

# ANDRÉ-HUBERT ROUSSEL APPOINTED PRESIDENT OF EUROSPACE

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Eurospace is the professional association of the European space industry, which promotes the concerns of the industry to institutional players (ESA, European Union, etc.)

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Following his appointment, André-Hubert Roussel, CEO of ArianeGroup and now also President of Eurospace, the association of European space industry, said: *"Space activities are one of the building blocks of Europe and, by definition, demand close cooperation to achieve common success. At a time when the economic and strategic sovereignty of Europe needs space more than ever, this appointment to the helm of an organization which brings together almost every company in the sector is a responsibility that I accept with enthusiasm and pride. Together, we will strengthen the resilience of European industry, its independence and its competitiveness. Operational programs such as Galileo and Copernicus, meteorological satellites, the many scientific and exploration missions developed*

*by ESA, communications and observation satellites, and the Ariane and Vega launchers are among the accomplishments that contribute to the influence of Europe in the world. It is our duty to prepare for the future together, in the aftermath of this terrible COVID-19 crisis, and to anticipate the challenges of tomorrow, whether digital, strategic or climate-related. Europe's autonomy in space is crucial to the effectiveness of many public policies, to the wellbeing and safety of Europeans, and to economic growth. Europe needs space and space needs Europe more than ever before."*

Olivier Lemaitre, Eurospace Secretary General, added: *"I am delighted with the appointment of our new President. Now, more than ever, space-related matters are vital; we need strong leadership and a firm commitment from our members. The space sector is one where competition does not prevent industrial companies from working together compatibly and efficiently for the benefit of all. Our mission today is to show European policy-makers that space is no longer just about technology and science, but that it is a strategic tool for the European economy and its influence worldwide."*

Eurospace is the trade association of the European Space Industry. It is a non-profit European organization created in 1961. Eurospace member companies today represent 90% of the total turnover of the European Space

Industry. Eurospace fosters the development of space activities in Europe and promotes a better understanding of space industry related issues and problems. Eurospace is the Space Group of ASD (AeroSpace and Defence Industries Association of Europe).

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