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WHO REGULATES SPACE DEBRIS REMEDIATION?

**Abstract**

With the appearance of large satellite constellations, the protection of the space environment becomes matter of urgency. Many actors are developing tools leading to environmental behavior of space operators. Among those, some countries have included environmental measures into their space legislation. The paper maps these efforts in concentrating on the character of the actors developing these measures: International organisations including the ESA, the States, but also the non-state actors like the organisations of satellite operators. It raises the question whether also the European Union should be proactive and develop its own system of debris remediation.