:30-16:00  
Wednesday 26 November 2025, 16:30-17:30
- **Press conference by the Hosting Minister, CM25 Chair, ESA Director General**  
Thursday 27 November 2025, 13:00-14:00

## Recorded videos

- **Doorsteps**  
Wednesday 26 November 2025, 11:00-12:00
- **Tour de table**  
Wednesday 26 November 2025, 13:15-13:30
- **Doorsteps**  
Thursday 27 November 2025, 08:30-09:30

Recorded Videos can be requested by sending an email to [cm25videoproduction@esa.int](mailto:cm25videoproduction@esa.int) and can be downloaded at the following link :

<https://tvdownload.esa.int/Ministerial%20Council%202025/>

User name: mc2025

Password: nTVkdqbsbjX4fWphwJcFzh4hpzkipqzpr

## MEDIA PROGRAMME

*The media programme is attached.*

*List of journalists on-site is attached.*

## PRESS RELATIONS

A high number of journalists coming from most of ESA Member States are accredited to attend the Ministerial Council. Interactions with the press will be possible during the sequences mentioned below:

- **Doorsteps**  
Wednesday 26 November 2025, 11:00-12:00
- **Tour de table**  
Wednesday 26 November 2025, 13:15-13:30 (photos and cameras only)
- **Official family picture**  
Wednesday 26 November 2025, 16:00-16:20 (photos and cameras only)
- **Doorsteps**  
Thursday 27 November 2025, 08:30-09:30

The media centre will be accessible for media representatives during the following times:

<b>Tues 25 Nov</b>	15:00–19:00	<b>Badge collection opening times 15:00–17:00</b>
<b>Wed 26 Nov</b>	08:00–21:00	<b>Badge collection opening times 08:00-10:00 and 15:00–17:00</b>
<b>Thurs 27 Nov</b>	08:00–18:00	<b>Badge collection opening times 07:30–08:00 and 10:30-12:00</b>

## ASTRONAUTS

Thirteen astronauts will be on site and will be available to exchange.

**Pablo Álvarez Fernández** Born in Spain in 1988, he has a background in aerospace engineering and worked previously on the ExoMars Rover. He enjoys every kind of sport, such as table tennis, running, hiking or cycling. His other interests include learning about history, cooking or a yearly backpacking trip

**Rosemary Coogan** Rosemary was born in Northern Ireland in 1991 and has a background in physics and astronomy. She most recently worked on the Euclid and James Webb Space Telescope missions. In her leisure time, Rosemary enjoys hiking, cycling, kayaking, yoga and scuba diving. Her other interests include playing the piano, cooking, board games and spending time with her family and friends.

**Samantha Cristoforetti** Samantha Cristoforetti was born in Milan, Italy, on 26 April 1977. She completed her first six-month Futura mission to the International Space Station between November 2014 and June 2015 and returned to space for her Minerva mission in 2022, serving as the fifth European and the first European female commander of the International Space Station during Expedition 68.

**Alexander Gerst** Born on 3 May 1976 in Künzelsau, Germany, Gerst is a German ESA astronaut and geophysicist. In September 2014, Gerst flew on his first mission to the International Space Station (ISS) and spent a total of 166 days in space. His second mission, 'Horizons', began in June 2018. Gerst was on the ISS for an additional 197 days. During the Blue Dot mission, he became the first German and second European ever to command the International Space Station.

**Raphaël Liégeois** Born in Belgium in 1988, Liégeois has completed a Doctorate in neuroscience at the University of Liège, Belgium, where he developed mathematical models of brain function. He was selected as an ESA astronaut candidate in 2022 and is scheduled to fly to the International Space Station, with the mission currently planned for 2026.

**Matthias Maurer** Born in Sankt Wendel (Saarland), Germany, on 18 March 1970, Maurer joined the European astronaut corps in July 2015 and in 2016 he participated in the NASA NEEMO 21 analogue mission, spending a total of 16 days underwater as part of a crew testing exploration strategies and tools for future Mars missions. In December 2020, Maurer was officially assigned to his first International Space Station mission known as "Cosmic Kiss" and spent 177 days in space.

