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OPINION

of the Committee on Transport and Tourism

for the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

towards a space strategy for the European Union that benefits its citizens
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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Transport and Tourism calls on the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions in its motion for a resolution:

1. Notes that the seven Space Councils to date have made only one passing reference to transport in Europe and that the significance of space policy for transport has not been given detailed consideration in the deliberations of the Space Councils as reflected in their outcomes of proceedings;
2. Stresses the need for a greater understanding of the dependence on space of essential sectors and encourages the Member States and the Commission to promote the importance of space;
3. Recalls that the transport sector has a key role to play in achieving the EU 20-20-20 targets in CO₂ emissions and energy consumption as well as the objectives of the Europe 2020 strategy and that sustainable growth cannot be achieved without an efficient transport sector;
4. Considers that a space strategy for the European Union is necessary to ensure that space technology contributes fully to safer and more efficient traffic management and traffic control across all transport modes;
5. Stresses that Galileo and EGNOS are instrumental in the creation of a Single European Sky and for the further development of safe and cost-effective air traffic management in Europe, and therefore calls for the setting of an ambitious and firm timetable, along with stable financing of research and innovation, which will ensure technological progress and the growth of industrial capacity and also for the facilitation of SME access to financing, with a view to implementing both programmes as a precondition for a timely launch of the Single European Sky, the latter being a vital strategic step towards furthering European integration and strengthening the European common market;
6. Draws attention to the importance of EGNOS covering the whole of the EU, especially in those areas of the EU where the system is failing to operate adequately, in order to strengthen the single aviation market, and stresses the need to expand that system in the south, east and south-east of Europe;
7. Considers that promoting the use of EGNOS and Galileo in civil aviation is a strategic requirement for the implementation of SESAR, especially as regards its use for landing procedures and at small airports;
8. Calls on the Member States to reconfirm their commitment to EU space projects, such as SESAR, which will prove vitally important for future growth and jobs across various sectors;
9. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to guarantee transparency in financing and cooperation between military and civil space-use strategies;

10. Underlines that Galileo and EGNOS are vital for efficient and environmentally-sustainable road traffic management, road-use fee collection systems, eCall and real time tracking systems and future digital tachographs;
11. Emphasises that surveying dangerous and polluting goods transport should be a priority within satellite-based observation and navigation systems;
12. Recalls the relevance of the GMES programme for the sustainable development of transport and transport safety, especially in the context of maritime transport and maritime surveillance; believes that the European Union must continue to play an active role in the financing and development of GMES and therefore deplores the fact that its funding is not maintained in the next 2014-2020 Multiannual Financial Framework; calls on the Commission and the Council to maintain the EU's financial support within the Multiannual Financial Framework and to identify, together with the Council and Parliament, innovative means of financing GMES, including the use of project bonds;
13. Calls for the funding, development, implementation and viability of innovative space technology-based transport applications and services to be guaranteed, with a view to deriving maximum benefit from European investment in the technological potential of space and meeting the needs of users and the general public;
14. Emphasises the importance of stepping up industrial cooperation with third countries in the field of space policy, especially with the USA, Japan, Russia, China, India, Brazil, Argentina and Chile, and with the countries of Africa and the Middle East;
15. Considers that the EU should be in the vanguard of the space sector, continuing to play a significant strategic role on the international scene, and therefore calls for the development of its coordinating capability in the field of space exploration, and for additional support for research and the development of technology, with a view to making Europe more independent technologically and ensuring that members of the public and sectors of the economy other than the space industry share the benefits of innovation in this field;
16. Agrees with the Commission that Europe needs to maintain independent access to space in order to be able to achieve its space policy aims and to derive lasting benefit from space applications in fields such as transport policy; therefore encourages the Commission to make concrete proposals for the strategic launch vehicles sub-sector, which is facing a critical situation, paying particular attention to it in the proposed space industrial policy;
17. Stresses the importance of European involvement in ensuring security in space via the European Space Situational Awareness System as well as in space exploration via the International Space Station, since both – protecting the critical European space infrastructure from the risk of collision with spacecraft or space debris and technology spill-over resulting from space exploration – could benefit transport sectors on Earth, especially aviation;

RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

Date adopted	11.10.2011
Result of final vote	+: 37 -: 2 0: 0
Members present for the final vote	Inés Ayala Sender, Georges Bach, Izaskun Bilbao Barandica, Antonio Cancian, Michael Cramer, Ryszard Czarnecki, Philippe De Backer, Luis de Grandes Pascual, Christine De Veyrac, Saïd El Khadraoui, Ismail Ertug, Carlo Fidanza, Knut Fleckenstein, Jacqueline Foster, Mathieu Grosch, Dieter-Lebrecht Koch, Jaromír Kohlíček, Georgios Koumoutsakos, Werner Kuhn, Jörg Leichtfried, Marian-Jean Marinescu, Gesine Meissner, Mike Nattrass, Hubert Pirker, David-Maria Sassoli, Vilja Savisaar-Toomast, Olga Sehnalová, Debora Serracchiani, Brian Simpson, Keith Taylor, Silvia-Adriana Țicău, Georgios Toussas, Giommaria Uggias, Thomas Ulmer, Peter van Dalen, Artur Zasada, Roberts Zile
Substitute(s) present for the final vote	Dominique Riquet
Substitute(s) under Rule 187(2) present for the final vote	Margrete Auken