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The Space Strategy for Europe has highlighted the strategic aspect of the space sector which offers useful tools for confronting the challenges faced by the EU in terms of security and defence. Some observers think that the potential for Europe's security and defence offered by the space sector is not being fully realised in Europe as compared with the other space powers such as China, Russia and the US. Yet the Space Strategy for Europe and the European Defence Action Plan imply a strengthening of the synergies between the civilian and military exploitation of space.

How will the Commission implement these synergies in practical terms, particularly in the context of the European industrial development programme in the area of defence?

Prior to drawing up the next multiannual financial framework, will the Commission provide details and assurances regarding the budgetary aspects of the two branches of the space sector, namely civilian and military?