

Telespazio Iberica and CEiIA sign strategic cooperation in the space sector

Fucino (Italy), 23 June 2026 – Telespazio Iberica, a subsidiary of Telespazio (Leonardo Group), and CEiIA (an engineering and product development centre based in Portugal) have signed in Italy a Letter of Intent establishing a framework for long-term strategic cooperation, aimed at strengthening the Iberian space ecosystem (Portugal and Spain) and extending future collaboration opportunities to other countries, including Italy.

Through this agreement, Telespazio and CEiIA aim to consolidate and develop joint operational capabilities in Earth Observation, satellite operations, and space-based services, in a manner that is both scalable and replicable across different geographies.

The main areas of cooperation include: the development of services and applications based on Earth observation data; participation in the development and operation of satellite constellations, including the Canary Constellation and the Atlantic Constellation; the potential creation of an Iberian operational framework for satellite operations; the advancement of ground segment capabilities and mission operations; collaboration on commercial development; and participation in European institutional programmes (ESA, EU).

Telespazio Iberica and CEiIA have already achieved several concrete results, including participation in European Earth Observation programmes (EOGS), a preliminary agreement to integrate CEiIA's capabilities into the Canary Constellation project, and collaboration on initiatives led by the Spanish Space Agency.

Governance of the partnership will be entrusted to a Joint Steering Committee, responsible for monitoring progress, ensuring strategic coordination, providing periodic reporting to the Parties, and analysing potential legal and financial structures, including the possibility of joint ventures.

"This agreement represents a strategic milestone in our growth path across the Iberian Peninsula and beyond. By joining forces with CEiIA, we are laying the foundations for a robust, integrated space ecosystem capable of competing on a European and global scale, while reinforcing the role of Telespazio as a key enabler of satellite operations and Earth Observation services for institutions and businesses alike." – stated **Carlos Fernández de la Peña**, CEO Telespazio Iberica.

"This cooperation between CEiIA and Telespazio Ibérica represents a concrete step towards the integration of Southern European space ecosystems. Building on the momentum of the Atlantic Constellation, together, we will shape a shared vision for the future of European Earth Observation and enlarge the role of national space capabilities as catalysts for reinforcing European strategic autonomy", **José Rui Felizardo**, CEO of CEiIA.

The agreement was signed during a visit to Telespazio's Fucino Space Centre – the largest teleport in the world for satellite telecommunications – by a high-level Portuguese delegation representing institutions and companies in the space sector. The delegation included Carlos Pereira Marques, Ambassador of Portugal in Italy and Ricardo Conde, President of the Portuguese Space Agency.

About Telespazio Iberica

Telespazio Ibérica is the Spanish subsidiary of Telespazio, the space joint venture between Leonardo (67%) and Thales (33%). With 40 years of experience and more than 200 employees, we are leaders in geoinformation in Spain, with offices in Madrid, Barcelona, Vigo and Fuerteventura. We offer comprehensive solutions in land management, Earth observation, satellite communications and space systems operation. Our approach ranges from data acquisition to its integration into GIS systems, mobile developments and multi-orbit connectivity. We actively participate in key programmes such as Galileo, Copernicus, EGNOS and Moonlight, where we develop the end-to-end simulator for lunar missions. We also lead the development of innovative services such as Quantum Key Distribution from low orbit to strengthen cybersecurity. Our commitment to innovation, sustainability and technical excellence positions us as a strategic partner in the European space sector.

About CEiiA

CEiiA is an engineering and product development centre that designs, develops and productizes new technologies, products and services towards a more sustainable society. From Portugal, CEiiA bridges cities, industries and universities through product development programmes in mobility, aeronautics and space. Within its Space Unit, CEiiA follows an integrated strategy across the full Earth Observation value chain: from launcher sub-structures, satellite design and integration, to downstream AI/ML, SW platforms and operational applications. CEiiA is a key stakeholder in GEOSAT, a European VHR EO operator, and N3O, a Portuguese satellite integrator, and a strategic partner in the Atlantic Constellation, one of Europe's most ambitious dual-use VHR EO systems to be fully operational in 2027.

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