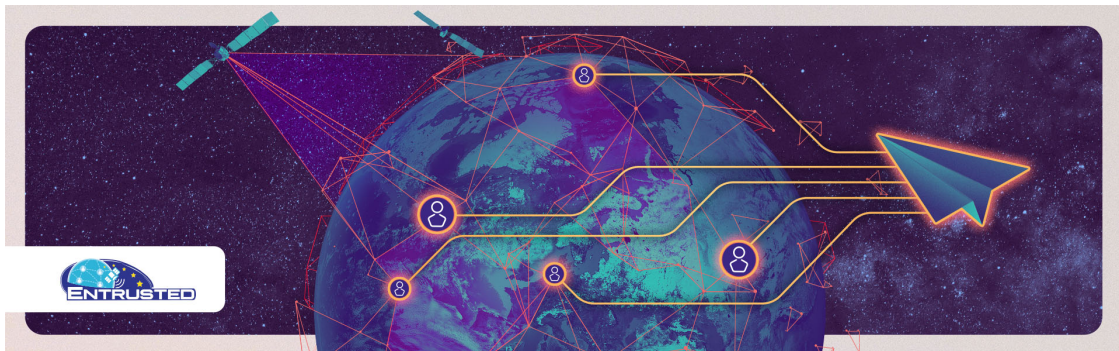


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NEWS & EVENTS

Hello All,

We have a pleasure to share with you our second ENTRUSTED newsletter. We would like to let you know what we have been up to and invite you to visit our website for more details. In this newsletter you will find information on some developments related to the GOVSATCOM initiative, as well as on actions undertaken by ENTRUSTED partners and our mid-term plans.

You are invited to follow us on social media and to share your GOVSATCOM story with us.

Let's stay connected!

INSIDE GOVSATCOM

The most important features which will characterise the **Secure Connectivity Initiative** were presented and discussed during the EU Space Conference 2021, on 10 November 2021. The EU Secure Connectivity will be developed and deployed in phases, with **GOVSATCOM as the first building block**. [Check a brief summary of the EU Space Conference 2021](#).

The **inception impact assessment on the establishment of an EU Space-based Global Secure Connectivity System** was open for public consultation between August and September 2021. The document outlines general and specific objectives of the EU space-based secure connectivity initiative, as well as possible indicative policy options. This primary assessment focused on the likely economic, local, social, environmental and administration-related impacts. [View feedback received](#).

BRINGING USER PERSPECTIVE TO EU GOVSATCOM

The ENTRUSTED Consortium has initiated a **Network of governmental Users (NoU) of future GOVSATCOM services** that comprises organisations representing EU Member States and EU entities. New members have joined the NoU and support our ENTRUSTED research ever since. [Read about the current composition of the NoU and activities undertaken by its members](#).

An **EU-wide survey study among prospective users of GOVSATCOM services** was carried out between April and June this year. The ENTRUSTED Consortium identified **more than 400 potential users of GOVSATCOM from different user communities**, including border authorities, maritime authorities, crisis management actors, humanitarian aid staff, law enforcement bodies, military forces, the EU external action bodies or managers and operators of critical infrastructures. Over 30% of them participated actively in our survey and provided information about their needs and specific use cases for secure satellite communication services. **Survey answers are being currently analysed and will inform the definition of user requirements and use cases for GOVSATCOM**. [You can read more about our survey study here](#).

An important element of ENTRUSTED is the analysis of secure SatCom user technology, which focuses on the **assessment of current capabilities, future trends and key technologies in the field of governmental and commercial satellite-based communication systems**. The in-progress work was presented to the members of the NoU during an internal workshop, which took place on the 22 September 2021. Presentations were dedicated to the state-of-the-art technology and enabled services, current satellite communications systems in the EU, future trends on relevant technologies including a vision on main developments in the European and worldwide SatCom scenarios. It was an occasion for the ENTRUSTED Consortium, external collaborators and invited national experts to exchange information and suggestions regarding both the scope and methodology of the SatCom technology analysis. The said research has been conducted so far based on contributions from the Consortium and their stakeholders. [Would you like to find out more about this workshop?](#)

The ENTRUSTED Consortium is seeking feedback from research and industry players in the European space sector regarding new trends and undergoing or planned research activities in the field of secure and sustainable SatCom services. Contributions are collected until the end of January 2022 via a short online survey. Information provided by respondents will be incorporated in a capability gap analysis. We will investigate if the established governmental user requirements can be met by available state-of-the-art secure SatCom technology and services or future technology developments in the EU in the coming years. [Participate in ENTRUSTED consultations to provide your point of view!](#)

COMING UP SOON

The 14th European Space Conference will take place on 25-26 January 2022 at the Egmont Palace in Brussels. With the leading theme: "A new Era for European Space: Turning vision into Action", the conference [programme](#) covers a wide range of compelling topics, such as secure connectivity, cybersecurity, space entrepreneurship, space applications, international cooperation and science among others. [Get your conference ticket here.](#)

Get ready for the first ENTRUSTED Summit which will be held on 1 March 2022! We will report on all undertaken research activities and share our findings with all interested stakeholders. This online event will be live streamed from the European Defence Agency's headquarters in Brussels. Participants will be able to follow the presentations live, as well as interact with the on-site audience through chats and Q&A. [Check our website regularly, as more details will follow soon!](#)

One of key knowledge-sharing activities developed in the ENTRUSTED project is **an online training on the fundamentals of telecommunications**. The training will illustrate how satellite communications facilitate the transmission of information and data to support an effective execution of professional duties. The usage of SatCom will be presented from a user perspective and provide participants with a substantial amount of practical information. The training will be delivered in English and provided as an online course accessed from the [ENTRUSTED website](#). **The ENTRUSTED online course will be launched in March 2022.**



About ENTRUSTED

ENTRUSTED is a research project in the area of secure satellite communications (SatCom) for EU governmental actors, funded under the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme. The project brings together Member States and EU agencies in a collaborative effort to assess current and evolving needs of prospective GOVSATCOM users. ENTRUSTED will establish user requirements for future GOVSATCOM services and define a roadmap for research and innovation on the GOVSATCOM user technology.

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