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## Moon Village Association (MVA) and Romanian Space Agency (ROSA) signed a Memorandum of Understanding for space promoting



*Dr. Giuseppe Reibaldi, President MVA and Dr. Phys. Marius- Ioan Piso, ROSA President, signing the MoU on February 6<sup>th</sup>, in Vienna*

**Vienna, Austria - (February 19, 2020) –**

On 6 February 2020, the Romanian Space Agency (ROSA), represented by ROSA President, Dr. Phys. Marius- Ioan Piso, and the Moon Village Association (MVA), a non-governmental organisation based in Vienna, represented by President Dr. Giuseppe Reibaldi, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). Having a common purpose of promoting space activities and science public outreach and education, the parties aim to strengthen the space sector's workforce through career development, education and industry outreach, and gender equity.

The partnership includes a list of activities that will be carried out together, such as cross communication, outreach events such as public talks dedicated to space exploration and moon village; education — hands-on workshops and thematic lectures that motivate young people to pursue career in STEM/STEAM areas; and art — competitions, exhibitions etc.



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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.

For more information visit the website: [www.moonvillageassociation.org](http://www.moonvillageassociation.org) and follow MVA on social media.

**About the Romanian Space Agency**

The Romanian Space Agency (ROSA) is the coordinator of Romania's national and international space activities, a public institution entirely self-funded, operating under Government Decision no. 923/20.11.1995 and the subsequent decisions of the Ministry of Research and Innovation of Romania - National Authority for Scientific Research and Innovation (A.N.C.S.I.). The mission of the Romanian Space Agency has four major components: to coordinate national space research and applications programs; to promote space development in Romania; to represent the Romanian Government in international space cooperation programmes; to research space related issues at the ROSA Research Center.