

EISC Resolution

14. EISC European Interparliamentary Space Conference

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RECOGNIZING space activity as not only advancing the knowledge and applications domain but also the unique means to understand, measure and monitor most of the environment and climate related phenomena in a regular way over the world on large regions, hence providing invaluable awareness, insight and indicators to inform the political decision makers,

BEING AWARE of the negotiations of the European Commission's proposal on the Next Multiannual Financial Framework of the EU (MFF, 2014 - 2020), including space matters,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the ESA Council Meeting at Ministerial Level to be held on 20-21 November 2012,

The 14th European Inter-parliamentary Space Conference strongly encourages:

a successful and appropriately funded European space policy

- CONSIDERS therefore the development of a European space policy and its implementation as a joint responsibility of the EU, ESA and Member States, which has to take into account the contribution of this policy towards sustainable development by the integration of space and ground-based segments in R&D, industrial areas and space-enabled applications;

- URGES the definition of clear roles, with no duplication of responsibilities; for the implementing bodies – the EU, ESA and other related agencies (including GSA, EEA, EUMETSAT, FRONTEX, EUSC, EMSA, EDA);
- INVITES the ESA Council Meeting at Ministerial Level 2012 to encourage those EU Member States which are not Members of ESA to engage in ESA activities of common interest;

a sustainable European Space Policy

- WELCOMES ESA's approach to the comprehensive application of principles of sustainability, encompassing technology development, governance and operations as well as social factors;
- INVITES the EU, ESA and the Member States to safeguard the future of space activities by protecting the environment, both on Earth and in Space and encourages all parts involved to continue working towards a fully operational European SSA program, building on the work performed so far;
- WELCOMES the announcement by ESA to launch a 'Space for Sustainability Award', under the auspices of the EISC, for students and young professionals in order to promote the link between space and sustainable development in response to European and international challenges;
- CALLS for increase of public information available through internet and media to raise awareness of space research and applications, in particular among young people;

the sustainable deployment and exploitation of the European flagship programmes

- WELCOMES the discussions between the EU Council, the European Parliament and the European Commission in the context of the negotiations related to the adoption of the Regulation on GNSS programmes, which make possible a further role of ESA, in addition to its original role vis-à-vis its Member States;

- ENCOURAGES ESA, the EU and Member States to continue dialogue to define stable and sound governance and industrial policy for future common space projects; which should clearly define responsibilities, avoid duplications and preserve a balanced and competitive space sector throughout Europe;
- ENDORSES the Resolution of the European Parliament on the financing of GMES by allocating within the next EU Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) the means to secure GMES deployment and operations in the timeframe 2014-2020;
- WELCOMES the 2011 Space Council Resolution on " Benefits of space for the security of European citizens" in which it "RECOMMENDS the European Commission in close collaboration with the European External Action Service (EEAS), Member States and relevant EU agencies, such as FRONTEX, EUSC and EMSA, to finalize the definition of, and accelerate the transition towards, fully operational GMES security services in support of EU external actions and border and maritime surveillance, based on user demand";
- CALLS UPON the European Commission, in close consultation with all relevant stakeholders, to study and apply in the context of the GMES security services a sound governance structure taking into account their specificities;

a competitive European space industry

- CONSIDERS that the independence of Europe in space depends on the availability of a sustainable supply chain that can deliver the critical technologies required for the implementation of its programs;
- CALLS UPON the need to develop and expand commercial markets in Europe through and for space technologies;
- RECOGNISES the importance of a competitive space industry, taking into account the crucial role of exports to the health of the European space sector, and therefore welcomes the ambitious proposals of ESA at the Ministerial Council and urges the EU to encourage the development of space based telecommunications throughout Europe;
- CALLS FOR agreement to ensure a sustainable, independent European launcher capability;

a responsible use of outer space

- WELCOMES the ESA Clean Space Initiative, which ensures the proactive environmental awareness of European space programmes and promotes innovation for the sustainable exploitation of space for future generations;

the use of space assets to promote global sustainable development

- ENCOURAGES the EU, ESA and Member States to take a joint approach to implementing space applications and services as an instrument in the European sustainable development regulations in eco-strategy;
- SUPPORTS CALLS FOR European space programmes to make a greater contribution towards the sustainable management of natural resources and the protection and preservation of the environment in developing countries.

The further development of EISC

EISC welcomes and accepts the request for Full Membership by the Parliament of Estonia.

Appointment of the next presidencies

The Presidency of 15th EISC, from 1 January to 31 December 2013, will be held by the Parliamentary Space Group of the Parliament of Belgium.

The Presidency of 16th EISC, from 1 January to 31 December 2014, will be held by the Parliamentary Space Group of the Parliament of France.

Therefore the Trio of the EISC for 2013 comprises: Poland, Belgium and France.

These resolution has been approved by the parliamentary space groups of the Full Members of EISC participating in this year's conference, namely Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Luxemburg, Poland, Romania, Spain and the United Kingdom.