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Europe's Ambitions in Space, 2009

Wednesday, December 3rd, 1:30 pm - 6:00pm
Conseil Central de l'Economie
Rue de la Joyeuse entrée 17-21, 1040 Brussels
Metro Schuman

In the context of several high-level meetings on space (the ESA Ministerial Council of November 25-26, the European Councils in December) and at the close of the French Presidency of the EU, it seems appropriate to take stock of the recent evolutions of European space policy and of the main programmes planned for the coming decade. Amongst many areas of interest in space, European actors have paid recent attention to the issue of space security. Projects for a Code of conduct in space and for a space surveillance architecture are developed, aiming at preventing further weaponization of space.

The Ifri Space Programme is holding a half-day conference in Brussels on December 3rd 2008 to explore these issues. Presentations by distinguished panellists will be followed by an open dialogue with the audience.

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Agenda:

The doors will open at 1:30 (coffee will be served)

1:45 - 2:00: Introduction by **Susanne Nies**, Head of Ifri-Brussels

2pm to 4pm

Panel 1 - European Space Policy at the end of 2008

Representatives of the main European authorities, as well as the current and next presidencies of the EU will assess the latest developments of European space governance. An update on main programmes -Copernicus, Galileo and exploration- will be presented and perspectives for 2009 and beyond will be discussed.

Panelists:

- “*The outlook after the ESA Ministerial Council*”, **Géraldine Naja-Corbin**, Head of Institutional Affairs and Strategic Studies, European Space Agency (ESA)
- “*Current space policy and programmes of the European Union*”, **Sylvia Kainz-Huber**, Head of Unit, Space Policy and Coordination, DG Enterprises and Industry, European Commission
- “*The French Presidency of the EU and space*”, **Mathieu Weiss**, Counsellor for space, permanent Representation of France at the UE
- “*The projects of the Czech Republic in space*”, **Ondrej Mirovsky**, GMES coordinator, Czech Space Office

(4 to 4:30: tea-break)

4:30pm to 6pm

Panel 2 - More Security in Space?

Far from focusing exclusively on the deployment of military space systems, Europe has developed a strong and committed attitude in favour of arms control and risk mitigation in space. Two areas are particularly promising: During its presidency of the Union, France organised discussions between member-states around the project of a “Code of good conduct” in space. If adopted, this code could be presented for international negotiation; However, European ambitions for space security will only gain credibility if real means of reconnaissance in orbit are available to Europeans. This is why plans for a European Space Situational Awareness (SSA) architecture are discussed.

Panelists:

- “*The project of a Code of Conduct in Space*”, **Laurence Nardon**, Head of the Space Programme at Ifri
- “*Space, the EDA vision*”, **Carlo Magrassi**, Deputy Chief Executive, Strategy of the European Defense Agency (EDA)
- “*French Experience of Space Surveillance*”, **Patrice Brudieu**, Deputy Director for Strategy, CNES