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Bringing user perspective
to EU GOVSATCOM



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Hello,

We are excited to bring you our first newsletter. Read it carefully and give us your feedback!

Today, we would like you to get familiar with ENTRUSTED. We aim to give you a broader perspective on how our activities are related to GOVSATCOM. You will find information 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 awaited adoption of the €14.8 billion [EU Space Programme 2021-2027](#) by the European Parliament brings new prospects for all users of space-related data and services and space sector stakeholders. The new Space Regulation is expected to strengthen the European space sector and enhance the security and autonomy of the EU. It will foster the provision of high quality, up-to-date and secure space-related data and services to public authorities, companies and citizens. It opens a new chapter for governmental satellite communications **GOVSATCOM** – a new Programme component. GOVSATCOM preparatory activities have gained new momentum. One of them is the ENTRUSTED project and its [targeted consultations with GOVSATCOM users](#).

On 12 May 2021, the European GNSS Agency was officially transformed into the **EU Agency for the Space Programme (EUSPA)**, as the new Space Regulation has introduced a unified system of governance for the EU Space Programme. The EUSPA will be responsible for the security accreditation tasks for all EU actions in the space sector. The Agency will also play a pivotal role in the development of downstream applications and services based on all Programme components. Coordination of user-related aspects of GOVSATCOM is one of many tasks assigned to EUSPA. [What is the new EUSPA's mission?](#)

GOVSATCOM users will be connected with providers of satellite communication capacities and services via dedicated ground segment infrastructure – **GOVSATCOM Hubs**, which will be designed on the basis of operational and security requirements. Preliminary analysis showed that the market does not offer any technical solution that entirely addresses the objectives of the GOVSATCOM Hub. In October 2020, the European GNSS Agency (GSA) announced an innovation partnership procurement for the preliminary design of the EU GOVSATCOM Hub infrastructure and the development, deployment and acceptance of the resulting infrastructure. The contract is expected to be awarded by the end of 2021. [Check the GOVSATCOM Hub procurement notice](#).

BRINGING USER PERSPECTIVE TO EU GOVSATCOM

EU-wide consultations with prospective users of GOVSATCOM services have been launched by Member States and EU agencies within the ENTRUSTED project. A dedicated [survey study](#) will assess the **current and evolving needs of GOVSATCOM users**, as well as their use of existing secure SatCom capabilities. Information obtained from respondents will be used for deriving a set of prioritised user requirements and identifying relevant use cases. **User requirements** will provide important insights for GOVSATCOM implementing acts. The survey will be carried out between April and June. [How to take part in the survey?](#)

ENTRUSTED provides **governmental and institutional users** with a unique opportunity to voice their needs at an early stage of GOVSATCOM implementation through an ongoing [survey study](#). ENTRUSTED will also present educational activities addressed to governmental users, such as an online training, webinar and live demonstration. **Technology and research stakeholders** will be consulted by ENTRUSTED about new technological trends regarding secure SatCom applications and user equipment, and R&D projects related to secure SatCom. [Get involved with ENTRUSTED!](#)

User Consultation Platform (UCP), established by European Union Agency for the Space Programme (previously called European GNSS Agency) to drive the exchange of information on the actual needs of European GNSS users, has widened its scope to address Copernicus and GOVSATCOM users. [The 3rd edition of the User Consultation Platform \(UCP\) 2020](#), held on 1-2 December 2020, gathered user communities, industries, service providers and R&D from 12 different market segments. The [Governmental session](#) was dedicated to secure satellite communications in the EU. Over 200 representatives of governmental institutions and industry attended the discussion on operational and security requirements of GOVSATCOM, and were informed about the role of ENTRUSTED in establishing user requirements. [ENTRUSTED featured at the User Consultation Platform 2020.](#)

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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