



AGENDA

Working Group on SPACE, SECURITY & DEFENCE

Wednesday, 11 October 2023 from 13:00 until 14:30 hrs

LUNCH DEBATE, European Parliament

Altiero-Spinelli-Building - Restaurant des Députés, Salon

“How far shall defense threats and needs impact the EU Space program?”

Until now, the EU Space Program has mainly developed systems and applications for civil purposes, although it is broadly recognized as a strategic domain having dual-use capacities and where autonomy makes sense. Things are moving with emerging threats on existing in-orbit assets and recognition that maintaining a wall between civil and governmental uses of space capacities would be inefficient and costly. This trend is already explicit in the recently adopted EU constellation program for secured space communications (IRIS²) and is the baseline of the proposed EU Space Strategy for Security and Defense. Linked to geopolitical and technological considerations, this evolution might become a key-ingredient of the next EU space program. This is a matter on which we definitely need to reflect upstream, as proposed at this Kangaroo Group Lunch debate.

Welcome and Introduction by:

- Michael Gahler MEP, President of the Kangaroo Group

Keynote Speech:

- Antoine Bouvier, Airbus Head of Strategy and Public Affairs

Statements:

- Arnaud DANJEAN MEP, EPP/France, Vice-Chair of the EPP Group, Member of the Committee on International Trade, Member of the Subcommittee on Security and Defence
- Christophe GRUDLER MEP, Renew Group Europe/France, Member of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy
- Luis MARTÍNEZ MONTES, Politico-Military Counselor, Permanent Representation of Spain to the EU

- **Ekaterini KAVVADA, Director, Directorate B-Secure and connected Space, DG Defis, European Commission**
- **Joanneke BALFOORT, Director for Security and Defence, European External Action Service (EEAS)**

(this debate is held under Chatham House Rules)

