



## **THE OECD GLOBAL FORUM ON SPACE ECONOMICS**

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) launched in February 2006 a Global Forum on Space Economics under the aegis of the International Futures Programme (IFP), to help space agencies and governments better identify statistically the sector, and investigate its economic dimensions as an infrastructure for the larger economy.

### **ORIGINS**

Building on the experiences and recommendations of the OECD Futures Project "*The Commercialisation of Space and the Development of Space Infrastructure: The Role of Public and Private Actors*" (2002-2004), the Forum was born out of the needs of a number of organisations for further economic analysis of the space sector, usefully complementing the existing international platforms.

### **OBJECTIVES**

The Forum will collect and evaluate data and socio-economic indicators, and will aim to provide evidence-based analysis to assist agencies and governments shape policies to contribute to ensuring that the potential of space is more fully realised.

### **PARTICIPANTS**

Participants in the Forum include the British National Space Center (BNSC), Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales (CNES), Canadian Space Agency (CSA), European Space Agency (ESA), Italian Space Agency (ASI), National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Norwegian Space Centre (NRC), U.S. Geological Survey (USGS). Other agencies and ministries from OECD countries are expected to join. A companion Working Group is open to other interested parties and representatives of the private sector.

### **ACTIVITIES**

Three initial types of activities are undertaken by the Forum:

- (1) Dedicated work on statistics and economic indicators, so as to contribute to the emergence of international comparative data on the space sector and its contribution to economic activity more broadly;
- (2) Work on horizontal case studies, which are meant to explore the broad economic and social dimensions of space applications (e.g. first case study on satellites' contribution to water management); and
- (3) An annual update of the state of the sector with regards to the main OECD / IFP Space Project recommendations.

### **TO LEARN MORE**

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