EU Space Strategy for Security and Defence

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Context



Informal FAC/D - January 2022

About 20 Defence Ministers agreed on the need to strengthen the EU's **resilience in space and from space**.



Defence Package - February 2022

Strengthening the defence dimension of space at EU level'

'The Commission [...] will promote a 'dual-use by design' approach for EU space infrastructures, with a view to offering new resilient services that address governmental needs, including in the area of defence.'



Strategic Compass - March 2022

'A new EU Space Strategy for security and defence will help us build a **common understanding of space-related risks and threats**, **develop appropriate responses and capabilities** to react better and faster to crises, strengthen our resilience and make full use of the benefits and opportunities linked to the space domain.'



6 workshops at EU27 (2022 - 2023)

Consultation with industry and academia



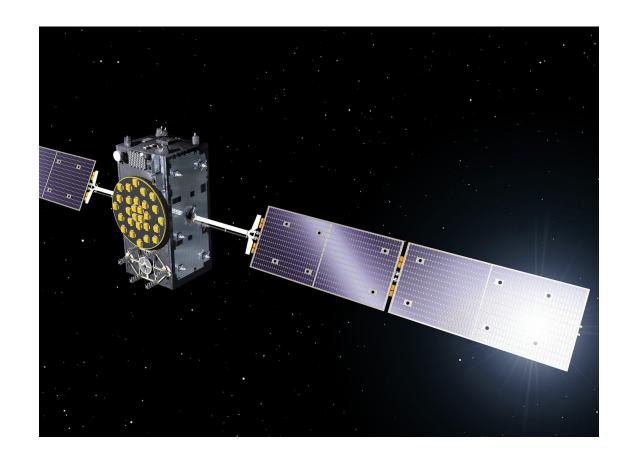
Key issues





Objectives of the EU SSSD

- Address space as a strategic domain
- Promote responsible behaviours
- Enhance EU strategic posture and autonomy in the space domain
- Defend EU interests in and from space
- Break silos between space and defence/security







Five pillars of the SSSD



Space threat landscape



Enhancing the resilience and protection of space systems and services in the EU



Responding to space threats



Enhancing the use of space for security and defence



Partnering for responsible behaviours in outer space





Way forward

Implementation of the strategy





The space threat landscape

- SIAC together with MS INTEL services to perform an annual classified space threat Briefing
 - This will increase strategic understanding of space threats and counterspace
 - Such strategic understanding will support the EU space programmes, as well as benefit information collected by the Commission through the monitoring of the EU space components.



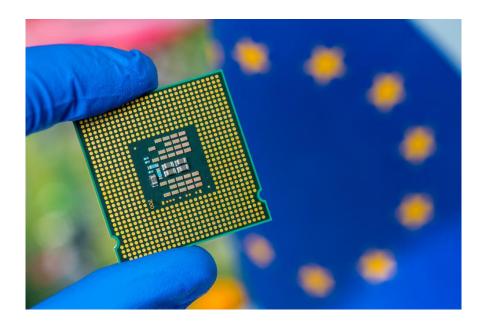
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Enhancing the resilience and protection of space systems and services in the EU

- EU space law to define common rules on safety, security, and sustainability in space
- Information Sharing and Analysis Centre (ISAC) to share best practices for the resilience of EU space industry capabilities
- Roadmap on critical technologies
- Strengthened security of supply and resilience of space sector (EU wider policies)
 - Potential industrial alliances
 - Chips Act, Critical Raw Materials Act, FDI screening
- Preparatory actions to ensure long-term EU autonomous access to space







Responding to space threats

- Modalities for receiving Space Domain Awareness (SDA) services in support of EU response
- Amending Council Decision (CFSP)
 2021/698 to respond to all threats in the space domain that may affect the security of the EU and its Member States
- **Space exercises**, including to explore the use of solidarity mechanisms



Credits: Sky and Space Global





Enhancing the use of space for security and defence

- Take into account military needs and requirements for EU space based defence services
 - Including when defining service portfolio for IRIS²
- Launching of two pilot projects
 - New Copernicus governmental service
 - Initial Space Domain Awareness services, in synergies with SST
- Supporting innovation through collaboration between space, security and defence start-ups
- Improve skills to further develop space services for security and defence



Credits: FSA





Partnering for responsible behaviours in outer space

- Supporting multilateral efforts to reduce space threats, including in the United Nations
- Stepping up public diplomacy campaign for Safety, Security and Sustainability in Outer Space
- Deepening cooperation in space security with the United states of America
- Developing space security dialogues with third countries
- Developing cooperation with NATO in space security



Credits: ESA





Thank you for your attention!



