

# ADVANCING THE EU'S STRATEGIC POSITIONING IN OUTER SPACE

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## Capability Development and Partnerships following the EU Space Strategy for Security and Defence

Jointly organised by the Swedish Presidency of the Council of the EU and the EU Institute for Security Studies (EUISS)

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There is long-standing recognition in Europe of the importance of the space sector. In October 2016, the EU presented a Space Strategy for Europe – highlighting the economic benefits offered by space, including its relevance for European jobs, competitiveness, and innovation. For example, the positioning, navigation, and timing services provided by space assets are increasingly incorporated into industries in many sectors, including transport, energy, and agriculture. Given their growing relevance for a functioning society, satellites and associated ground stations have become a critical European infrastructure.

While civilian and economic dimensions of space have traditionally been the priority for EU and Member States policymaking, the geopolitical role played by satellites prior, during and after conflict is becoming increasingly recognised as is the space threat landscape. Anti-satellite tests by various countries and the use of counterspace capabilities have led to growing concerns regarding security in space.

With its recently launched Space Strategy for Security and Defence, the EU is underlining the strategic value of outer space. Among others, the strategy recognises how the current threat landscape requires new thinking with respect to resilience, response, and partnerships. This is taking place while the private sector's interest in space is rapidly evolving.

Organised shortly after the release of the EU's Space Strategy for Security and Defence, this seminar will consider the implications of the strategy for EU Member States, associated industry, as well as key EU strategic partner countries and NATO. The seminar will provide an opportunity to examine the way forward for strengthening the EU's positioning in outer space. Key questions to be examined during the seminar include:

- What are the key elements in the new space strategy that will enhance the EU's strategic positioning in outer space?
- What are the strategy's key implications for the EU, its member states, capability development, industry, and partnerships?
- What are important considerations for the strategy's implementation?



## DRAFT PROGRAMME

12.30-13.30

### Registration and Light Lunch

13.30-13.40

## OPENING REMARKS

### Dr Gustav LINDSTROM

Director, EU Institute for Security Studies

13.40-14.00

## KEYNOTE SPEECH

*Speaker*

### Dr Pål JONSON

Minister for Defence of Sweden

14.00-14.45

## PANEL DISCUSSION I – SETTING THE SCENE: THREATS, STRATEGIES & EU ACTION

*Speakers*

### Major General Michael TRAUT

Head of National Command and General Space Operations Division, German Armed Forces

### Patrick CHATARD-MOULIN

Deputy Head of Division, SecDefPol.5 Space, European External Action Service

### Guillaume DE LA BROSSE

Head of Unit, DG DEFIS.B.2, European Commission

*Moderator*

### Dr Eva BERNHARDSDOTTER

Desk Officer, Space and R&D, Ministry for Defence of Sweden

14.45-15.00

## Coffee Break

15.00-16.00

## PANEL DISCUSSION II – CAPABILITY DEVELOPMENT & INDUSTRY

*Speakers*

### Colonel Jaime SANCHEZ MAYORGA

Spainsat NG Programme Manager and former Head of the Space Unit, Spanish Ministry of Defence

### Alessandro CIGNONI

Head of Unit, Information Superiority, European Defence Agency

### Guillaume GALTIER

Policy Officer, DG DEFIS.A2, European Commission

### Brice LANÇON

Member of the Defence Business Unit, Aerospace, Security and Defence Industries Association (ASD) and Vice President, Space Security Defence, Safran Group



*Moderator*

**Dr Jan Joel ANDERSSON**

Senior Analyst, EU Institute for Security Studies

16.00-16.15

**Coffee Break**

16.15-17.15

**PANEL DISCUSSION III – PARTNERSHIPS ON SPACE, SECURITY & DEFENCE**

*Speakers*

**Carine CLAEYS (tbc)**

Special Envoy for Space, European External Action Service

**Alexandre MONÉGER**

Head of Section, Defence Policy, NATO

**Dr Eva BERNHARDSDOTTER**

Desk Officer, Space and R&D, Ministry for Defence of Sweden

**James BLACK**

Assistant Director, Defence and Security, European Lead, RAND Space Enterprise Initiative

*Moderator*

**Dr Gustav LINDSTROM**

Director, EU Institute for Security Studies

17.15-17.30

**CONCLUDING REMARKS**

**(tbd)**

Representative from the Swedish Presidency of the Council of the EU

**Dr Gustav LINDSTROM**

Director, EU Institute for Security Studies