**Andreas Mogensen**

Born in Copenhagen, Denmark on 2 November 1976, he became the first Danish citizen in space on 2 September 2015 when he was launched on the 10-day 'iriss' mission to the International Space Station. In 2023, Andreas launched on his second mission called Huginn and became the first non-US pilot on SpaceX's Crew Dragon. He then became the commander of the ISS on 27 September 2023, a role which he held for more than five months, making him the longest serving European commander of the ISS. Since 1 June 2025, Mogensen has taken on the role of Human Exploration Group Leader at ESA's European Astronaut Centre.

**Luca Parmitano**

Born in Paternò, Italy, on 27 September 1976, he did his first mission on the International Space Station in 2013, spending 166 days in space and his second mission in 2019 lasted 201 days. During the mission, he became the third European and first ever Italian ISS commander. He also conducted a series of complex spacewalks to repair the cosmic-particle-hunting Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer instrument, AMS-02. In total, Parmitano carried out four spacewalks, totaling 25 hours and 30 minutes. He has now conducted six spacewalks in his career, totaling 33 hours and 9 minutes.

**Thomas Pesquet**

Born in Rouen, France, on 27 February 1978, he was launched to the International Space Station on 17 November 2016 for his six-month Proxima mission, as a flight engineer for Expeditions 50 and 51 and spent 197 days in space. For his second mission, Alpha, Pesquet was the first European to fly to the Space Station in a Crew Dragon, and the first European to fly time from USA in over a decade. He performed four spacewalks to install new solar array equipment and upgrade the ISS's power system. Holding the European record for most cumulative hours spent spacewalking, a total of 39 hours and 54 minutes. Shortly before the end of his mission, Pesquet became the fourth European and first French in command of the ISS.

**Amelie Schoenenwald**

Born in 1989 in Germany, she graduated from the Technical University of Munich (TUM), Germany, with a bachelor's degree in molecular biotechnology, a master's degree in industrial biotechnology and a master's degree in biochemistry. Her pursuit of knowledge continued with a 4-year doctorate in Integrative Structural Biology from the Medical University of Vienna, Austria, focusing on structural biology, virology, and immunology. In November 2022, Schoenenwald was selected as a member of the ESA astronaut reserve.

**Marco Sieber**

Born in 1989 in Switzerland, he joined the paratrooper training with the Swiss Special Forces Commando at the Swiss Army in 2009. In 2015, he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine from the University of Bern, Switzerland. His doctoral thesis was on robotic surgery and he was awarded best final exam for his physician diploma. In 2021, he earned his specialist diploma in pre-hospital emergency and rescue medicine (SGNOR). Sieber was selected as an ESA astronaut candidate in 2022. He attained astronaut certification at ESA's European Astronaut Centre on 22 April 2024, rendering him eligible for spaceflight assignments.

**Slawosz Uznanski-Wisniewski**

Born in Poland in 1984, he was selected in 2022 as a member of the ESA astronaut reserve. Slawosz joined the European Astronaut Corps on 1 September 2023 as an ESA project astronaut for training familiarisation at ESA's European Astronaut Centre in Cologne, Germany. In August 2024, he was assigned to Axiom Mission 4 (Ax-4). He completed an intensive training programme alongside the rest of the crew at Axiom Space, NASA, and SpaceX facilities in the United States, as well as at JAXA in Japan, in preparation for the mission, which launched to the International Space Station on 25 June 2025 for a two-week stay.

**Marcus Wandt**

Born in 1980 in Sweden, he is a Lieutenant Colonel in the Swedish Air Force. He was selected as a member of the ESA astronaut reserve in 2022. Wandt joined the European Astronaut Corps on 1 June 2023 as an ESA project astronaut for the Muninn mission – a commercial spaceflight with Axiom Space. He flew to the International Space Station on Axiom Mission 3 in January 2024, spending 20 days in orbit conducting microgravity research and educational activities. The Swedish astronaut was the first of a new generation of Europeans to fly on a commercial mission.

## CONTENT CREATORS

Seven content creators will be present.

**Allan Petre (France)**

Also known as AstroAllan, is a French Aerospace engineer with experience at NASA/JP. Allan Petre is also a Gen-Z-oriented science communicator featured by national media and engaged with institutional partners. His mission is to democratise access to STEM and space careers through engaging, educational content.

