

Sovereign strategic intelligence

Sample weekly report — TED/SIMAP public procurement and open-source context.

CAPABILITY DEMONSTRATION – PUBLIC DATA, ANONYMISED REPORT

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SPACE SIGNALS
RETAINED

3,648

NOTICES
FILTERED TED +
SIMAP + MOD +
EDF + NSPA

850 M

CHF SPACE
PROGRAMME
(2026-2038)

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DIRECTLY
RELEVANT
NATIONAL
SIGNALS

TRENDS — 4 WEEKS

Counter-space ▲ explicit return in TED — to read alongside the CSIS/SWF 2026 reports

IRIS² ▲ implementation agreement signed 07/08 — ramp-up towards 2029

Military space ▲ CHF 850 M in the 2026 national programme

SAR / observation ▲ visible state purchases (NO, EU)

UAS / HAPS ▲ air-space-surveillance convergence

Executive digest

Three things to retain this week:

The current situation gives particular relief to this week's signals. The space capability programme — CHF 850 million over twelve years, enshrined in the 2026 armed forces message — comes at the right moment to capture an accelerating European dynamic: the IRIS² dossier entered its full deployment phase on 7 August (implementation agreement signed, 348 satellites, first launches in 2029), while the counter-space market is structuring itself in Europe — the TED market research on ground-based systems against communication satellites is its clearest marker. Two national signals (ballistic test radar, counter-drone) confirm that the watch already covers the space-missile-protection chain.

- Counter-space: an explicit European need has formalised around ground-based systems against communication satellites — a structural trend documented by CSIS and the Secure World Foundation.
- National base: test radar (via TED) and counter-drone (SIMAP) — signals immediately useful to the capability chain.
- Immediate action: IRIS² — the legal and management support call closes on 29 September; the window to influence the upstream phases is now.

Opportunities and public markets

Five notices retained this week, ranked by importance.

● IMPORTANT 2026-09-07 · TED

Market Research for Ground-Based Counter-Space Systems Against Communication Satellites

Origin: TED defence and security, European (non-Swiss) issuer · Category: counter-space, communication satellites, space defence

WHY IT MATTERS

This notice marks growing visibility of European needs around the denial or neutralisation of communication-satellite capabilities. It is an early indicator of the structuring of the counter-space market outside the strictly American sphere — consistent with the findings of the CSIS Space Threat Assessment.

● IMPORTANT 2026-09-01 · TED

Measurement Radar for Ballistic Tests

Buyer: national armament authority · Origin: Switzerland, published via TED · Capability: test radar instrumentation, ballistic measurement, dual-use

WHY IT MATTERS

A national signal in the same capability family as the SIMAP case below: with the CHF 850 M of the 2026 programme, this type of notice foreshadows future purchases along the space-missile chain that warrant priority tracking.

● IMPORTANT PUBLISHED BEFORE 13/09 · TED

European Space Programme — Legal and Management Support for IRIS²

Origin: European space programme · Deadline: 29/09/2026 16:00 (CET) · Capability: governance and support for the secure IRIS² constellation

WHY IT MATTERS

IRIS² entered its full deployment phase on 7 August 2026 (Commission–SpaceRISE agreement). The legal and management support notices for this upstream phase are the most accessible entry point for actors seeking to position themselves on the programme.

● TO WATCH 2026-08-17 · TED

Procurement of Satellite-Based and Optical SAR

Buyer: maritime authority (Norway) · Capability: satellite SAR and optical imagery

WHY IT MATTERS

A visible, concrete purchase directly tied to multi-sensor observation — the service model that sovereign general concepts aim for in intelligence collection.

Swiss Canton Police Seeking Drone Detection and Defense Systems

Origin: SIMAP Switzerland · Capability: drone detection and defence

WHY IT MATTERS

A relevant signal for the sensor, alerting and sensitive-site protection panorama against drone threats — the low layer of the air-space continuum.

Strategic environment — open sources

Four public reference points, cross-checked this week, that frame the signals above.

Switzerland — CHF 850 M for military space (2026-2038)

The 2026 armed forces message sets out the first major investment of the Space General Concept: reducing dependence on foreign providers, a ground-station network shared with ESA and partners, sovereign capabilities in intelligence collection and telecommunications. This is the budget frame to which future national calls for tenders will attach.

Sources: RTS, May 2026 · DDPS — 2026 armed forces message

EU — IRIS² in full deployment

On 7 August 2026 the Commission and the SpaceRISE consortium signed the implementation agreement: a constellation of 348 satellites (330 LEO + 18 MEO), first launches targeted for 2029, full capacity around 2032. The schedule is accelerating — the upstream phases (governance, support, ground stations) are opening now.

Sources: European Commission, August 2026 · Reuters, 07/08/2026

Threats — the growth of counter-space capabilities is confirmed

The 2025-2026 editions of the reference reports document the continued expansion of jamming, spoofing and electronic-warfare means used on a large scale, and a generalisation of aggressive orbital proximity tests. The TED counter-space tender is therefore not an isolated case: it is the public emergence of a demand anticipated for three years.

Sources: CSIS — Space Threat Assessment 2026 · SWF — Global Counterspace Capabilities Report 2026

Regulation — the EU Space Act advances in Parliament

Proposed on 25 June 2025, the future single regulation (authorisations, cybersecurity of space operators, sustainability) is under review. Third countries associated with the EU space programme are watching closely: authorisation requirements will shape the market to which suppliers will be subject.

Source: European Commission — EU Space Act

Operational recommendations

- 1** Maintain priority tracking of counter-space, satellite communications, SAR, IRIS², test radars and counter-drone — and add the national budget triggers from the 2026 programme.
- 2** Prepare now a "future national space programme calls" profile: the first wave of SIMAP/TED notices is expected as the programme ramps up.
- 3** Systematically cross tenders with open sources (CSIS, SWF, Commission): the value of a technical notice lies in the doctrinal trend it illustrates.