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THE CASE FOR A SERBIAN SPACE LANGUAGE TERMINOLOGY - WHY DO WE NEED IT?

**Abstract**

Currently, Serbia, as an emerging space country, does not have its own space terminology and is either using English words that not everybody understands or lengthy descriptions of the terms which may disrupt the flow of communication.

Having a specific vocabulary related to space technology and space science would be crucial to reach all members of the society. This is especially important for emerging space countries without national space agencies, and space education curricula, such as Serbia, as it can open up a new field to schools, academia and general media. The importance of international cooperation is one of the key tools for space outreach and technological development. While English is widely spoken and taught in schools, kids start learning about space first in the local language - Serbian. Thus it is necessary to promote space at an early age with adequate Serbian terminology to reach all layers of society.

This paper will investigate the current use of space terminology in Serbia and analyze the need for such terminology in view of the growing field of space in the country in the context of technological development and developing a local workforce and propose the creation of a space curriculum.