



Press Release

Greek Space Tech Forum 2025

The "next day" of the Greek space ecosystem

July 1 and 2 – Athens Conservatoire & LiveOn Expo Complex

The "heart" of the Greek Space Ecosystem beat at the Athens Conservatoire, where the **2nd Greek Space Tech Forum was organized, with the participation of representatives from the government**, the European Union, the European Space Agency (ESA), professors and members of research centers, investors, major technology groups, and dynamic space tech startups.

The Greek Space Tech Forum 2025 - #gstf was organized by ethosEVENTS, the Association of Greek Space Technology & Applications Industries (AGSTAI), and the **Greek Cooperative Cluster of Space Technologies and Applications (si-Cluster) of Corallia**, on Tuesday and Wednesday, July 1 and 2, with physical presence at the Athens Conservatoire and online from the LiveOn Expo Complex, the innovative 3D exhibition and conference center of LiveOn, the digital platform for Business Communication and Events.

In the context of the conference, the opportunities emerging for Greece in the field of Space, the National Space Program, and the prospects opened up by the ESA Ministerial Council, which will define the European space strategy for the coming years, were presented.

Dimitris Papastergiou: "Space could be the solution"

The tone was set at the beginning of the conference by the **Minister of Digital Governance, Dimitris Papastergiou**: "If we think about where we were years ago, and the developments over the past two years, and where we are today, the conclusion is simple." We have reached a good level. Those of us who were involved with space might have seemed quaint, but we have reached the point of launching a Greek satellite. The seed has been planted for the ecosystem. Space could be the solution, and we must explore the range of possibilities for a better Greece,



together with the people and the countries we feel close to. The window that is opening is enormous. We, as a ministry, need to find the resources and prioritize the needs. Our goals are being accomplished, and I look forward to the next steps. Thanks to the policy followed by the Prime Minister, the beginning has been made and it is impressive.

Speaking about the next day, **Athanasios Potsis**, president of the Association of Greek Industries of Space Technology & Applications (AGISTA), emphasized: "As an ecosystem, we have managed to move from the service level to the integrated ecosystem solution." "From the component level, we have moved to the system level, thanks to the ministry's support and the investments of the national space program."

"In recent years, Greece has made significant strides in the field of space, from applications to participation in international missions." At the same time, we are witnessing the rise of startups, which proves that there is expertise and passion to become a significant player in the field," emphasized **Jorge-A. Sanchez-P.**, Director of ESA BIC Greece & President, si-Cluster, Corallia.

The Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates, **Ali Obaid Al Dhaheri**, presented his country's space program and invited attendees to explore the opportunities in the UAE Space Economic Zones, the first of their kind in the region, with over 200 startups and SMEs registered in the UAE, ranging from Robotics and Artificial Intelligence to satellite components and launch support services. "We are committed to working with our friends in Greece and the broader international community to ensure that space exploration is peaceful, inclusive, and for the benefit of humanity," he emphasized.

Christina Giannopappa, Head of the Office of the Executive Director, European Union Agency for the Space Programme (EUSPA), presented the European Union's program and the pillars on which it is based, while also making a special reference to European funding programs.

"The opportunity for Greece in the Earth observation ecosystem is very significant." There is the potential to develop a national initiative and support the services, significantly expanding the observation database



for sustainability purposes," emphasized **Frederic Rouesnel**, National Recovery & Resilience Facility & Quantum Project Manager, ESA.

Betty Charalampopoulou, Director, EARSC, in her speech, presented the European Association of Remote Sensing Companies (EARSC), which is a European non-profit organization based in Brussels that coordinates and promotes the activities of European companies engaged in providing geoinformation services. It currently has a network of more than 130 member companies registered in 25 countries.

In the **first panel**, titled "**Opportunities for Greece from the National Space Program**," Mr. **Konstantinos Karatzalos**, Secretary General of Telecommunications, Mr. **Emmanouil Rammos**, President of the Hellenic Space Center, Mr. **Athanasios Potsis**, President of the Association of Hellenic Industries of Space Technology & Applications (EBIDITE), Mrs. **Betty Charalampopoulou**, Director, EARSC, Mr. **Ioannis Gitas**, Professor at Aristotle University, and Mr. **Antonis Tzortzakakis**, CEO of 5G Ventures, presented the steps taken so far by the Greek ecosystem. They emphasized that the prospects now opening up are significant, provided that the positive momentum that has been created is utilized.

In the **second panel**, titled "**Opportunities for Greece from the ESA 2025 Ministerial Council**," Mr. **Philip Thomas** and **Frederic Rouesnel** from the European Space Agency (ESA), **Jorge-A. Sanchez-P.**, **Socrates Kostikoglou** from Space Hellas, and **Vaios Lappas**, professor at EKPA, emphasized the importance of increasing Greece's participation in ESA's space program. "ESA implements 60% of the global space budget, which, however, constitutes only 10% worldwide, and Greece participates with a percentage of less than one." It's very small. It needs to go to 2%-3%. "It is very important for the ecosystem that we achieve this," Mr. **Sanchez** said characteristically.

At **panels 3 and 4** of the Conference, representatives of the groups involved in the space industry presented their views on the National Space Program and the ministerial council of the European Space Agency.

