

European Defence Agency Governmental Satellite Communications (EDA GOVSATCOM)



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Summary: An EDA-run scheme to handle secure Government communications through pooled capabilities.

At stake: The intent to generate a common asset is clearly expressed. It is considered a component element of the wider (rolling) EU Space Programme, thereby interlinked with, for instance, the Common Staff Target on Space Based Earth Observation capability.

What they say: “The goal is also to enhance European autonomy and overcome fragmentation of demand through the use of affordable and innovative solutions in synergy with industrial players” - EDA

Exposure: The UK is still listed as a contributing member. It joined the demo phase after the Brexit referendum.



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Action: The UK should instead cooperate in this field with Five Eyes partners (with or without the US).

Deep dive:

https://www.techuk.org/component/techuksecurity/security/download/13532?file=GovSatCom_Industry_Briefing_19th_July_2018_13532.pdf&Itemid=182&return=aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cudGVjaHVrLm9yZy9pbmNpZ2h0cy9tZWV0aW5nLW5vdGVzL2l0ZW0vMTM1MzIttdWstc3BhY2UtYWdlbmN5LWdvdnNhdGNvbS1pbmR1c3RyeS1icmllZmluZw==