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ANALYSIS OF SPACE AND SECURITY POLICY IN THE FRAME OF EUROPEAN SPACE
INTEGRATION: SPACE STRATEGIES, PROGRAMMES AND GOVERNANCE IN EUROPE**Abstract**

The objective of this paper is to examine and provide a holistic assessment of the “Space and Security” Policy in Europe, taking into consideration the European Space Strategies, Programmes and Governance. The first part of this paper focuses on the security aspects of the space strategies in Europe; it aims to analyse the importance of coordination and cooperation between the European Space Agency (ESA) and the European Union, and their respective Member States. The analysis includes the two main extents of space security – security from space and security in space. The second part focuses on the security dimensions of the European Space Programmes currently in place. Both the European Space Agency (ESA) and the European Union have developed a variety of space programmes –with most common ones the Galileo and Copernicus. The security aspects of ESA’s, EU’s as well as National Space programmes are considered. The third and last part of the paper is focused on the Space Governance in Europe. This study delves into the role of the European Space Agency (ESA), the various space related EU Institutions and the responsible national Ministries and Agencies. Additionally, the close link between the space strategies and governance is examined. The main purpose of this paper is to come up with conclusions on whether and how the European “Space and Security” Policy contributes to the European Space Integration.