The **third panel** included Mr. and Ms. **Chrysa Oikonomou**, Senior Program Manager, ICEYE, **Maria Kalama**, Managing Director, Open



Cosmos Aegean, **Ioannis Lantouris**, Head of Operation Greece, OroraTech, **Konstantinos Konstantinidis**, Lead Systems Engineer, OQ Technology, and **Giannis Gekas**, Data & AI Managing Director, Space AI Lead, Accenture.

In the **fourth panel**, the following gentlemen participated: **Christodoulos Protopapas**, CEO, Hellas Sat, **Theodoros Anagnos**, Director, Space Section, Raymetrics, **Stelios Bolanos**, CEO & Cofounder, Planetek Hellas, **Christos Kontopoulos**, CTO, Geosystems Hellas, **Giorgos Keradinis**, CTO, Totalview, and **Stefanos Neos**, Technical Manager, Terra Spatium.

Defense and Space

"The Greek ecosystem has opportunities to achieve much more." We need to take measures to ensure strategy and security. This journey requires a toolkit with programs and funding. The use of space technology is considered a significant incentive to fill any gaps in the field of security," emphasized **Katerina Kavvada**, Director for Secure and Connected Space, Directorate-General for Defence Industry and Space of the European Commission, in her message to the conference.

"Space is a strategic pillar, and the EU has recognized this strategic role in the development of the Security and Defense Strategy." Space is vital," emphasized **Brigadier General Grigoris Goutzelis**, Director of the Innovation Directorate of the Hellenic National Defense General Staff.

The benefits of the EU Space Act were presented by **Maria Mavridaki**, Policy Officer, Unit Space Single Market, DG DEFIS. As she said, the EU Space Act "strengthens the single regulatory framework, aiming at security and competitiveness." It is important to have synergies for the defense of the country and society. The framework provides for equality for all, private and public, everyone can be involved in these programs and be significant players.

"The ELKAK aims to become the core of the defense ecosystem in the field of innovation and dual-use technology, serving the security and prosperity of Greece, making our country a pioneer and preferred partner in the field of defense and political technology." The brains are



here in our country. "The problem we have is commercialization," emphasized **Pantelis Georgakis**, president of the Hellenic Center for Defense Innovation (ELKAK).

The speakers at the **sixth panel** of the Conference discussed the synergies between Space and the Defense Industry, with **Nikolaos Vidalis** from ELKAK noting: "We are in the early stages, but we have indications that we are heading in the right direction." **Vasilis Chaloulakos**, CEO of ICEYE Greece, emphasized that "there is a well-established perception that space is a central pillar for the defense of every country."

"Greece is entering the geopolitical map of space entrepreneurship stronger than ever and becoming independent, using cutting-edge technology developed by Greek scientists on Greek soil," emphasized **Maria Kalama**, Managing Director, Open Cosmos Aegean, while speaking on the same panel.

"With targeting, clear strategic priorities, the right framework, and funding mechanisms, we will be able to see significant developments in the future," said Mr. **Manolis Theodoridis**, representative of Scytalys, while **Vana Giavi** emphasized that "dual use is very important." "All data that comes in, even from commercial providers and from the microsatellite program, is welcome."

Konstantinos Karantzalos: "We are creating a decade-long roadmap for Space"

In his keynote speech at the 2nd Greek Space Tech Forum, the Secretary General for Telecommunications and Postal Services of the Ministry of Digital Governance, **Konstantinos Karantzalos**, emphasized that the ministry is building the national space strategy with a ten-year horizon. "We want to have a roadmap, to know where we want to go in the next ten years, to have a plan." "Only if we join forces from the side of the ministries will we be able to achieve the desired results," he emphasized.



Ilias Iliadis, Director of Investment Attraction, Enterprise Greece, during his speech, mentioned that space technology can bring investments to Greece. "We may not be direct experts in the field, but we know very well how to promote Greece as an investment destination." Also, we help Greek businesses export abroad. The space seems very important for future investments in Greece.

The Greek microsatellite program and the Greek Space Hub

A key point for the development of space technology in Greece is the National Microsatellite Program, which is funded by the Development Fund and concerns Earth observation through four axes.

As **Dimitris Bliziotis**, scientific associate of the Hellenic Space Center, said, all this data sent by the microsatellites will be available to the Greek public sector at no cost. In this way, our diplomatic relations with other European countries will also be strengthened.

Through the Greek Space Hub, which will be created, unprecedented opportunities are opened up for the Greek Public Sector, while conditions are created for the development of new products, services, and applications that can be utilized in Greece and abroad. "This hub will be able to function as an incubator for new ideas and programs." The capability we will have as a country after this will be completely different. "We will reach different levels," said **Stelios Bolanos**, CEO of Planetek Hellas, characteristically.

In the **upcoming panels** of #gstf25, the possibilities and challenges brought by space technology to telecommunications, the collaboration between the space sector and shipping, and the vertical applications in sectors such as agriculture, disaster management, and environmental monitoring were examined.

A dynamic "presence" from universities and startups



Greek universities and startups, which are essentially parts of the Greek space ecosystem, also made a dynamic presence at the Conference. The event concluded with brief presentations of new research activities and entrepreneurial initiatives that are creating the applications and services of tomorrow.

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