



XVII EISC Conference - Spain 2015

Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

Since January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015, the Spanish Parliament holds the annual rotating Presidency of the European Interparliamentary Space Conference (EISC), thus taking over from the French Presidency.

For this reason, and as Chair of the Spanish Space Parliamentary Group at the Congress of Deputies of Spain, I have the pleasure to inform you that this year we shall hold two meetings: a workshop (March 23 and 24) and a plenary sitting (probably in September), both at the seat of the Congress of Deputies, in Madrid.

The topic chosen is "Space Governance".

In particular, in the March workshop, we shall present and discuss the evolution of governance of the space sector at European level, as a result of the shared competences granted by the Lisbon Treaty to the European Union and its practical impact on the new space programmes adopted at the Councils of Ministers of the European Space Agency and those included in the Financial Perspective of the European Union for 2014-2020.

On the other hand, the plenary sitting to be held in September shall deal with the governance of space sector at national level, with a view to presenting the different national legislations in the field of space activity and discuss the evolution of the latter for the benefit of citizens.

I am fully convinced that both meetings shall contribute to the fulfillment of the main goal of the EISC, namely, establish a continuous debate among national Parliaments of participating countries in order to analyse and discuss European space policy and the main issues affecting the space sector.

Therefore, it is a pleasure for me to invite you to take part in the XVII EISC workshop, to be held in Madrid on March 23 and 24. The agenda and the practical information shall be available soon at [www.eisc-europa.eu](http://www.eisc-europa.eu). Registration can be made at the said web: [www.eisc-europa.eu/registration](http://www.eisc-europa.eu/registration).

I hope and wish to have the chance to cooperate with all EISC members in both meetings, as well as to welcome you personally to Madrid on occasion of next March's workshop.

Cordially yours,

Ovidio Sánchez Díaz  
Chairperson of the Space Parliamentary Group