<b>Alfredo Carpineti (Italy)</b>	Alfredo Carpineti is a senior science editor for IFLScience, astrophysicist (PhD, Imperial College London) and science communicator. Alfredo is the chair and founder of Pride in STEM the largest UK charity dedicated to supporting LGBTQIA+ People in STEM.
<b>Hashem Al-Ghaili (Germany)</b>	Hashem Al-Ghaili is one of Germany's most influential science communicators and filmmakers. He has a huge online following, especially on Facebook, where his science videos regularly reach millions. Recently, he is focused on creating AI-powered visuals and science fiction documentaries, using technology to make science more exciting and accessible to broad audiences.
<b>Geopop (Italy)</b>	Geopop is one of the largest science channels in Europe. With a community of 11 million, combined with their website, they are the first medium in Italy for scientific information on social media.
<b>Doctor Fisión (Spain)</b>	Doctor Fisión Spain's leading space-focused science communicator. Thanks to his multichannel approach he engages with space news and educational content broad and diverse audiences, covering space communication with a 360° approach.
<b>Lara Sophie Bothur (Germany)</b>	Lara Sophie Bothur is Germany's best-known corporate tech and STEM communicator on LinkedIn. Lara focuses on AI, space, and strategic communication, bridging the gap between technology and public understanding.
<b>Piotr Kosek (Poland)</b>	Piotr Kosek Poland's most-followed Polish-language space channel. Piotr produces long-form explainers and news shorts on astronomy and spaceflight. He has covered ESA's IGNIS missions and actively supports POLSA's outreach.

## EXHIBITION

Under the theme European Space Agency: Elevating the Future of Europe, ESA's exhibition highlights the five goals of ESA Strategy 2040: **Protect our planet and climate, Explore and discover, Strengthen European autonomy and resilience, Boost growth and competitiveness, and Inspire Europe.** The exhibition serves as a platform to showcase the latest ESA mission results and upcoming endeavours, with a particular focus on **ESA CM25 content highlights** for CM25 attendees.

Organised along the three corridors from the ministers' entrance to the main foyer, the exhibition creates an immersive environment combining images, videos, and sounds of the Universe.

**First corridor:** Visitors are welcomed by the Ameca humanoid in a scenography featuring the five goals' key visuals. A mosaic of images highlights missions organized by goal, including recent achievements and upcoming launches relevant to CM25. Three models are displayed: Enceladus surface, Argonaut, and EarthCare.



**Second corridor:** Keywords linked to each goal guide visitors toward the third corridor. Quotes from ESA's first Director General, R. Gibson, and current Director General, J. Aschbacher, provide a visual bridge to the final area of satellite models.

**Third corridor:** Models on display include Galileo, MTG-S/Sentinel 4, Sentinel 2, Proba-3, Vigil, Solar Orbiter, and Euclid. Starry sky images from Euclid enhance the immersive atmosphere, complemented by an Earth sphere displaying the Ozone map from Sentinel 5.



**Foyer:** A podium presents Ariane 6 and Vega C models, highlighting independent access to space. The Biomass model is also displayed around the foyer.

## About Ameca



Ameca is the world's most advanced humanoid robot, featuring highly realistic expressions, natural movements, and advanced AI integration. It can provide information – in multiple languages – about ESA CM25, ESA Strategy 2040, the five strategic goals, missions, activities of Member States, Associate Members and Cooperating States, the European Commission, and key actors in space.

## FOLLOW ESA MINISTERIAL COUNCIL ACTIVITIES ON SOCIAL MEDIA

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### ESA Director General Social Media channels

Social Media	Link
X	<a href="#">@AschbacherJosef</a>
BlueSky	<a href="#">@josefaschbacher.esa.int</a>
LinkedIn	<a href="#">josef-aschbacher</a>

### ESA Social Media channels

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X	<a href="#">@esa</a>
BlueSky	<a href="#">@esa.int</a>
LinkedIn	<a href="#">European Space Agency - ESA</a>
Instagram	<a href="#">EuropeanSpaceAgency</a>
TikTok	<a href="#">@europeanspaceagency</a>
Facebook	<a href="#">ESA - European Space Agency</a>
Pinterest	<a href="#">europeanspaceagency</a>
YouTube	<a href="#">esa</a>

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