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Background document

Implementation Dialogue on Space - 5 November 2025 Information from the Commission

This note provides Ministers with a debrief of the Implementation Dialogue on Space, held on **5 November 2025 in Brussels**, chaired by **Commissioner Andrius Kubilius**, with the participation of **23 stakeholders** from the EU space sector, including companies, associations, SMEs, start-ups, and agencies such as EUSPA, ESA and EUMETSAT.

The Dialogue took place in the context of the “**Simpler and Faster Europe**” Communication, which aims to collect valuable insights to help identify possible implementation and simplification aspects relating to the EU Space Programmes.

Main outcomes

The Implementation Dialogue identified opportunities and challenges within the **EU Space Programmes and Policies** to ensure that stakeholders’ interests are fully taken into consideration, enabling the Commission to continue supporting the strengthening of the EU’s space industry, the advancement of its global competitiveness, and the maximisation of the societal and economic benefits of space technologies for Europe’s future.

Industry stakeholders discussed the **development of a sovereign, competitive, and independent EU space sector**. They highlighted the importance of taking a more risk-prone attitude, by supporting innovation (for example through more In-Orbit-Demonstration/In-Orbit-Validation opportunities) and ensuring an autonomous access to space. In addition, they mentioned the need for more investments and long-term predictability as well as for modularity, simplicity and speed in the funding processes. The importance of synergies and spillover effects between space and defence was also acknowledged by several stakeholders.

On ways to **reinforce Europe’s technological sovereignty**, stakeholders emphasised the need to balance global supply chains with reduced dependencies. They underlined the importance of achieving economies of scale where the EU offers clear added value and of ensuring interoperability between national and European systems. Stakeholders also recalled the key role of SMEs, both within supply chains and in mission development.

Regarding the **uptake of space data and services**, stakeholders welcomed the user-driven approach of the EU Space Programme and the Secure Connectivity Programme. They further recalled the importance of interoperability and cybersecurity for ground segments and encouraged public and private users to adopt space-based solutions.

Conclusions

Commissioner Kubilius underlined the strategic link between space and defence, recalling that European autonomy in space is essential for security, resilience and competitiveness. He highlighted that the proposed EU Space Act aims to **reduce fragmentation**, leverage the **Single Market**, and **simplify** regulatory and administrative processes. He called for speed, coherence and confidence in implementing the Union Space Policy, encouraging industry and

institutions to take bold steps in risk-taking, innovation and collaboration. The Commissioner reaffirmed his commitment to ensuring that the EU space sector **remains sovereign, sustainable and globally competitive.**
