



# SPACE CYBERSECURITY WEEKLY WATCH

Week 32

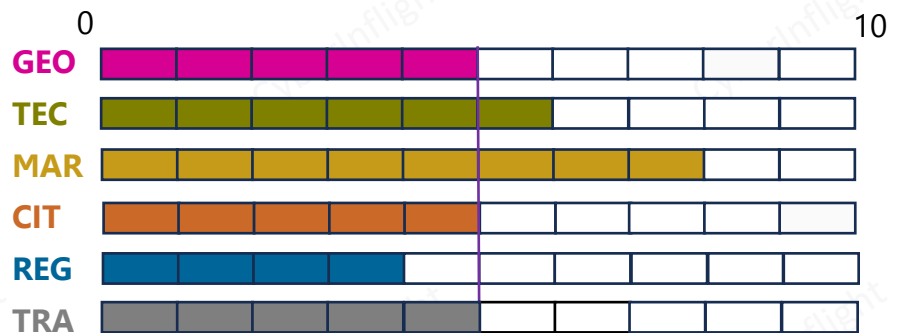
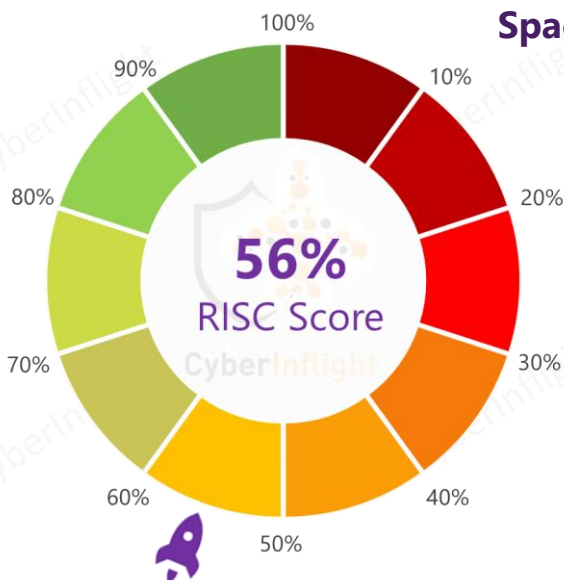
August 6 – 12, 2024

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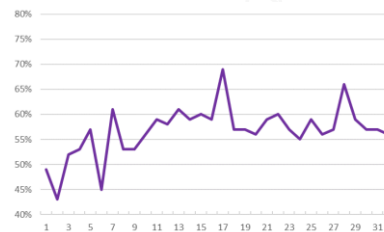
Articles, company's communications, whitepapers, academic works, podcast, and sources not to be missed on the topic of space cybersecurity over a specified timeframe.

- **GEOPOLITICS**
- **TECHNOLOGY**
- **MARKET INTELLIGENCE**
- **THREAT INTELLIGENCE**
- **REGULATION**
- **TRAINING & EDUCATION**
- ★ **IMPORTANT NEWS**

## Overview & Resilience Index for Space Cybersecurity (RISC)



### RISC Score Evolution



After struggling to recover since the drop from W18 and finally rising on W28, the RISC score (the tool used to assess cybersecurity resilience in space) drops this week.

↓ A decrease of 1 percentage point from last week (from 57% to 56%)

This week's RISC score is 56%. On the geopolitical front, plans for a network of radars tracking deep space activity to help protect the UK from 'space warfare' are to go ahead in Pembrokeshire. The 27 radar dishes planned for the St Davids peninsula are part of a network planned around the globe. On the technological side, A team of researchers has developed a technology capable of storing information within a cloud of atoms, together with society Infleqtion, researchers from NASA's Glenn Research Center in Cleveland they produced the first quantum memory of the Star and Striped Space Agency. On the market front, General Atomics Electromagnetic Systems (GA-EMS) has revealed that the US Space Force Space Systems Command has awarded the company Phase 1 of the Enterprise Space Terminal (EST) program. On the threat Intel part, The Iran army has opened a state-of-the-art electronic warfare center in the East of Iran equipped with a defense system. On the regulatory front, while EU member states must introduce the Network and Information Systems Directive 2022 (NIS2) into their national law by October 2024, not all appear ready to meet this deadline. This directive imposes ten security measures intended to strengthen the cyber resilience of critical infrastructure, including business continuity management, cyber risk management, supply chain security, and training and education. Lastly, to learn about the threat of jamming and spoofing to commercial and civilian applications and the technologies and techniques available to mitigate the impact of attacks

