



## Space 4.0 – spurring sustainable space business

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### Abstract

Space 4.0 identifies the evolution of the space sector into a new era, characterised by a more and more interconnected and dynamic playing field, where the interaction among multiple and diverse space actors around the world, e.g. private companies, academia, industry and citizens generates new needs and opportunities.

This era is unfolding through interaction between governments, private sector, society and politics. Space 4.0 is analogous to, and is intertwined with, Industry 4.0, which is considered as the unfolding fourth industrial revolution of manufacturing and services.

In line with its purpose, The European Space Agency aims at leading the European space sector through the transformations required to adapt to the Space 4.0 era in order to foster its global competitiveness and fully integrate its benefits into the European society and economy through sustainable space business activities.

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