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**8th Meeting of the
European Union Industry and Start-ups Forum on STM
Thursday March 12th, 2026
Charlemagne building – Lord Jenkins meeting room
Rue de la Loi 170, 1049 Brussels
(Hybrid meeting)**

Programme

12 March 2026 – 9:30 to 18:15

8:30 onwards *Badge registration*

9:00 – 9:30 *Welcome coffee*

9:30 **Welcome remarks**
Rodolphe Muñoz, European Commission, DG DEFIS
Pascal Faucher, Chairman, EU SST

9:45 – 10:30 **1. Opportunities in 2026: presentation of the calls related to Operational activities funded under the Regulation establishing the Union Space Programme (2021-2027)**

- Service provision
Cristina Perez, EU SST
- Performance monitoring
Alina Nasr-Esfahani, EU SST
- System evolution
Cassien Jobic, EU SST
- Commercial data provision
Cassien Jobic, EU SST

10:30 – 12:00 2. Opportunities in 2026: presentation of the calls related to R&D activities funded under the Horizon Europe work programme 2024 (HE WP 2024)

10:30 - New & improved EU SST Missions and Services (TOP 1)
Cristina Perez, EU SST

10:45 - SST & STM system architecture and evolutions (TOP 2)
Cassien Jobic, EU SST

11:00 – 11:30 *Coffee break*

11:30 - Space-based SST (mission, system and sensors network) (TOP 3)
Cassien Jobic, EU SST

11:45 - SST Networking, Security & Data sharing (TOP 5)
Cristina Perez, EU SST

12:00-13:00 3. Opportunities in 2027 and beyond on R&D activities for commercial capabilities funded under the upcoming Horizon Europe work programmes (HE WP 2025 & HE WP 2027)

12:00 **3.1 Overarching strategy for R&D until the end of the current MFF¹**
Dampier Blanco, European Commission, DG DEFIS

12:15 **3.2 Presentation of the calls funded under the upcoming HE WP 2025**
Cassien Jobic, Cristina Perez, EU SST

- Consolidate commercial SST capabilities on sensors
- Consolidate commercial SST capabilities on services

12:45 **3.3 Future opportunities (in 2028-2029 timeframe): presentation of the Horizon Europe work programme 2026-2027 (HE WP 2027) adopted on the 11 December 2025**
Dampier Blanco, European Commission, DG DEFIS

- SST Sensors and Processing : support the development/upgrade of institutional sensors and processing capacities
- Consolidate commercial SST capabilities on sensors

¹ MFF : Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027

13:00 – 14:30 *Lunch break*

14:30-15:15 **4. Additional opportunities in 2026 (Q4): presentation of a competitive open call related to the development of advanced commercial SSA services relying on AI technologies - including support of the AI Factory - launched and funded by Luxembourg**
Muriel Hooghe, Luxembourg Space Agency

15:15 – 16:00 **5. Presentation of the Eurospace position paper on « the future of SSA in Europe » and exchanges of views**
Charles Galland, ASD Eurospace

16:00-16:30 *Coffee break*

16:30 – 17:15 **6. Presentation of the results of the “*Consultation on the need and definition of a marketplace*” launched toward the industry on May 2025**
Cristina Perez, EU SST

17:15 – 18:00 *In-person session only*

17:15 – 18:00 **7. Exchanges of views between Industry & EU SST on the Starlink/Stargaze proposed SSA services (impacts on industry, complementarities with public services, etc.)**
Cristina Perez, EU SST

18:00 **Concluding remarks**
Rodolphe Muñoz, European Commission, DG DEFIS
Pascal Faucher, Chairman, EU SST Partnership

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18:15 *End of the meeting*