



STM STAKEHOLDER MECHANISM – SUBGROUP 3

2nd meeting – virtual (MS Teams)

Friday 13 March 2026 from 10:00 to 12:00 CET

SUMMARY

Observers: none

Experts: ILNAS (point 3), CNES (point 4), Cosmos for Humanity (point 5)

(1) Welcome and introduction

The chair (DG DEFIS) welcomed the participants and presented the agenda which participants had received before the meeting.

(2) Presentation of consolidated replies to reflective STM questions

DG DEFIS presented the consolidated replies to the set of reflective STM questions received in writing as a follow-up to the previous meeting.

(3) Presentation on STM-related standards mapping

ILNAS delivered a detailed presentation on the current landscape of STM-related standards, providing a definition of standardisation, and an outline of the standardisation process and main bodies. This was followed by a zoom-in on standards in the field of space traffic management as an example of the EU “New Approach” facilitating adoption by industry, the currently most relevant standards in this field.

Subsequent discussions focused on the accessibility of standards, potential fragmentation due to actors applying diverging standards, the role of standards in the context of legal obligations and filling the gaps between very high-level and very technical standards.

(4) Presentation on draft Rules of the Road in space standard

CNES presented the latest draft Rules of the Road standard focusing on the core principles underpinning the standard including right-of-way protocols, conjunction assessment procedures, and manoeuvre coordination mechanisms designed to minimise the risk of collisions and enhance predictability in space operations.

Subsequent discussions focused on the next steps for the draft standard.

(5) Presentation of space sustainability label

Cosmos for Humanity presented its Space Sustainability Label which offers a structured methodology to assess the sustainability performance of companies in the space domain in support of the transition towards more sustainable and responsible space activities.

Subsequent discussions focused on technical details on the presented label.

(6) Exchange of views on STM-related standards

Due to lack of time, the chair asked STM subgroup 3 delegates to submit their thoughts and ideas to the set of questions outlined on the slides after the meeting.

(7) A.O.B.

DG DEFIS informed STM subgroup 3 delegates that the Terms of References and Rules of Procedure as well as the Privacy Statement have been updated.

(8) Conclusions and next steps

The chair invited participants to submit their answers to the follow-up STM questions by end April 2026, thanked them for their attendance and closed the meeting.

LIST OF ATTENDEES

EU Member State/ EU institution/other	authority/organisation/service
Austria	Federal Ministry for Innovation, Mobility and Infrastructure
Belgium	Belgian Scientific Policy Office (BELSPO)
Czechia	Ministry of Transport
Denmark	Danish Agency for Higher Education and Science
Finland	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment
France	Centre National d'Études Spatiales (CNES)
Italy	Presidency of the Council of Ministers of Italy
Latvia	Institute of Astronomy University of Latvia
Lithuania	Ministry of the Economy and Innovation

EU Member State/ EU institution/other	authority/organisation/service
Luxembourg	Luxembourg Space Agency
Netherlands	Netherlands Space Agency
Netherlands	Dutch Authority for Digital Infrastructure
Portugal	Agência Espacial Portuguesa
Portugal	ANACOM/Space Authority/Mission Unit for Space
Slovakia	Comenius University
Slovenia	Ministry of the Economy, Tourism and Sport
Spain	Ministry of Transport and Sustainable Mobility
Spain	Spanish Space Agency (AEE)
	ASD-Eurospace
	SME4SPACE VZW
	University of Vienna
	University of Luxembourg
	European Cooperation for Space Standardization (ECSS)
	Fondation pour la Recherche Stratégique (FRS)
	Institut luxembourgeois de la normalisation, de l'accréditation, de la sécurité et qualité des produits et services (ILNAS)
	Cosmos for Humanity
EU	European Commission (DG DEFIS)
EU	European External Action Service (EEAS)
EU	EU Space Programme Agency (EUSPA)
EU	EU SST Partnership (EU SST)
EU	European Defence Agency (EDA)