

# Space

## The High Ground of the European Union's Emerging Military Policies

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# Towards a military European Union

- EU gradually militarising, endorsed by Lisbon Treaty
- Business-dominated 'stealth' process that lacks sufficient democratic oversight
- Under the veil of 'security' military industry is allowed to profit massively from EU funding
- EU ambiguity comes close to desinformation

**8-9 Nov, European Parliament:  
4<sup>th</sup> Conference on European Space Policy**

- Organised by major Brussels lobby/PR company "Business Bridge Europe"
- Under patronage of the presidents of the European Parliament, Commission and Council
- "A space policy for society and citizens"?
- Much more: EU industry policy with focus on 'security' – see: conference programme

# European Commission:

- “Space-based systems are making an increasingly large contribution to the security of Europe, and to the European Security and Defence Policy (ESDP) in particular. Europe faces constantly evolving threats to its security that are now more diverse, less visible and less predictable than in previous decades.”
- “Space systems are clearly strategic assets that demonstrate independence and the ability to assume global responsibilities. To maximise the benefits and opportunities that they can provide to Europe now and in the future, it is important to have an active, co-ordinated strategy and a comprehensive European Space Policy”

# Military dimensions EU space policy

## MAIN PILLARS:

- EU Satellite Centre (Torrejon)
- Space & Security Panel of Experts (2004-5)
- European Space Agency (ESA)
- European Defence Agency (EDA)
- Framework Programme 7 (FP7) research

# ESA, in cooperation with the Commission:

- **GMES:** Global Monitoring for Environment & Security - EU spy satellites
- **Galileo:** EU's GPS – military 'Public Regulated Service' and Galileo guided missiles
- **Gianus:** comprehensive roadmap for security missions, interlinking space assets
- Smaller scale studies, such as **ESPRIT**

# EDA

- Structured Dialogue on Space and Security – Council-Commission-ESA-EDA working group
- Monthly meetings between ESA-EDA chiefs
- MUSIS imaging system now an EDA project

# FP 7 Research

- Space research programme, budget: €1,430 million (2007 – 2013)
- Lucrative programme for Europe's industry to foster subsidised space projects with many military/security dimensions

# Conclusions

- Soft security veil for enhancing MilSpace agenda
- Distinction between militarisation and weaponisation of space is increasingly difficult to make: GPS guided missiles
- Intelligence/information from satellites crucial in warfare
- Europe's push to jump on that train makes it part of the growing risk of an arms race in space
- EU must come clean on military intentions, stop using smokescreen of 'security' labelling