

A Space Policy for NATO: Questions and Challenges

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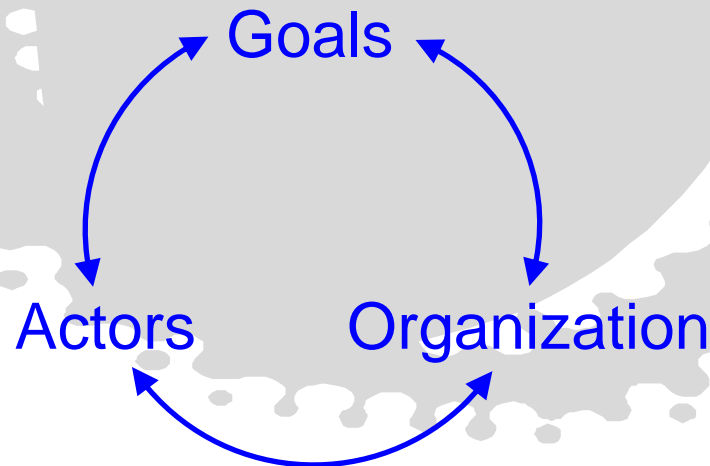
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4. Boundary Conditions for NATO
5. Issues to be resolved



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Role of a Space Policy

- Expressing political leadership in the high public investment area of space activities
- Shaping and Structuring the involved entities' interplay:



Aims of a Space Policy

- Definition of strategic goals and priorities (based on general policy objectives)
- Coherent and comprehensive approach
- Better coordination/resource allocation
- Possibility for long term planning
- Budgetary perspective
- Basis for reliable international cooperation
- Facilitation of institutional interplay

Boundary Conditions for NATO

- Experience in key application areas
- Research and technology expertise (RTO)
- Reliance on civilian/commercial assets
- Member States run own space activities
- Lack of interoperability standards
- No designated/exclusive body for space activity oversight

Internal Issues to be resolved

- What are the NATO priorities in space?
- What NATO entities should be involved?
- What kind of organization/governance?
- Relation to other NATO policies, strategies and doctrines?
- Self-standing? Associated programme(s)?
- Operational Requirements?

Interface Issues to be resolved

- How should the interplay with other institutions be organized?
- How are Member States' (space) policies accounted for?
- What kind of link to European security related space activities?
- What are the US expectations?
- Public or classified document?

Thank you!

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