



EARSC Contribution
Space Traffic management –
Development of an EU strategy for safe and sustainable use of space

The European Association of Remote Sensing Companies (EARSC) is a trade association based in Brussels, Belgium that represents the European Downstream services sector creating added-value services and products based on Earth Observation satellite data. EARSC has more than 130 members across 25 European countries.

EARSC welcomes the initiative on space traffic management with the objective of developing an EU strategy to ensure a safe and sustainable use of space while preserving the EU space industry's competitiveness.

With the increase of the number of satellites in space, the space traffic management is a topic of major interest for the space sector and the adoption of a common European approach in this matter is necessary to protect space assets.

The European Earth Observation services industry relies on data coming from the EU flagship programme Copernicus. By using this data, our industry can create added-value services and products, contributing to the EU's innovation and growth. A number of impact assessments and case studies demonstrate that space-based solutions bring substantial socio economic benefits for different stakeholders (governments, businesses, citizens...) across multiple sectors.

By ensuring the security of the European space infrastructure and the long-term use of space, the European Union will provide a secure framework for the continuation of activities based on the collection and exploitation of data coming from satellites.

Therefore, EARSC fully supports a European common approach of space traffic management and remains at your disposal to work on this objective.