
Space Security: Is Europe a Credible Diplomatic Actor?

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Europe's Strengths

■ Strength

- ❑ A group of 27 (+ non-EU ESA MS) sovereign states
 - A group of highly capable and experienced states in space
 - Advantages to set up global standards and regulations
 - ❑ Conference management
 - Highly experienced in multilateral negotiation
 - Not representing particular interest but “common” interest
 - ❑ Normative power
 - Values that underpin the rules are based on universal values
 - Norms are important for convincing other members
 - ❑ Agenda setting
 - Quick responses to emerging issues
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Europe's Weakness

- Lack of coherence
 - Differences of opinion, interest and strategy
 - Different financial circumstances and perception of space
- Slow response
 - It takes time to achieve the consensus
 - Political turf war between Commission and MS
- Contradiction between norms and interest
 - Being the Champion of the sustainable use of space
 - Strategic relationship with the US and China
 - Austerity measures and budget cuts

Is Europe a Credible Partner for Major Spacefaring Nations?

■ United States

- Competitor for taking the moral authority and leadership
- Commitment to International CoC means US cannot act alone in this domain

■ Russia

- Russia's commitment to PPWT – Europe is not a partner
- Strategic trade-offs: manned space tech and energy

■ China

- Committed PPWT – Europe's rival
- Seeking credible international partner – Europe's friend

■ Japan

- Too much obsession in the relationship with the US
- Potential partner in many respects including space security

Is Europe a Credible Partner for Emerging Nations?

■ India

- Technological independence and strategic use of space partnership
- Europe can be a good customer

■ Africa

- Europe has opened the door for space use in Africa
- Shared infrastructure and providing services

■ Latin America

- Not a lot of commitment – the experience with Africa might be helpful to contribute further relationship

■ South East Asia

- SE Asia constitute a big market for Europe
 - Cooperation with Japan or China?
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Can Europe be a Credible Partner for Space Security?

- Large operational fleet
 - Europe has focused on space application – essential for socio-economic life in Europe
 - A lot of commercial operation in low earth orbit
 - Sustainable space is a self-interest as well as universal value
 - Strong capability
 - SSA capability in Germany and France are great assets for global cooperation for space security
 - Experiences in SSA activities at national levels
 - Norm setter and multilateral negotiator
 - Exercising Europe's strength and set international norm
 - Europe can be an anchor for the normative and practical application of the sustainability in space
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