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SPACE INDUSTRY STATISTICS, METHODOLOGY AND PRACTICAL APPROACH: THE
EUROSPACE EXAMPLE

Abstract

Since 1996 Eurosace, the association of European space manufacturing industries, promotes improved knowledge of space sector economics by performing an annual survey of space industry sales and employment in Europe. The survey report and data sets are published on the Internet and have become a preferred source of information for companies and policy makers in Europe and abroad. In 2009 Eurosace statistics will be further improved thanks to a methodological change in the data collection phase, with the improvement of the consolidation model and the preservation of historic consistency for the establishment of long data series. The paper will present the Eurosace methodology and definitions used, will review the main issues to address for a successful data collection and will describe the methodological principles on which the economic model is built. The paper will then present the main data sets and highlight visible trends for the European space industry.