

Competitiveness Council meeting

Brussels, Belgium

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Brussels, May 13th 2024

Dear colleague,

I am pleased to invite you to the Competitiveness Council (Space) under the Belgian Presidency, which will take place in Brussels on 23 May 2024 and start at 08:30.

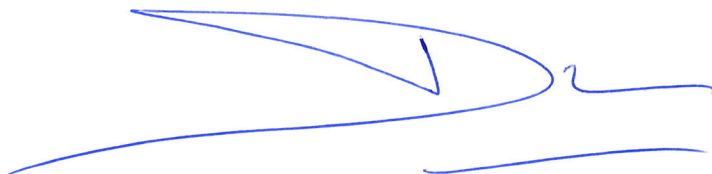
The meeting will begin with an exchange of views on "EU Space Law: safety, resilience and sustainability of space activities in the EU". Space activities face multiple growing challenges. Among these, some have become more pressing in recent times and would require action from the Union and Member States. Therefore, we look forward to a fruitful exchange of views regarding relevant aspects of a future Union Space Law, pending a proposal from the Commission.

The second item on the agenda is the preparation of the Space Council, which will take place on the margins of the space component of the Competitiveness Council.

The adoption of the Council conclusions on "Strengthening Europe's competitiveness through space" follows. The Conclusions recall that the European space programmes are strategically and politically important for making Europe and its space industry more resilient and competitive. They call for private and public investments to support innovation, and stress the role of small and medium sized enterprises. Finally, the Conclusions acknowledge the need for the progressive implementation of global rules and best practices in space, to allow for a European impact and a strong position on global space governance matters.

I look forward to seeing you in Brussels on May 23rd.

Yours sincerely,



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