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The Kangaroo Group is launching a new working group on Space Policy in the European Parliament. The launch meeting is taking place in Brussels on Thursday 2 April 2009 with a debate on „Perspectives for the European Space Policy“. Speakers will be Daniel Sacotte Director of European Space Agency and the Members of the European Parliament Chrisitan Ehler, Bill Newton Dunn, Margaritis Schinas, Etelka Barsi-Pataky and Karl von Wogau.

Space Policy is an emerging topic on the European Institutional agenda. Europe's main political ambitions in field of space is to create a strong sense of European identity in accordance with European interests and values. Europe can only face global competition if a strategic approach is applied on key policy areas. In terms of space the first task is to strengthen Europe as a world-class space leader. This leadership can significantly contribute to Europe's societal, cultural, economic and scientific influence. Currently and more in the long-term a rapid growth of space-related markets is expected. It has to be stressed therefore that Europe can clearly expect new business opportunities on a new market wich does not fully exist now, while there is an increasing dependence of Europe upon satellite navigation services on strategic fields.

The Kangaroo Group Working Group on Space Policy is supported by influential Members of the European Parliament, senior representatives of the other European Institutions and industry. For more information contact [office@kangaroorgroup.eu](mailto:office@kangaroorgroup.eu).

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