Following the adoption of the Joint Communication on an **EU approach on Space Traffic Management**¹, DG Defence Industry and Space (DG DEFIS) together with the EU Space Surveillance and Tracking Partnership (EU SST) launched the **EU Industry and Start-ups Forum on STM (EISF)**, a subgroup of the STM Stakeholder Mechanism.

The EISF aims at **fostering** the **innovation and competitiveness** of the **SST commercial sector** to achieve a **higher level of strategic autonomy** in the EU. To do so, the EISF teams up with the **EU space industry and start-ups** in a regular and constructive dialogue; since its inauguration in April 2022, the EISF meets three to four times a year.

The work of the EISF is done in **three Working Groups**:

1. **Commercial data provision** focuses on the acquisition of SST commercial data coming from sensors owned by EU industry and start-ups, on-ground but also eventually space-based sensors.

2. **Development of innovative commercial sensors and value chain** focuses on developing promising innovative commercial sensors with the expectation that these will provide high-quality SST data at best value for money, increasing the performance of the EU SST system.

3. **Services** focuses on developing new SST services to achieve an acceptable level of spaceflight safety; the goal is to develop services complementary to existing EU SST services by relying on, and fostering the competitiveness of, EU industry and start-ups.

**Interested in joining the EISF?**
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**Questions on participation conditions or other queries?**
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