

A PHILOSOPHY FOR THE NEW SPACE ECONOMY

Space Is Infrastructure Now

The next space race will not be won by whoever looks highest. It will be won by whoever turns space into useful infrastructure fastest.

For most of the last century, space lived in the public imagination as exploration, prestige and national achievement. Rockets went up. Flags were planted. Satellites circled above us. Humanity looked up and saw distance.

That era is not over. But a new one has begun.

Space is no longer only a place to reach. It is becoming the operating layer of life on Earth: communications, navigation, timing, Earth intelligence, climate monitoring, logistics, agriculture, maritime security, defence readiness and critical infrastructure protection.

The New Space economy is therefore not only about rockets and satellites. It is about data, AI, autonomy, sensors, secure connectivity, robotics, resilience and the intelligence systems that turn orbital capability into decisions on Earth.

The philosophical shift

The question is no longer whether we can go to space. The question is what kind of civilisation, economy and security architecture we build when space becomes programmable, commercial, autonomous and strategically contested.

Europe has the science. Europe has the engineers. Europe has agencies, universities, industrial heritage and technical ambition. But the New Space economy will not be won by talent alone. It will be won by speed, capital, customers, pilots, procurement access and the ability to turn technical excellence into deployable companies.

The thesis

Europe does not lack space talent. Europe lacks the commercial pathway that turns that talent into globally competitive companies.

Build for Space exists to build that pathway.

It is a London-based platform for founders building Europe's next space, AI and dual-use infrastructure companies. The first expression is an 8-week accelerator, but the ambition is larger: to become a commercialisation engine for the New Space economy.

We back first-principles builders asking what must be rebuilt when Earth observation becomes real-time intelligence, satellites become programmable infrastructure, defence resilience depends on commercial founders, AI operates across orbital systems, and every critical industry becomes space-enabled.

The call

For founders, sponsors, investors and strategic partners, this is not a call to watch the future from a distance. It is a call to build the infrastructure, intelligence and resilience layer Europe needs now.

Do not just look up. Build what comes next.

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