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EU Space Act Seeks to Scrub Foreign Competition

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On June 25, 2025, the European Commission proposed the EU Space Act to harmonize the regulatory framework for space activities across the European Union (EU). In a new insight, Director of Competition Policy Fred Ashton explains how the EU Space Act's regulations would hinder competition from U.S. firms.

Key points:

> - *The cross-border nature of providing space services throughout the EU requires a comprehensive regulatory approach that seamlessly allows multinational cooperation.*
> - *As it stands, 13 EU member states have passed national space legislation, which has led to a fractured regulatory landscape that creates added complexity and costs for businesses.*
> - *Yet as with other European Commission Regulations – including the Digital Markets Act – the EU Space Act would create a different set of rules for non-EU actors by using arbitrary satellite constellation thresholds that disadvantage U.S. firms and hinder their ability to compete with EU-based operators.*

Read the analysis.