

## Dear Participants,

Thanks to the Lisbon Treaty, the European Union will, in the coming years, have an increasing influence on Europe's space activities, currently allocated to the European Space Agency (ESA) and its different member states. Already today, ESA and the EU, represented by the relevant ministers of their respective members, are discussing the concrete outline of a broad "European Space Policy". The 5th meeting of the European Space Council took place on the 26th of September and discussed, amongst other topics, the implementation of a specific "space"-line within the EU-Budget, in addition to the space activities of the 7th Framework Programme. Although no decision was made, this illustrates the political importance of this topic. Space has stepped out from the purely scientific corridor and is becoming an increasingly important issue for many administrative, political and industrial activities of all EU members.

It's timely now, therefore, for the "young" EU member states to assess this opportunity, accepting this as a national challenge to play a "profiled" role within the Community of European Nations. To get more information on this important topic and to discuss national ways and means to become properly engaged in the initiative, you are hereby invited to the "National Space Perspective Workshop", on:

**19th November 2008,**

**between 14:00 and 17:30**

**at the Ministry of National Development and Economy**

**Address: 1055 Budapest, Szemere u. 6., 1st floor Imaterem**

This workshop is held in cooperation with Hungarian Space office and the Hungarian Aerospace Technology Platform. We further invite you and your colleagues interested in space matters to a reception in the evening, starting at 19:30 at Le Meridien, Salon President, where we may continue our discussion in a more pleasant environment.



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