



Africa-EU Space Partnership Programme

As part of the **Global Gateway initiative** funded by the European Union, the European Space Agency and the African Space Agency **co-lead the implementation** of the specific components of the AESPP dedicated to **institutional cooperation, new space and private sector development**.

Institutional

Governance, joint task forces, and capacity building

New Space

Upstream skills pipeline + EO SmallSat co-design

Private sector

Continental business development scheme and national innovation lab in Kenya

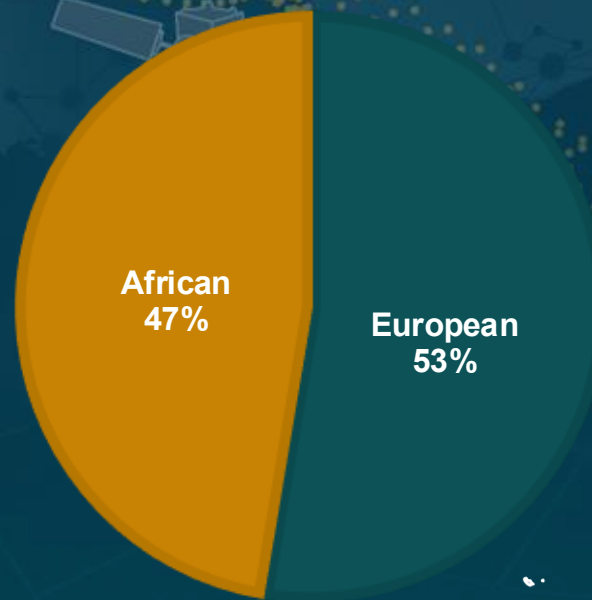
Co-led and co-implemented by



Implementation period: 2025-2031

In line with the Africa-Europe **co-ownership and co-leadership approach** of the AESPP, all activities are being **implemented through a network of 33 entities** both from **Europe (17)** and **Africa (16)**.

Geographic distribution of entities involved in AESPP implementation



African-European institutional Partnership – co-lead by the African Space Agency and European Space Agency

Key elements:

- **Joint Task Forces** (EO, Navigation, Telecom, Space Science) to support the operationalisation of AfSA
- **Trainings** for African experts from AfSA and national public institutions on the four space sectors (EO, Navigation, Telecom, Space Science) – **annual calls**
- **Design studies** for a Concurrent Design Facility (CDF) and CubeSat Support Facility
- **Africa News Room** to communicate on the **achievements** in the African Space Sector (AfSA webpage)



First Joint SatCom Training in October 2025

- 13 African Participants
- Co-led and co-built with the African Space Agency (AfSA)

Foster the development of a solid Africa-Europe industrial partnership on the upstream New Space sector.

Key elements:

- **New Space training programme** covering CubeSats, EO mission design and spacecraft testing
 - Annually 2 joint Africa-Europe New Space trainings – **open calls**
- **Africa–Europe EO SmallSat** mission co-design & development
 - 2 competing African-European New Space consortia selected



First Joint New Space Training in October 2025

- Joint call from AfSA-ESA
- 50% African participants from overall 24 countries
- Building networks across two continents

Support the development of a strong and viable African Earth Observation private ecosystem and foster linkages with the European ecosystem

Key elements:

- **Continental innovation scheme** including training, mentoring, innovation funding, matchmaking
 - **Annual open calls** for African companies
- **Africa EO Challenges (AEOC)** to promote innovation
- **African Business Innovation Lab** anchored in Kenya in collaboration with the Kenyan Space Agency



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