

The INTA delegation learns about the role of the GSMC and EU SST in the security, sustainability and operation of the European Union Space Programme

INTA Director-General visits EUSPA facilities in San Martín de la Vega

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02'jun.'26.- The Director-General of INTA, Lieutenant General Enrique Campo Loarte, carried out a visit yesterday to the facilities of the European Union Agency for the Space Programme (EUSPA), located in San Martín de la Vega (Madrid). These facilities host the backup centre of the Galileo Security Monitoring Centre (GSMC) and the Front Desk of the European Union Space Surveillance and Tracking (EU SST) system, complementing the European GNSS Service Centre (GSC) located in Torrejón de Ardoz.

During the visit, the INTA delegation gained first-hand insight into EUSPA's mission as the operational agency of the EU Space Programme, focused on the

user and aimed at contributing to sustainable growth, as well as to security and protection across the European Union.

Participants also explored the role of the GSMC in ensuring continuous 24/7 monitoring of the security and operation of the Galileo system, as well as managing access to the Galileo Public Regulated Service (PRS). The role of the EU SST Front Desk was also presented as the interface for delivering information and services between the EU SST Partnership and the user community, contributing to space safety and sustainability. The delegation also visited the operational offices, from where EUSPA provides Galileo security expertise and analysis.



On behalf of INTA, the visit was attended, in addition to the Director-General, Lieutenant General Enrique Campo Loarte, by the Deputy Director General for Terrestrial Systems, Major General José Vicente Haro Martínez; the Head of the Directorate Support Office, Colonel Luis Recio González (Head of Galileo Hosting); the Head of the ICT Department, Colonel Javier Bermejo Higuera (former Head of Hosting); and the Galileo Hosting representative, Captain Mariano



Martín Rodríguez.

On behalf of EUSPA, participants included Philippe Rosius, Head of Security Operations and Monitoring Department; Thomas Browne, GSMC-ES Site Manager; Daniel García Yárnoz, SST Operations Manager; Roberto de Lezaeta Collazos, Governmental Services OPS Manager; Vicente Pastor, Security Operations Centre Manager; Cristo Rosario Shitandala, Security Officer; Damián Ortiz Pineau, SST Digital Communications Officer; and Jesús Alonso Armien, GSMC-ES Facility Manager.

This visit strengthens cooperation between INTA and EUSPA in the field of European space infrastructures and the security of critical systems.