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# Contracting For Space: Contract Practice In The European Space Sector



## **Synopsis**

Recent significant developments in the European space sector have had an impact on business and the growth of national and European commercial space law. This book analyses and assesses the legal issues and key factors influencing the space sector in Europe. It is an up-to-date guide to the regulatory background of space projects and examines the typical legal problems which need to be solved by practitioners in the field. Taking into account public and commercial international law and practice, this book examines substantive issues of law specific to launchers, satellite manufacturers and space service providers with contributions from leading experts and practitioners in the field of European space law and policy.

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'This book is a toolbox for space practitioners. Name a topic - from as general as policy to as specific as procurement - and you will find it covered. The chapters are written by a plethora of specialists, yet form a coherent guide, expertly edited by two experienced legal scholars/practitioners. At a time when the European space industry is at a cross-roads and the formulation of a European strategy for space high on the political agenda, this book is a must for any space lawyer.' Tanja Masson-Zwaan, Leiden Law School, The Netherlands 'This book is an exciting survey of the increasing number of cases and growing laws and policies applicable to space activities in Europe. It can be used by practitioners and policy makers as a valuable legal resource in the definition of regulatory, economic and policy factors of the European space policy.'

Marco Ferrazzani, ESA Legal Counsel, Paris 'An essential compendium and welcome update on developments and practice in space law and business in Europe. The interaction between well-known academics and practitioners, the link between international law of outer space and

private law aspects of space activities combine to make it exciting reading for practitioners and students alike.' Armel Kerrest, University of Western Brittany and Paris XI, France and Vice-Chairman of the European Center for Space Law of the European Space Agency 'A comprehensive and long awaited overview of contracting for space, this book is mandatory reading for stakeholders in the rich and complex field of international contracts. Gathering a formidable amount of information and references, it has the exceptional merit of combining very well informed analyses of space policy and current legal challenges, as well as providing a valuable tool kit for the practitioner.' Franck Germes, Head of the Navigation Procurement Division at the European Space Agency --This text refers to the Digital edition.

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An appreciation by Phillip Taylor MBE and Elizabeth Taylor of Richmond Green ChambersSpace, the final frontier! And an almost infinite one too, unless you agree with Professor Cox that the universe will come to a dismal end seventy billion years from now, or whatever. In the meantime, space initiatives should provide an increasing and lucrative work load for lawyers and those of you who wish to think ahead and plan ahead in this area, should rush out and get 'Contracting For Space' published by Ashgate. The book is an important contribution to the international law of contract concerning procurement of equipment and ancillary matters, largely within the EU. A fascinating compilation of the publications of no less than forty learned contributors from the EU and overseas, this volume can be regarded as of the most valuable references on space law currently available, placing as it does, such an impressive accumulation of expertise at your fingertips. As one commentator has rightly said, it forms a coherent guide expertly put together by its erudite and expert editors Lesley Jane Smith and Ingo Baumann. Here you can read the latest in developments and practice in space law and business specifically in Europe. As Smith points out, 'International space law is a part of public international law and developed over a relatively short space of time, largely in response to...Sputnik in 1957...[and therefore] requires a regulatory environment to govern activities taking place there.' As for the business and commercial spin-offs from space, these will likely prove to be almost as infinite as space itself, a reality reflected in EU space policy. Space applications will inevitably support virtually everything from road, rail, air and maritime transport to systems, environmental issues and climate change. Apart from the obvious military applications, think of medicine and medical technologies, mobile communications and navigation products, as well as products and services for domestic consumption -- to name only a few. The aim of the editors and their contributors is to examine in depth the complex legal framework that will result from this equally complex body of space-related activities. Among a host of other matters, the book deals with legal issues specific to launchers, satellite manufacturers and space service providers, which will impact in turn, on those other issues of risk, liability and insurance, inherent in contractual arrangements. Contract practice is of course as central to space activity as to any other -- hence the main focus of this excellent book, which also provides a wealth of resources for your further research. If you're a practitioner, or policy maker, or merely fascinated by space law, you definitely need a copy of 'Contracting for Space.' It's a great introduction to contract practice in a developing area yet unfamiliar (at the moment) to most people, even lawyers!

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