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On 12 February 2013, ICBSS Director General, Dr. Zefi Dimadama, had a meeting with Prof. Dr. Kai-Uwe Schrogl, Head of the ESA Policies Dept. in the European Space Agency and Dr. Dionysia-Theodora Avgerinopoulou, Director of the European Institute of Law, Science and Technology (EILST), an affiliated Institute to the ICBSS.

During their meeting, they discussed the environmental impact of climate change in relation to the progression of space policies of the ESA Member-States, as well as the recent developments on the Hellenic presence in outer space.

Moreover, Dr. Avgerinopoulou and Dr. Dimadama explored the possibility of joint cooperation in the near future, on environmental awareness and the impact of climate change in the South East Europe.

At a special session on Wednesday 13 February 2013, Dr. Kai-Uwe Schrogl addressed the Permanent Committee on Environmental Protection of the Hellenic Parliament.

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