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POLAND GOES TO SPACE: THE DRAFT POLISH SPACE LAW

Abstract

Poland has a long history of space activities: As former active member of the Intercosmos program, it is member of the ESA and of the UN COPUOS. To accommodate the growing need of the research and industry, a national space law has been drafted which implements Article VI of the Outer Space Treaty, as well as aims to accommodate Poland's ambitions in the field of space resources and suborbital activities.

The paper analyses the recent Draft, especially in view of the authorization procedure and liability for damage caused by space objects. It compares the outcome with the recent space laws adopted in Europe - the 2019 Decree Law of Portugal and the 2020 Space Activities Law of Luxembourg, and informs about the progress in preparing domestic space law in the Czech Republic.