

**Question for written answer E-000318/2024
to the Commission**

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Subject: UAP monitoring and reporting in the EU Space Law

In September 2023, in her State of the Union address, President von der Leyen set out the Commission's priorities for 2024. This included the intention to create an EU Space Law.¹

This important initiative 'envisages common EU rules addressing the safety, resilience and sustainability of space activities and operations' has, however, a gap that needs to be filled in the pillar of security. Specifically the EU, currently lacks a harmonised and scientific system for the reporting of unidentified anomalous phenomena (UAP).

This raises serious security concerns, which some other countries, notably the United States, have addressed. Considering this omission we would like to ask the Commission:

1. Why the preparatory work for the EU Space Law (EUSL) does not include a UAP monitoring and reporting system, given that UAP may pose a potential security threat, and such phenomena have been observed in space by trained personnel using precision instruments?
2. Whether it considers that UAP should be explicitly addressed in the space surveillance and tracking (SST) service, the SST Research and Development plan and the near-earth objects (NEO) service?
3. If the EUSL will envisage (in a similar way to NASA) an EU UAP Space Research programme headed by a research director?

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¹ https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/13971-EU-Space-Law-new-rules-for-safe-resilient-and-sustainable-space-activities_en.