

# Contracting for Space

## An Overview of Contract Practice in the European Space Sector

Space systems are strategic assets demonstrating independence and the capability of assuming global responsibilities. Initially developed for either defence or scientific purposes, space systems now provide commercial infrastructures on which important sectors of the economy depend. The importance of space has been given full recognition by the European Union and the European Space Agency with the development of an autonomous and comprehensive European Space Policy and the implementation of Galileo and GMES as flagship projects. The success of the European Space Policy much depends on whether space activities can rely on a coherent regulatory and legal environment and recognized contractual solutions.

The regulatory and legal framework for space activities is particularly complex. While contracts in the space sector also include standardised solutions common to other high-technology sectors, certain issues are unique to space projects. Highly individual solutions and best practices have been developed that allow the characteristics and special risks of space operations to be taken into account. A clear example is that of warranty clauses which take into account that hardware, once in earth orbit, can no longer be repaired or replaced.

Led by Professor Dr. Lesley Jane Smith of Leuphana University Lüneburg, the conference is part of a European research initiative which analyses the legal framework for contracts in the European Space Sector. It is designed to collate best practices and discuss reliable legal solutions used in drafting and negotiating space project contracts. The Research project contributes to the ongoing process of developing a true European Space Policy.

The conference will provide a forum for practitioners and academics alike to present and discuss diverse aspects of the legal framework applicable to space projects and the best practice approaches for dealing with the major legal issues when drafting and negotiating contracts within the European Space Sector.

The conference aims to actively support and shape a book publication scheduled for May 2010 to which all speakers and other recognised space law experts will contribute. The publication will offer a first systematic overview and analysis of the complex legal and contractual issues relevant to space projects and will serve as a standard-setting tool for drafting and negotiating contracts.

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**26 and 27 November 2009**  
**Bremen, Germany**



# WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

## PRE-WORKSHOP DINNER 25 November 2009

20:00 Pre-Workshop Dinner

## DAY ONE 26 November 2009

### WELCOME ADDRESS

- 8:45 – 9:00 Opening Speech – Prof. Lesley Jane Smith, Leuphana University, Lüneburg
- 9:00 – 9:15 Welcome Speech 1  
Prof. H. J. Dittus, Director, DLR Bremen
- 9:15 – 9:30 Welcome Speech 2  
Dr. Stephan Holsten, Director, CEON Bremen
- 9:30 – 9:45 Keynote Speech  
Tanja Masson-Zwaan,  
President IISL, The Hague
- 9:45 – 10:00 Coffee Break

### SESSION I – GENERAL PLENARY

- 10:00 – 11:15 Influence of Space Policy and Law on European Space Regulation  
Session Convenor: Prof. M. Couston,  
University of Lyon
- 11:15 – 12:30 Legal Framework for Developing Space Projects in Europe  
Session Convenor: Prof. Lesley Jane Smith, Leuphana Universität, Lüneburg
- 12:30 – 14:00 Conference Lunch Buffet

### SESSION II – WORKSHOP

- 14:00 – 15:00 General Aspects of Space Industry Contracts  
Session Convenor: Dr. Bernhard Schmidt-Tedd, Legal Department, DLR Bonn
- 15:00 – 16:00 Financial Parameters for Space Contracts  
Session Convenor: Dr. Dietrich Weber-Steinhaus, Bremen
- 16:00 – 16:15 Tea Break
- 16:15 – 17:45 Specific Legal Aspects of Space Contracts  
Session Convenor: Dr. Oliver Heinrich,  
BHO Legal, Cologne

### GET TOGETHER

- 18:15 – 19:15 Reception  
Hosted by WFB Wirtschaftsförderungsgesellschaft Bremen
- 20:00 Conference Dinner  
Announcement of student award  
Hosted by EADS Astrium

## DAY TWO 27 November 2009

### SESSION II – WORKSHOP

- 8:45 – 10:00 Particular Issues of EO/SME in European Space Projects  
Session Convenor: Dr. Kay Uwe Hörl,  
EADS EFW, Dresden
- 10:00 – 10:15 Coffee Break
- 10:15 – 12:00 Particularities of Launch Service/  
Transponder Lease Agreements  
Session Convenor: Prof. Walter Peters,  
Dean, ISU, Strasbourg

### SESSION III – CONCLUSIONS

- 12:00 – 13:00 Panel Discussion  
Session Convenor: Dr. Michael Gerhard,  
EASA, Cologne
- 13:00 – 13:15 Concluding Remarks and Perspectives  
Session Convenor: Prof. Lesley Jane Smith, Leuphana University, Lüneburg;  
Dr. Ingo Baumann, BHO Legal, Cologne
- 13:15 – 14:15 Conference Lunch Buffet
- 14:15 Post Conference Tour (ZARM)

## Conference Venue

The conference will be held at the premises of the German Aerospace Centre (DLR), Robert-Hooke-Str. 7, 28359 Bremen, Germany.

## Registration

Please use the registration form on our conference website [www.contracting-for-space.eu/register/](http://www.contracting-for-space.eu/register/)

## Conference Fees

	Early Bird	Regular
Full Participant	100,- EUR	120,- EUR
Student	40,- EUR	40,- EUR

All conference fees include 19% VAT.  
Deadline for the Early Bird registration is 23 October 2009.

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