

# TRENDS & PROSPECTS FOR EMERGING SPACE PROGRAMS

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24 countries are identified as emerging space programs (ESPs) in 2015 having launched a total of 69 satellites in the last 20 years. As satellite technology has become more accessible and affordable, the number of countries investing in their first satellite system has increased dramatically. 2015 set an all-time record with nine satellites launched, confirming the dynamism of this market.

By 2025, it is estimated that the number of emerging space programs will increase to 47 countries around the world. This includes 23 newcomers who will have committed their first investment in space between 2016 and 2025. 131 satellites are forecasted to be launched in the next 10 years, nearly double that of the last decade. The total value of these satellites is estimated at nearly \$12 billion, versus more than \$5 billion during 2006-2015.

New to this edition, Euroconsult has developed an index which aims to model the probability for a new country to invest in a satellite system. The ESP Index is based on a three part process consisting of data gathering, analysis, and ranking of 148 countries. The index is based on factors deemed to be relevant to evaluating the start of a space program. The relevance of the ESP Index was verified with a "reality check" by reviewing the score of countries that have already launched or ordered a satellite.

Based on their score in Euroconsult's ESP index, some countries show a high profile regarding potential investment in satellite solutions and acquisition; four countries show very high potential as they rank in the top 20 countries of the ESP Index while not having yet procured a satellite. Five other countries rank between 20<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> position.

Another innovative feature of the report is a targeted survey completed with a selection of countries, part of the 24 countries identified as "already active" ESPs. The questionnaire was aimed to collect primary information on the countries' experience in implementing a satellite program, their strategy, benefits and lessons learned. The survey results, along with the collection of public information and our own expert knowledge, are combined to establish Euroconsult's benchmark of emerging space programs.



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# THE ESP INDEX

## INTRODUCTION

Euroconsult has developed an index which aims at modelling the probability for a new country to invest in a satellite system. The ESP Index is based on a three-part process consisting of data gathering, analysis, and ranking of 148 countries. Countries with a space program already in place before 1996 were excluded from the analysis, as well as those for which insufficient data was available to arrive at an accurate overall evaluation (essentially very small / insular countries).

The index is based on factors deemed to be relevant to evaluating the start of a space program. Factors were equalized and weighted based on their level of "desirability," which are (by order of importance).

- **GDP:** Higher GDP implies greater investment capability in a space program
- **Natural resources on GDP:** Satellite technology is more attractive for countries with a national economy depending on natural resources
- **Neighbor Effect:** The fact that a neighboring country has launched satellites is an incentive to develop satellite capacity
- **Population:** Countries with large populations are more inclined to exercise leadership in their region
- **GDP per capita:** Countries with high GDP per capita are more inclined to invest in technology sectors
- **Population density:** Satellite technology is considered more attractive in terms of infrastructure costs for areas with lower population density.

## FACTORS CONSIDERED IN THE ESP INDEX\*

FACTOR	DEFINITION	SOURCE
<b>GDP (Total)</b>	GDP at purchaser's prices is the sum of gross value added by all resident producers in the economy plus any product taxes and minus any subsidies not included in the value of the products.	World Bank
<b>TOTAL NAT.RESOURCES (% GDP)</b>	Total natural resources rents are the sum of oil rents, natural gas rents, coal rents, mineral rents, and forest rents.	World Bank
<b>NEIGHBOUR EFFECT</b>	National pride and the "neighborhood" effect are further incentives to develop satellites capacity.	Euroconsult
<b>POPULATION</b>	Total population is based on the de facto definition of population, which counts all residents regardless of legal status or Considering midyear estimates.	World Bank
<b>GDP/CAPITA</b>	GDP per capita is gross domestic product divided by midyear population.	World Bank
<b>POPULATION DENSITY</b>	Population density is midyear population divided by land area in square kilometers.	World Bank

\* Considering 2014 estimates except when stated otherwise

# THE SURVEY

## INTRODUCTION – APPROACH FOLLOWED

In order to benchmark emerging space programs, an innovative approach was followed mixing the collection of public information, expert knowledge and primary information collected via a dedicated survey.

Considering the type of the information targeted for this report, a specific interview process was designed, similarly to those performed for a consulting mission. The objective was to undertake a targeted survey with a limited number of countries.

A selection of countries accepted to participate in the survey. All of them have already launched a satellite and are part of the 24 countries identified as “already active” ESPs.

In agreement with them, their identity has not been disclosed in order to protect the confidentiality of the information.

## THE QUESTIONNAIRE

The questionnaire was distributed into three parts. Questions involved a mix of answer type - multiple choice or open, qualitative and quantitative, ranking and scoring, etc.

### **PART 1: EXPERIENCE IN IMPLEMENTING A SATELLITE PROGRAM**

- How many satellites
  - Have you launched?
  - Do you operate today?
  - Do you intend to operate by 2025?
- Information on missions launched
- Information on mission
- What is your current annual budget? Do you expect it to grow, decrease or remain stable in the coming years?
- From your experience, could you breakdown the typical investment in a satellite program?

### **PART 2: STRATEGY AND MODELS PURSUED**

- In which year was your organization/agency created?
- What is the overall mandate given to your organization/agency?
- What is the rationale for your government to invest in space?
- Could you rank the interest of your country between applications? What has been the model pursued to finance your space program so far?
- How have you pursued the following activities so far (manufacturing, operations, services)?

### **PART 3: BENEFITS AND LESSONS LEARNED**

- Who are the primary users of your satellite system(s)?
- What are your main requirements related to the procurement of your satellites?
- What is your level of satisfaction regarding these domains?
- In general, what have been the biggest challenges you've met when implementing your program(s)?

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