

SWITZERLAND

National mechanism:

Switzerland has for now no national mechanism on space debris mitigation.

Description:

None.

Applicability:

None.

Relation to international mechanisms:

As a member State of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, Switzerland fully adheres to the Space Debris Mitigation Guidelines of the Committee. Furthermore, it actively participates in the work of the Working Group on Long Term Sustainability for Space Activities (LTSSA) in the framework of the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space. Alongside the Space Debris Mitigation Guidelines of the Committee, Switzerland shares the view that the IADC Space Debris Mitigation Guidelines, the European Code of Conduct for Space Debris Mitigation, the ISO Space Systems - Space Debris Mitigation Requirements (ISO 24113:2011) and the ITU Recommendation ITU-R S.1003 should achieve the best possible acceptance within the international space community.

Moreover, Switzerland is conducting the majority of its space activities through the European Space Agency (ESA).³

Link to other national mechanisms:

None.

References:

None.

³ Please refer to the ESA profile (p.45) for a comprehensive description of the relevant space debris mitigation mechanisms and policy applicable to the Agency's missions and activities.