

Current Legal Issues for Satellite Earth Observation in Europe - A Report from Vienna

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ABSTRACT:

Last April, the ISPRS, together with ESPI, the IISL and the IAA organised a conference on Current Legal Issues for Satellite Earth Observation at ESPI headquarters in Vienna. The conference addressed various European perspectives on those issues, focusing in particular on the potential of treaty monitoring and law enforcement using satellite earth observation, in areas such as environmental law and arms control, and privacy conflicts that might result from the potential of high resolution imaging. The paper will summarise the main findings and conclusions from the conference, hopefully allowing also non-European stakeholders in satellite earth observation to benefit from the discussions on the various developments going on in Europe in this respect.