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Recent developments in EU Space Policy

- **Lisbon Treaty entered into force on 1st December 2009;**
- **It confers to the Union a competence in space matters;**
- **Does not affect Member States own competence.**

Recent developments in EU Space Policy

« Towards a space strategy for the European Union which benefits citizens »

- **Communication adopted on 4 April;**
- **Sets out the European Commission vision for the future.**

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« Towards a space strategy for the European Union which benefits citizens »

- **Puts citizens at the heart of EU space strategy and space at the service of economic and strategic policy goals.**

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Objectives

- Promote technical and scientific progress;
- Strengthen innovation and industrial competitiveness;
- Ensure that citizens benefit from space space applications; and
- Encourage international cooperation in space.

To achieve these objectives Europe must maintain an independent access to space.

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The priorities (1)

- The EU must ensure the successful completion and operation of Galileo – the EU global navigation satellite system;
- It is worth noting that EGNOS – GPS-based augmentation system – was approved for « safety of life » in March 2011.

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The priorities (2)

- **The EU must also ensure the successful completion and operation of GMES.**

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The priorities (3)

Space and security

- Reinforcing the security dimension of GMES;
- Enhancing coordination within the EU so that space assets can better serve Common Foreign and Security Policy missions;
- Develop the means to protect space infrastructure – SSA.

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Space exploration

- Recognition of benefits derived from space exploration;
- Openness to explore possible future EU involvement;
- Endorsement of an International Platform for collaboration in this matter.

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Space as an integral part of the Europe 2020 agenda (1)

- EU to develop a space industrial policy aiming at a balanced industrial base; greater competitiveness; non-dependence in strategic sectors like launchers; development of market for space-based products and services.

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Space as an integral part of the Europe 2020 agenda (2)

- Boosting research and innovation;
- Exploit the potential of telecommunication satellites, in particular to deliver Europe's Digital Agenda objectives.

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The international dimension of the EU's space policy

- Continue to develop space policy dialogues;
- Integrate space in Union's external policy and particular focus on cooperation with Africa.

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Towards a well-structured governance

- Strengthening cooperation with Member States;
- Developing our relations with the European Space Agency;
- Improving programme coordination and management.

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Next steps

- Develop policy lines in the communication;
- Present proposals for programmes for 2014 onwards.

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Thank you for your attention