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European Interparliamentary Space Conference (EISC): Consolidated Findings from the Workshop on Legislating Space

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What is EISC?



European Interparliamentary Space Conference (EISC) is a unique formal framework for engagement and coordination between national legislators in Europe focusing on space.



Established in 1999.



Permanent forum for inter-parliamentary co-operation between the European national parliaments interested in space policy.



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Aims:

- Provide a platform for analysis of major issues at stake in the European space sector.
- Facilitate exchange of information on space activities.
- Promote mutual understanding of national policies.



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EISC Secretariat

- Since 2009: European Space Policy Institute (ESPI)



About ESPI:

- Europe's independent think tank for space
- Non-profit
- Making proposals and recommendations to European decision-makers
- Providing active forum for analysis of European space activities



Role of EISC Secretariat:

- Ensuring coordination and communication between members and the acting Presidency
- Enhancing EISC's unique role in enabling engagement between national legislators in Europe focusing on space
- Providing added value to EISC and individual parliaments



EISC Presidencies:

- Rotating Presidency
- Convenes twice a year: Workshop & Plenary Session
- 2023: Austrian Parliament
- 2024: Luxembourg's Chamber of Deputies



EISC Plenary Session 2023 at the Austrian Parliament



EISC Workshop 2024 at Luxembourg's Chamber of Deputies



March 2024: Workshop on Legislating Space



Panel I: International Framework

- Prof. Dr. Steven FREELAND, Emeritus Professor of International Law at Western Sydney University
- Ms Yukiko OKUMURA, Legal Liaison Officer, United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA)
- Prof. Dr. Setsuko AOKI, Professor of Law at Keio University Law School, Japan
- Prof. Dr. Olavo DE OLIVEIRA BITTENCOURT NETO, Professor at the Catholic University of Santos, Brazil (online)



Panel II: Regional Framework

- Mr Guillaume DE LA BROSSE, Head of Unit DEFIS B2 Innovation & News Space, Space and Defence
- Dr. P.J. BLOUNT, Lecturer in Law in the School of Law and Politics at Cardiff University
- Dr. Fabio TRONCHETTI, Associate Professor of Law, School of Law, Northumbria University, Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom
- Prof. Dr. Irmgard MARBOE, Professor of International Law Department of European, International and Comparative Law Faculty of Law University of Vienna



Panel III: National Framework

- Prof. Dr. Mahulena HOFMANN, Full professor at the University of Luxembourg, SES Chair in Satellite Communication and Media Law
- Mr Philippe CLERC, Head of Compliance and Ethics at CNES, France
- Dr. Tanja MASSON-ZWAAN, Assistant Professor and Deputy Director, the International Institute of Air and Space Law, Leiden University, The Netherlands
- Mr Jean-François MAYENCE, Legal Advisor of the Belgian Federal Office for Science Policy (BELSPO), Belgium



Space Legislation as a Citizen's Affair

Commercial actors catalyse the need for an evolved regulation of space activities; however, such legislation requires a holistic approach.

Expanding the focus beyond the commercial dimension of space also enables the future-proofing of international and regulatory frameworks.

Space for Security & Defence Increasingly Paramount for European Legislators

Use and regulation of space assets and space activities for security and defence applications are increasingly top of mind for legislators.

Parliaments are encouraged to take new actions in the scope of their competences and play a conducive role in development of the security and defence dimension of space in Europe.

The Continuing Evolution of European Space Legislative Landscape

The anticipated EU Space Law: expected to facilitate a move from a patchwork of national regulatory environments to a consolidated EU-wide framework.

EU Member States face uncertainty about the effects of the EU Space Law in the context of their national laws and regulatory frameworks.

Recalling the Importance & Necessity of Multilateralism

There is common interest among European legislators to nurture the exploration and use of outer space through multilateral cooperation.

While the influence of parliaments on international regulation and coordination is limited, this interest reaffirms the importance of parliamentary diplomacy, including through frameworks such as EISC.



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 **16 April 2024 18.30 – 22.30 CET**

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Thank you for your attention.



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