

A stylized illustration of a solar system on a dark blue background. At the top left is a large yellow sun. Several planets of various colors (orange, blue, red, yellow, white, cyan) are shown on elliptical orbits. A satellite is depicted in the middle. The text 'eur PLANET 2024' is in the top right, with 'Research Infrastructure' below it. The 'eur' part is in a lowercase sans-serif font, and 'PLANET 2024' is in a larger, bold, uppercase sans-serif font. A small icon of a satellite or probe is to the left of 'PLANET'.

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Reaching policy makers in the Benelux hub

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Introduction



In the Benelux, we may feel that European Union policy makers are living close to home.

In fact, the EU policy makers are available for each of us.





European Parliament



Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE):

- Resolution about “An EU Approach for Space Traffic Management”

Sky & Space Intergroup:

- chaired by MEP Marinescu
- run by ASD



Don't hesitate to write to national MEPs especially when a topic is hot

<https://www.europarl.europa.eu/committees/en/itre/home/highlights>



European Commission



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- Enhancing Europe's technological sovereignty by putting the right policies and investment in place eg in the areas of data, artificial intelligence, 5G, defence and space technology.
- Strengthen EU tools to prevent and counter disinformation and fake information online, while preserving freedom of expression, freedom of the press and media pluralism.
- Foster a strong and innovative space industry, maintaining the EU's autonomous, reliable and cost-effective access to space.
- Improve the crucial link between space, defence and security.

Mariya Gabriel: Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth

- Ensuring swift agreement on, and full implementation of, the future Horizon Europe programme.
- Ensuring investment flows for disruptive research and breakthrough innovations, including through the European Innovation Council.
- Developing the European Research Area in cooperation with Member States.
- Ensuring integration between research and economic priorities.
- Leading the Commission's work on a European Education Area by 2025.
- Promoting excellence and networking among European universities and implementing the European University Initiative.

https://ec.europa.eu/commission/commissioners/2019-2024/gabriel_en

https://ec.europa.eu/commission/commissioners/2019-2024/breton_en



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Directorate-General Defense Industry and Space (DEFIS)

Don't hesitate to meet with them.



The Council Presidency system

Each Member State holds the presidency of the Council of the European Union for six months on a rotational basis.

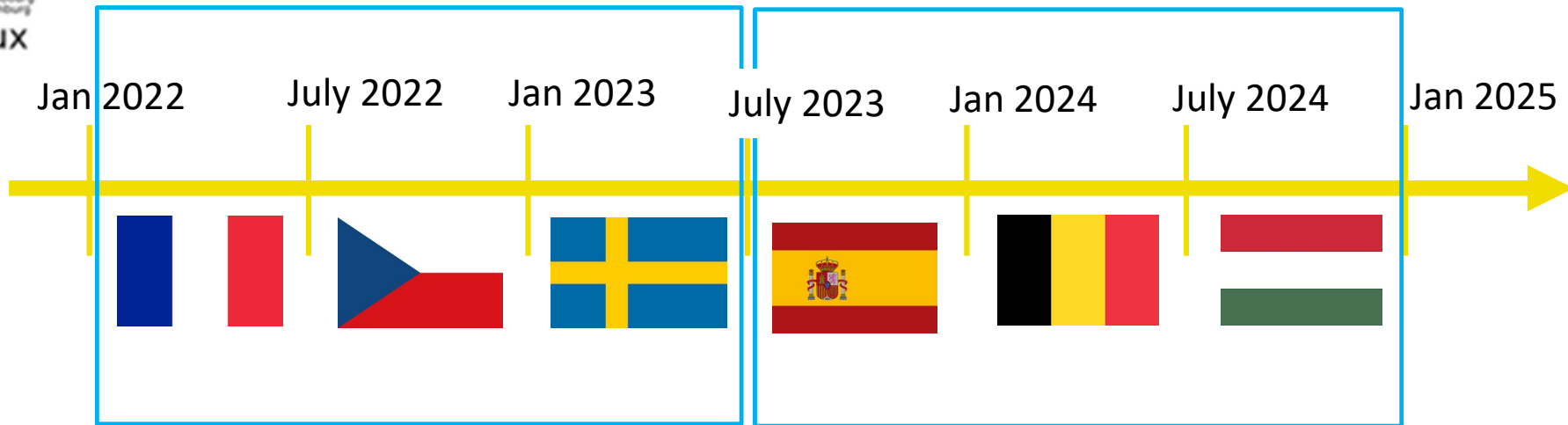
The task of the presidency is

- to determine the agenda and priorities of the Council of the EU,
- to preside over its meetings,
- to broker compromises among the states as well as
- to represent the Union at meetings with the other EU institutions and external partners.

To ensure continuity, the member states form presidency trios that prepare a joint programme.



The Council Presidency system



Contact your representatives in advance. They decide the next priorities.

Source: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/en/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32016D1316&from=EN>



The Council Preparatory bodies

The **Working Party on Space** handles work on the development of the European space policy and the related legislation.

In particular it deals with:

- the European Earth observation programme called Copernicus (originally known as GMES)
- space surveillance and tracking
- relations with the European Space Agency
- EU international relations in space

Contact your representatives. They have their words to say.

<https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/council-eu/preparatory-bodies/working-party-space/>



In conclusion

Contact your national representatives. They have their words to say and decide the next priorities.

Don't hesitate to ask a meeting to the EU Commissioners.

Don't hesitate to write to national MEPs especially when a topic is hot