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### New aerospace coordinator of Germany e-meets with veteran German astronauts

Six German ASE members representing the experience from 11 flown space missions and a life-long career as ambassadors of Human Spaceflight in many different positions met with the newly appointed Coordinator for Aerospace Matters of the newly formed German government, Ms. Anna Christmann. In Berlin Ms. Christmann holds a mandate for the Green Party in the German Bundestag. She comes from the state of Baden-Württemberg, where a large part of the German space industry, space research, and space-related university faculties are active.

The informal discussion centered around elements of the upcoming refresh of the German space strategy, an important task in the new government's to-do list. Subjects discussed - which also were presented at the Toulouse European Space Summit in February - comprised an

autonomous access of Europeans to Space, as expressed in the European Astronauts' [Manifesto](#), prolongation of ISS operations, space situational awareness and space traffic management (forming an increasing risk also for human spacecraft), and the need to find a wide acceptance in the public for the benefits of human-tended space research and exploration.

Germany is ready to host the next Space Summit in 2023 and the contact established with the veteran German astronauts in this very first discussion will prove useful to maximize the impact of the upcoming German government's plans and strategies. Germany as a member of ESA traditionally is the largest contributor to ESA's Human Spaceflight program comprising the ISS and other research opportunities in the space environment including flights to the Moon.

