



# Samantha Cristoforetti

European Astronaut

*"Widely regarded as one of Europe's most influential astronauts"*



Samantha Cristoforetti is one of Europe's most accomplished astronauts and a former commander of the International Space Station (ISS). As an AI and Robotics speaker, Samantha is known for her technical expertise and calm leadership and has become a global symbol of scientific excellence and international cooperation in space.

## TOPICS:

- Leadership
- Teamwork in Extreme Environments
- Innovation, Engineering & Space Exploration
- Human Performance Under Pressure
- Diversity
- Women in STEM

## LANGUAGES:

She presents in English.

## IN DETAIL:

Samantha has built an exceptional career at the intersection of engineering, aviation, and human spaceflight. After training as a fighter pilot in the Italian Air Force, she was selected as an astronaut by the European Space Agency, going on to complete two long-duration missions aboard the International Space Station. During her first mission, Futura (2014–2015), she spent nearly 200 days in orbit, setting a then-record for the longest single spaceflight by a woman. She later returned to space for the Minerva mission in 2022, where she made history as the first European woman to command the ISS and carried out a spacewalk, further cementing her role as a pioneer in European space exploration. Throughout her career, Cristoforetti has been recognised with numerous national and international honours for her contributions to science, exploration, and public engagement.

## WHAT SHE OFFERS YOU:

Samantha Cristoforetti is known for making complex topics engaging and relatable. As a speaker, she inspires audiences with firsthand stories from space, offering unique perspectives on resilience, curiosity, and pushing human limits.

## HOW SHE PRESENTS:

Samantha's global recognition and authentic storytelling make her a compelling keynote speaker for corporate, educational, and scientific events.