

## European Interparliamentary Space Conference (EISC) Estonia 2025

### Preliminary Programme

18th Annual EISC Workshop  
Tartu, April 27-29th

#### Sunday 27 April

- 17:00** Informal meeting of secretaries of delegations
- 19:00** Welcome reception hosted by Estonian Presidency

#### Monday 28 April

- 8:00-9:30** Tour of Tartu Observatory

Shuttle from hotel to the Tartu Observatory for a dedicated tour of the facilities and seminar on the history of space exploration and discovery in Estonia.

- 9:30-10:00** Opening Remarks

- 10:00-12:30** Session 1

**Thematic Discussion** – Focused discussion on a specific topic in relation to Security and Defence from Space, featuring experts supporting the discussion.

- 12:30-13:30** Lunch

- 13:30-14:45** Session 2

**Thematic Discussion** – Focused discussion on a specific topic in relation to Security and Defence from Space, featuring experts supporting the discussion.

- 14:45-15:00** Coffee Break

- 15:00-16:15** Session 3

**Thematic Discussion** – Focused discussion on a specific topic in relation to Security and Defence from Space, featuring experts supporting the discussion.

- 16:15-16:30** Closing Remarks

- 16:30-17:00** Return to Tartu City Centre

- 19:00-22:00** Dinner & Reception

**Location:** TBD

## **Tuesday 29 April**

### **9:00-10:00 Visit of ESA Incubation Centre**

**Location:** *SPARKUP Tartu Science Park, Riia 181a, 50411 Tartu*

### **10:00-11:45 Internal meeting on the future of EISC**

During this final session, the discussions between parliamentarians will focus on the future of EISC itself, including upcoming activities, the format and structure of the Conference, as well as potential bids for the 2026 and 2027 Presidencies.

### **11:45-12:00 Final Remarks**

### **12:00-13:30 Lunch**

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### **Practical information**

**18th Annual EISC Workshop  
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The Estonian Presidency is happy to welcome you in Tartu for the annual EISC workshop on April 27-29th. Tartu is Estonia's science capital, hosting Estonia's oldest higher education institution Tartu University, established in 1632. Being a historic student city, Tartu is the cradle of science and innovation in Estonia. Tartu University also manages the Tartu Observatory in Tõravere, where the EISC workshop will take place. With its history of science and space exploration, Tartu will be the perfect host for the Spring Workshop under Estonia's Presidency.

### **Registration**

All delegations can register through the official registration link: [18th European Interparliamentary Space Conference – Workshop registration - Riigikogu](#)

Please fill a separate form for each member of the delegation. The number of participants from a delegation is not limited. Please state an indicated time of arrival and departure, together with the presumed point of entry. This will allow us to prepare necessary logistical arrangements for the duration of your stay.

**Please register all delegation members by March 31st.**

### **Venue**

The Workshop will be held on April 28th at the Tartu Observatory Visitor Centre in Tõravere. Transportation between Tartu and Tõravere will be organised by the Riigikogu.

**Observatooriumi 1  
61602 Tõravere alevik,  
Nõo vald, Tartumaa**

[Tartu Observatory Visitor Centre | Tartu Ülikool](#)

The programme on 27th and 29th of April will take place in Tartu city. A visit to the ESA BIC/Sparkup Tartu Science Park is anticipated for the 29th of April.

**Riia 181a,  
50411 Tartu**

[Sparkup Tartu Science Park](#)



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## Flights and Hotel

Delegations are kindly requested to organise their own travel arrangements to Tartu. There are daily direct flights between Helsinki and Tartu airport, operated by Finnair. Transfer from Tartu Airport to Tartu City will be provided.

Flight options and airport details can be found here: [Tartu airport - Airport](#)

There are frequent convenient transfer options from Tallinn to Tartu by train and bus.

Bus transfers from Tallinn can be found here: [Tickets for your journeys](#).

Train transfers from Tallinn can be found here: [Elron](#)

A block hotel booking has been made in advance by the Presidency. Hotel information will be sent to you separately in due time.

## Working language and translation

The working language of the workshop is English. In case translation is needed, please let us know as soon as possible.

## Visitor information

Estonia is in the Eastern European Time (EET) zone (UTC+2). The currency used is the Euro (EUR). The standard voltage is 230 V with a frequency of 50 Hz, and power plugs and sockets are Type F. In April, the weather in Estonia is typically cool, with average temperatures ranging from 2°C at night to 13°C during the day.

Both Tallinn and Tartu host beautiful medieval old towns which are worth visiting if you should have any extra time. More tourist information can be found here: [Visit Estonia. It's about time.](#)  
[Visit Estonia](#)

## Contact information

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