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**NOTE**

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From: Presidency  
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

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Subject: *Preparation of the Competitiveness Council on 28 May 2021*  
Towards a better positioning of the EU in Space Traffic Management  
*Policy debate*

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Delegations will find in the [Annex](#) a draft Roadmap to the background document in view of the policy debate in the Competitiveness Council - Space part on 28 May 2021.

**Draft Roadmap**

**Space Traffic Management for the**

**Council (PCY: DE-PT-SI-FR) and the EC for 2021-2022**

- i) Preparatory (2019-Q2- 2021);
- ii) Design and definition (Q3 2021-Q2 2022);
- iii) Outreach (Q4 2022)

	Date	Meeting	Topics	Documents/outputs	
				EU	ESA
	03/16	UNCOPUOS	UNCOPUOS Legal Subcommittee puts STM on its agenda		UN.Doc. A/AC105/C.2/2015/CRP.13
<b>PREPARATORY PHASE</b>					
Preparatory phase	22/10/19	SWP	<p>COM submitted non-paper centred on new developments on a non-consensual definition for STM and the need for sustainability of Space.</p> <p>MS informed about national competences and lack of national positions</p>	<p>COM non-paper – State of play on STM (Wks 11506/19) and questionnaire (11512/19)</p> <p>Need to enhance knowledge from MS on STM and positions</p>	

	14/01/20 and 12/05/20	Workshops in preparation of the German EU Council Presidency	Initiative “Establishing key principles for the global space economy” with one focus topic on STM	Presentations leading to Council Conclusions/ESA Resolution
	Autumn 2020	Studies for knowledge-base building launched by COM	<p>2 Coordination and Support Actions</p> <p>1. building STM capability.(01/21-08/22)</p> <p>2. European industry competitiveness and economic sustainability (01/21-06/22),</p> <p>3. Pilot project on legal and economic analysis(WK 2189/21 (01/21-01/22))</p>	
	20/11/20	10th Space Council EU-ESA	<p>Increase European coordinated approach, from a dialogue with stakeholders for <b>mapping exercise of regulatory framework in Europe to be discussed in a European Conference</b></p>	<p>Council Conclusions (doc. 12851/20 - paras 14-15)/ESA Resolution</p> <p>To be taken forward in the respective settings</p>

	5/01/21	SWP	PRES informed about the new developments on STM	COM presentation on ISO standardisation (WK 57/21)	
	28/01/21	1st meeting of the preparatory group organised by DE	German initiative to put forward the steps included in the Space Council	Presentation Exploration of concept and roles with stakeholders	

	16/02/21	SWP	<p>COM presented the scope of the two Coordination and Support Actions, and the Pilot project.</p> <p>PCY and COM presented coordinated Roadmap based on non-paper to identify major European issues for a European common approach and expecting for the mapping from the two pilots</p>	<p>2 Coordination and Support Actions</p> <p>1. building STM capability.(01/21-08/22)</p> <p>2. European industry competitiveness and economic sustainability (01/21-06/22),</p> <p>3. Pilot project on legal and economic analysis(WK 2189/21 (01/21-01/22))</p>	
	23/02/21	2nd meeting of the preparatory group organised by DE	Explore a roadmap towards the conference based on hearing at global level	Presentation - calendar	Preparation for the conference

	17/03/21	SWP	<p>COM presented non-paper on STM, including a questionnaire.</p> <p>Guiding questions to support MS to form their national position on STM; exchange of views with MS</p>	COM non-Paper and questionnaire to MS	
	24/03/21	<p>3<sup>rd</sup> meeting organised by DE - "Hearing" presentations from MS of the EU and ESA, other third countries, academics and think tanks, industry European and third countries</p>	Presentations to enhance the understanding of participants on STM		

	21/04/21	3rd meeting of the preparatory group organised by DE	Start of the mapping of European "state of play" (European participations in international fora, existing regulations and capabilities)		
	27/04/21	SWP	MS exchange of views on preliminary positions based on replies to Questionnaire	COM Presentation of results & conclusions from questionnaire	
	28/05/21	Competitiveness Council (Space)	Policy debate "Towards a better positioning of the EU in the Space Traffic Management"	Orientation paper on MS preliminary position towards a EU coordinated approach	

	13/05/21	4th meeting of the preparatory group organised by DE	Follow-up of understanding of European "state of play" [and start of examination of technical enhancement]	
	3/06/21	5th meeting of the preparatory group organised by DE	Preparation of the Conference presenting mapping and technical possible future [synergies/common understandings/potential for joint actions] based on identified technical needs	



	7/07/21	<p>Conference, following up on point 15. of CCs doc. 12851/20</p> <p>"to start a European dialogue together with academia and industry, including a mapping exercise of current regulatory frameworks in Europe to be discussed in a dedicated European conference"</p>	<p>The conference will help to develop a common understanding in (1) importance of STM, (2) state-of-play and needs (tech., regulatory, etc.), (3) actors in STM contributing to the STM position-making in Europe</p>	
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DESIGN AND DEFINITION PHASE					
QDesign and definition phase	13/07/21 (tbc.)	SWP	Update by the Commission on STM	STM presentation	
	07/09/21 (tbc.)	SWP	Presentation of the initial results and outputs of the CSAs and the Pilot project	STM presentation	
	21/09/21 (tbc.)	SWP	Presentation of Presidency synthesis of the outcomes from May COMPET – Space policy debate, July’s Conference on STM and initial results from CSAs and Pilot project: collecting views of delegations		
	12/10/21 (tbc.)	SWP	Presidency Report on STM: examination		
	26/10/21 (tbc.)	SWP	Presidency Report on STM: final examination		

	Nov/Dec				Poss. to have STM in the ESA Interim Ministerial Meeting (30 Nov-1 Dec, tbc)
	10/11/21	COREPER	Preparation of EU Competitiveness Council (Space)		
	26/11/21	Competitiveness Council (Space)	Tbc.: Presidency Report on STM	MS main highlights on STM to prepare an EU position	
	XX/01/22	COM-EP	Conference with EP, based on pilot project results		
	Q1 2022		Commission formal input towards EU coordinated position on STM	COM formal input	

	?/02/22	SWP	Exchange of views on a draft EU position on STM		
	XX/03/22	SWP	Exchange of views		
	XX/04/22	SWP	Examination of EU position		
	XX/05/22	SWP	Examination of EU position		
	<b>XX/05 or 06/22 (or 9/22)</b>	<b>COREPER</b>	Examination		
	<b>[XX/05/22</b>	<b>EU Competitive ness Council</b>	<b>Adoption of Council Conclusions? or I/A Note on EU position on STM – [Space Council]</b>	<b>EU position on STM</b>	
					<b>Preparation of a programme proposal STM for CM22</b>

OUTREACH PHASE				
Outreach phase	XX/XX/2022	MS-EU (COM + Council) - ESA dialogue		Preparation of an EU-ESA communication plan
	?	<b>MS together with COM, EEAS and ESA - outreach to third countries COPUOS, etc.</b>		

Council work

Commission work

DE work

ESA work (Consultations on 3SOS, work in **CONOP for UN 1<sup>st</sup> Disarmament Committee/and SWP for COPUOS**)

EEAS work (consultations on 3SOS, work in **CONOP for UN 1st Disarmament Committee/and SWP for COPUOS**)