

**Question for written answer E-002051/2017  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: Economic diplomacy - the space industry

The aerospace industry is a unique asset and one that can be used to enhance the economic and strategic influence wielded internationally by the EU and its Member States. The space strategy for Europe proposed by the Commission represents a step forward for the whole of the European space industry. The European Union should not just concentrate on domestic market opportunities but redouble its efforts to enable EU players in the space industry to develop their business long-term on foreign markets.

1. That being the case, does the Commission – and the European External Action Service in particular, in partnership with DG GROW and those directorates-general with an international remit – plan to develop an economic diplomacy strategy specifically for the space industry?
2. If so, what tools does the Commission wish to deploy and/or create to support the internationalisation of enterprises in the space industry?