

India Spectrum Management Conference (ISMC-24)

**Eutelsat OneWeb** 

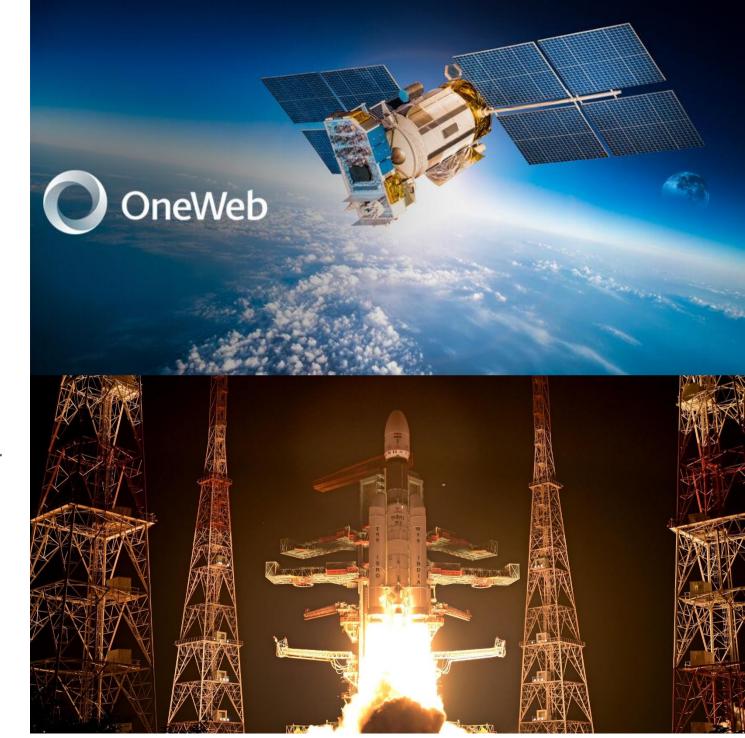
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# Agenda

- Eutelsat Group Overview
- Physical Sharing between NGSO constellations
  - Current Situation
  - Three Core Principles
- Spectrum Sharing
  - FSS 13.75-14 GHz Agenda Item 1.2
  - Advantages of NGSO FSS 13.75-14 GHz use
- Unauthorized operations of NGSO terminals Agenda Item 1.5



## How it Works



## **Space**

- 654 LEO satellites; orbital planes
- ~1200 km altitude
- Innovative beam technology
- Commercial service already started
- Low latency

500 MHz Uplink

**User Terminal** 

Ku band

2 GHz Downlink 2 GHz Uplink

1.3 GHz Downlink

Ka band

Gateway 3.4m Antenna



#### Ground

- 50+ Gateways across the globe
- A range of UTs to meet varying markets
- Many can be easily installed
- Operations Centers in London and Virginia



#### **Spectrum**

- 2.5 GHz of Ku band for Terminals
- 3.3 GHz of Ka band for Gateways

## Res. 74 Space sustainability - Current Situation

Exploring new orbits, from a GEO dominated space environment to a multiorbit dominated one. Currently exploring LEO space environment where:

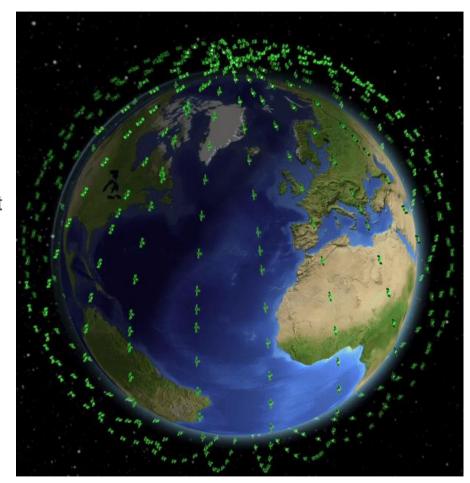
- Easier to reach (launch) & cheaper platforms
- Dynamically more complex environment
- Much faster-paced context, commercially, technically and physically

Importance of STM (Space Traffic Management) during servicing phases but even more importantly, during **transit** (ascent/deorbit).

