



# OVERVIEW OF THE EU SPACE NETWORKS

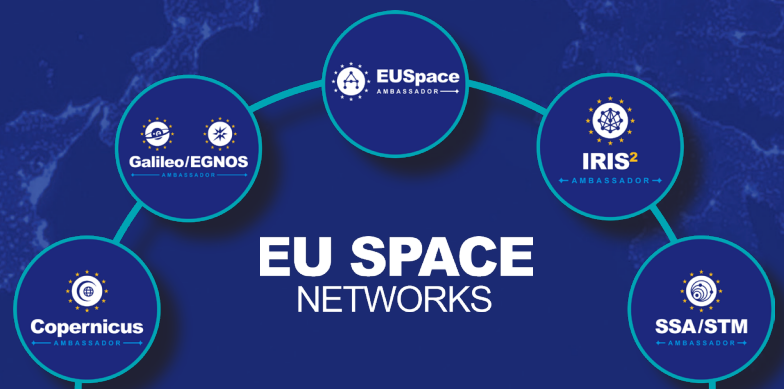
## WHAT ARE THE EU SPACE NETWORKS?

The EU Space Networks are a collaboration framework designed to **promote the use of space data, foster scientific and business partnerships, and support the uptake of EU Space Programme data and services**. Currently, the Networks are made up of over 300 members from 59 countries, both within and outside Europe.

The objective of these networks, comprising academic institutions, private companies, public agencies, non-profit organisations, and research centres, is to increase visibility and adoption of services from **Copernicus, Galileo, EGNOS, IRIS<sup>2</sup>, and SSA/STM** across Europe and beyond. Through events, training, and outreach, members play a pivotal role in making space data accessible and actionable for diverse audiences and sectors.

## STRUCTURE OF THE NETWORKS

The Networks are structured around core EU Space Programme components, with ambassadors dedicated to each. These **ambassadors serve as a bridge between the EU Space Programme and the broader public, private, and academic sectors**, promoting the advantages of space technologies in various fields. Each ambassador type focuses on a specific area, contributing their expertise to ensure impactful dissemination and usage of EU space data and services.



# ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MEMBERS



These network members **promote several components of the EU Space Programme** across different territories, thematic areas or industry verticals, and **encourage the use of space data and services both within and outside the EU**. They can present the programme at events and/or provide training, bringing the programme closer to its potential users.



**Experts in Copernicus and Earth Observation who specifically promote the Copernicus component**, aiming to increase its visibility and encourage the use of Copernicus data, information and services. This includes activities such as integrating Copernicus data into curricula and research to improve skills and foster innovation, promoting user uptake in Earth Observation, acting as local champions for Copernicus, and facilitating access to Copernicus data and services at thematic, regional, or national levels.



Specialists in the Galileo and/or EGNOS systems and applications, these ambassadors **promote the benefits of EGNSS and encourage the use of Galileo and/or EGNOS services**. Their expertise fosters the adoption of these technologies across various industries, improving efficiency and safety in transportation, agriculture, and emergency response.



These ambassadors are experts in satellite communication and secure connectivity. They promote IRIS<sup>2</sup>, particularly as it moves closer to operational deployment, by **spreading awareness, supporting user uptake in Europe and Africa**, and enhancing the understanding of its unique role in ensuring secure, resilient connectivity.



Specialists in the use of Space Situational Awareness (SSA) for monitoring space objects and space weather or in Space Traffic Management (STM), which can promote safe operations for all users of space. They **promote best practices in Europe and internationally** to help manage the increasingly crowded orbital environment\*.

## HOW TO JOIN THE NETWORKS

The Call for Expression of Interest for joining the EU Space Network is published on the Copernicus and DG DEFIS websites and includes detailed information on the initiative's background, objectives, member roles, responsibilities, opportunities, and the process for applying, along with the selection criteria and terms of membership. All applications will be evaluated by the European Commission in a timely manner.

Interested stakeholders can write to [support@euspace-programme.eu](mailto:support@euspace-programme.eu) for additional information about the EU Space Networks and how to become a member.

\*Only candidates from European Union Member States are eligible to apply for this role, as stipulated in Regulation (EU). 2021/696.