

## SUPPORT LETTER

### for the European Light Pollution Manifesto and other initiatives aimed at addressing light pollution in Europe

We, the undersigned, hereby express our support for the [European Light Pollution Manifesto](#) and subsequent initiatives, aiming at reducing the environmental, ecological, and societal impacts of Artificial Light at Night (ALAN) across Europe.

As an organisation committed to astronomy, space science and geophysics, we recognise that light pollution poses a significant and growing threat to biodiversity, human well-being, the visibility of the night sky, and the effectiveness of energy and climate policies.

The Manifesto offers a timely and much-needed call for action. It outlines a clear set of recommendations to the European Commission and other EU institutions, including:

- The development of harmonised EU-level policies to reduce light pollution;
- Improved monitoring systems and data collection on ALAN;
- The integration of light pollution into relevant environmental and public health frameworks;
- The promotion of responsible lighting practices that balance human activity with environmental sustainability.

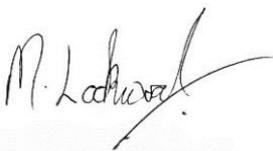
We support the vision set out in the Manifesto, which recognises natural darkness as a valuable resource and a vital element of a healthy and sustainable environment. We also express our support for further emerging initiatives aimed at promoting light pollution regulations across Europe, such as those developed within the [PLAN-B Horizon Europe Project](#).

We therefore endorse the goals and recommendations outlined in the European Light Pollution Manifesto and call upon European institutions to take urgent and coordinated steps to address light pollution as a priority issue.

We further express our willingness to contribute to awareness-raising and the development of best practices, in collaboration with other stakeholders across Europe.

Signed on behalf of the Royal Astronomical Society:

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