

Exploration Science Workshop 2026

Preliminary Programme

24 – 26 November 2026

ASI Headquarters, Rome, Italy

Day 1 – Tuesday, 24 November 2026

Time	Session	Title
09:00 - 10:00		Coffee Break & Registrations
10:00 - 10:20	1.1	Welcome & Opening Remarks
10:20 - 11:00	1.2	Session by the Italian Space Agency (ASI)
11:00 - 11:40	1.3	ESA's Exploration Programme
11:40 - 12:10		Coffee Break
12:10 - 13:30	1.4	Exploration Science: Update and Highlights + Q&A
13:30 - 14:30		Lunch Break
14:30 - 15:15	1.5	ExPeRT: Exploration Preparation, Research and Technology
15:15 - 16:00	1.6	Keeping Humans Healthy Beyond Earth: ESA's Space Medicine Priorities
16:00 - 16:30	1.7	Exploration Science Research Fellow Pitches
16:30 - 17:00	1.8	Keynote: Keeping Time in Orbit: The Science of the Atomic Clock Ensemble in Space (ACES)
17:00 - 19:00		Exploration Science Research Fellow Posters + Aperitif (Networking Event)

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Day 2 – Wednesday, 25 November 2026

Time	Session	Title
09:00 – 10:30	2.1	Physical Sciences in Microgravity – From Fundamental Research to Exploration
10:30 – 11:30	2.2	Invited Early Career Researcher Pitches
11:30 – 12:00		Coffee Break
12:00 – 13:30	2.3	Biology in Space: Roadmap, Research and Future Opportunities
13:30 – 14:30		Lunch Break
14:30 – 16:00	2.4	Science at the Moon
16:00 – 16:30		Coffee Break
16:30 – 18:00	2.5	Human Research for Exploration: Health, Performance and Countermeasures

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Day 3 – Thursday, 26 November 2026

Time	Session	Title
09:00 – 09:30	3.1	Keynote: Mars atmosphere's best-kept secrets: "the answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind"
09:30 – 11:00	3.2	Science at Mars
11:00 – 11:30		Coffee Break
11:30 – 12:00	3.3	Lunar Sciences Keynote
12:00 – 13:30	3.4	Radiation Across Destinations: From LEO to Mars
13:30 – 14:30		Lunch Break
14:30 – 17:00	3.5	Your Voice, Our Future: Interactive Discussion with ESA & Wrap-Up Note: please also refer to the link/QR code below to submit your input for this session.

Your Voice, Our Future: Interactive Discussion with ESA – Community Input

We want to hear from the community. Ahead of the ESA Exploration Science Workshop 2026 we are gathering questions, comments, and recommendations on any aspect of ESA Exploration Science. Your input will help shape the "Your Voice, Our Future" discussion session on Day 3 of the workshop.

[Submit your input here by 8 November 2026.](#)

