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Rheinmetall ICEYE Space Solutions Unites Germany's NewSpace Capabilities for Sovereign Reconnaissance from Space

Berlin, 10 June 2026 - Rheinmetall and ICEYE are establishing new space-based reconnaissance capabilities for Germany through their joint venture, Rheinmetall ICEYE Space Solutions GmbH. Initial partners are the leading German NewSpace companies Reflex Aerospace, OroraTech, ConstellR and LiveEO.

Modern conflicts are decided by how quickly critical data becomes available.

Space-based reconnaissance, AI-enabled processing and rapid target acquisition are no longer future capabilities – they define operational reality today.

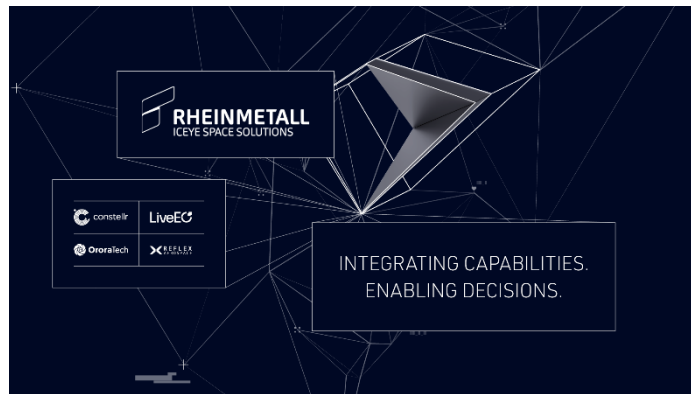
Strategic autonomy in space has become an immediate operational requirement: the ability to collect, process and act on sovereign intelligence independently and at scale is a prerequisite for credible and cutting-edge defence.

“The challenge is not access to data, but connecting existing capabilities in a way that enables operational decision-making across domains. Germany already has the technological building blocks for sovereign space-based reconnaissance. Rheinmetall ICEYE Space Solutions integrates them into a single operational architecture,” said Armin Papperger, CEO of Rheinmetall.

“Europe's security depends on what Europe can see. We have already proven that a sovereign space system can be operational within twelve months. Now Rheinmetall ICEYE Space Solutions builds on this foundation by connecting Germany's leading NewSpace capabilities in an open architecture. This is how Europe creates true strategic autonomy from space,” said Rafał Modrzewski, Co-Founder and CEO of ICEYE.

Rheinmetall ICEYE Space Solutions integrates, for the first time, key capabilities of the German NewSpace and defence ecosystem into a unified, end-to-end architecture for space-based Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR).

This partnership therefore unlocks a unique multi-modal Earth observation capability today. Rheinmetall ICEYE Space Solutions acts as a catalyst for the German space innovation ecosystem, transforming state-of-the-art capabilities



► Key facts

- Developing a self-sufficient space reconnaissance capability: Establishing an independent reconnaissance capability to strengthen Germany's defence
- A strong New Space alliance: Integrating leading German technology companies into a joint operational architecture
- Faster decision-making: Speeding up processes through AI-supported data processing and integrating existing capabilities

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into a functioning, integrated system. By integrating sensors, analytics, command support and operational effects across the domains of space, air, land, sea and cyber, space-based reconnaissance is made usable where decisions are taken.

The approach deliberately follows an open architecture. The objective is not to create isolated entities, but to build an open, resilient, expandable and long-term sovereign ISR platform. The partnership lays the foundation for scalable, long-term security and defence capabilities in Germany and Europe.

Further information on Rheinmetall ICEYE Space Solutions GmbH can be found here (press release from November 2025 on the establishment of the joint venture):

<https://www.rheinmetall.com/en/media/news-watch/news/2025/11/2025-11-07-space-based-reconnaissance-from-the-lower-rhine-region>