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Outline intervention

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Title of intervention: ‘Space-based capabilities in support of ESDP’

Europe’s citizens have become increasingly aware about the added value ESDP can provide to their security and space starts entering the minds as providing unique tools in support of Europe’s security and economy alike.

Against this background, the intervention will focus on few core messages, highlighting that

- the meaning of security is constantly evolving
- space based assets have a unique role to play in support of ESDP, both in its civilian and military dimension
- institutional actors have to coordinate in the best possible way to exploit synergies between civilian and defence-driven activities and to provide best value for money
- EDA is at the heart of such process and can bring into play its particular capability-driven approach for developing the space dimension

The intervention will thereby pass in review the various space-relevant activities being performed within EDA and their interaction with other European stakeholders.