OneWeb - 654 sats. Injection at ~450km, service altitude at 1200km.

**Thousands of sats** around the 450-1200km altitude regime to follow:

 Constellations from SpaceX, Kuiper, Telesat, Rivada, Shanghai Spacecom Satellite Technology, China Satellite Networks Limited...



# Physical Sharing – Three Core Principles

- Maintain quality predicted ephemerides and spacecraft manoeuvrability status information for the organisation's vehicles, and regularly update this information with the chosen Collision Avoidance (CA) screening authority
- Perform rapid and reliable CA risk assessment to identify high-risk conjunctions that require proactive mitigation
- Pursue adequate mitigation actions to avoid high-risk conjunctions and ensure that these are properly and transparently coordinated

**Outstanding Question**: How do we share ephemeris data and plan manoeuvres between international operators?

Some SSA (Space Situational Awareness) platforms that Eutelsat Group actively uses:

LeoLabs

SpaceTrack

See https://oneweb.net/about-us/responsible-space

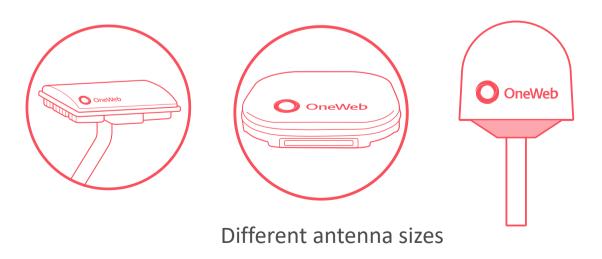
# Spectrum Sharing - FSS 13.75-14 GHz WRC-27 Agenda Item 1.2

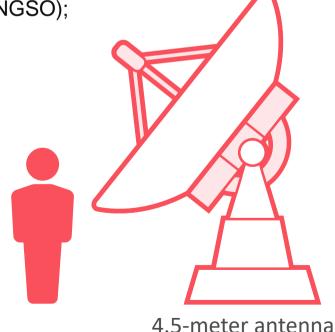
Currently EutG uses the frequencies from 14 to 14.5 GHz for its User Link Uplink



 The band is shared with Radiolocation on a primary basis, and Space Research Service on a secondary basis, imposing technical limitations to balance operational needs of existing services

• The current minimum size of the earth station antenna (1.2m for GSO and 4.5m for NGSO);





# Advantages of expanded NGSO FSS use of 13.75-14 GHz

## 1. Equipment Compatibility and Infrastructure

- Shared hardware
- Transmitter/receiver tuning

#### 2. Spectrum Reuse

- Similar propagation characteristics
- Regulatory ease
- Additional spectrum to accommodate increasing number of operators

#### 3. Operational Continuity

Smooth transition

#### 4. Cost Efficiency

Lower CAPEX:

## **Required Studies:**

- Technical and operational studies to evaluate the impact of smaller antennas in the 13.75-14 GHz band.
- Examination of coexistence conditions between FSS and primary/secondary services (RLS and SRS) to propose necessary regulatory adjustments.



## Agenda item 1.5: Unauthorized use of earth stations transmissions

#### Regulatory Frameworks:

- Existing regulations (Article 18 of the Radio Regulations) require licensing and authorization for transmitting earth station operations.
- Resolution 22 (Rev.WRC-23) and Resolution 25 (Rev.WRC-23) emphasize the need for measures
  to limit unauthorized transmissions and ensure compliance.
- Any possible additional measure should not adversely affect the provision of service of the non-GSO satellite system. It will be important to also analyze the corresponding potential negative impacts of such measures such as increased costs and complexity for existing and future satellite systems.
- Focus on **limiting unauthorised earth station uplink operations**. OneWeb has the capability to switch off its terminals when entering a non-authorised area (other operators have this capability too!).



# Thank you!

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