

The world is entering a new phase of the Space Age. Launch costs have reduced significantly and the number of actors launching satellites into orbit will continue to increase. Major powers have set up space forces and are militarizing and weaponizing space in support of terrestrial war-fighting capabilities. Lower costs of space travel are opening the door to the establishment of extraterrestrial footholds. Experts have identified 17,000 asteroids which can be exploited for resources' extraction, with one estimate putting the size of the space industry at \$2.7tn per year by 2050. All of this means that space's already significant societal, economic, and military relevance to the Netherlands is set to grow.

The Netherlands is a small country - but it is nonetheless well-positioned to benefit from these developments. Join us on **Thursday, July 1** for a **panel discussion** with government officials and industry representatives. Gain insight into space's relevance to the Netherlands, the challenges it must overcome to realize its interests within the domain, current policy, and what steps it can take to expand its footprint there going forward.

## How can the Netherlands expand its space footprint?

July 1, 2021  
12:00 - 13:00

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