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## GEOPOLITICS



### Deep space radar site in Wales to go ahead to protect UK from 'space warfare'

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**Link:** <https://www.theguardian.com/politics/article/2024/aug/08/plans-deep-space-radar-site-wales-go-ahead>

## TECHNOLOGY



### Quantum memory, NASA invests in space communications security

A team of researchers has developed a technology capable of storing information within a cloud of atoms. Together with society Inflation, researchers from NASA's Glenn Research Center in Cleveland they produced the first quantum memory of the Star and Striped Space Agency. This technology is NASA's first step towards creating a large-scale quantum network that can lead to safer spatial communications and possibly new scientific discoveries.

#NASA #QuantumMemory

**Link:** <https://www.spaceconomy360.it/telecomunicazioni-satellitari/quantum-memory-la-nasa-investe-sulla-sicurezza-delle-comunicazioni-spaziali/>





# MARKET & COMPETITION

## US Space Force awards \$100 million contract for Phase 1 of the Enterprise Space Terminal program

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## US DoD issues request for proposal for ultra-secure long range communications

The DoD has issued a request for proposal (RFP) to study the feasibility of developing a quantum-secure network for the US DoD. This network is designed to provide ultra-secure, long-range communications for DoD operations. The RFP is for a study that will evaluate the technical, operational, and programmatic aspects of such a network. The study will also identify the key challenges and opportunities associated with the development and deployment of such a network.

[US DoD issues request for proposal for ultra-secure long range communications](#)

## China will launch first satellite of constellation to rival Starlink

China is set to launch its first satellite in a constellation designed to rival Starlink. The satellite is part of the OneWeb constellation, which is a global satellite constellation designed to provide high-speed internet access to remote areas. The launch is expected to take place in the next few weeks. This launch is a significant step in China's efforts to develop its own satellite constellation and compete with Starlink in the global market.

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#GeneralAtomics #USSF

**Link:** <https://news.satnews.com/2024/08/06/general-atomics-awarded-ussf-contract-for-phase-1-of-the-enterprise-space-terminal-program/>

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# THREAT INTELLIGENCE



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**Link:** <https://en.mehrnews.com/news/219085/iran-army-inaugurates-radar-jamming-center>

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# REGULATION



## NIS2 directive in the EU: an imminent deadline, insufficient preparation

While EU member states must introduce the Network and Information Systems Directive 2022 (NIS2) into their national law by October 2024, not all appear ready to meet this deadline. This directive imposes ten security measures intended to strengthen the cyber resilience of critical infrastructure, including business continuity management, cyber risk management, supply chain security, and training and education. Some European countries have already transposed the text, but others announced they will implement this directive at the beginning of 2025. Germany, for its part, will very unlikely meet the deadline. These variations have left many organizations struggling to understand the directive and its various implementations across the EU. **#NIS2 #EU**



**Link:** <https://www.itsecurityguru.org/2024/08/08/nis2-directive-in-the-eu-an-imminent-deadline-insufficient-preparation/>



# TRAINING & EDUCATION



## Safeguarding GNSS: combatting jamming and spoofing

Join Spirent's free webinar on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August, 3:30pm EDT, to learn about the threat of jamming and spoofing to commercial and civilian applications and the technologies and techniques available to mitigate the impact of attacks. Spirent Director, PNT Simulation, Ajay Vemuru will present this webinar. **#Webinar #GNSS**

**Link:** <https://www.spirent.com/events/safeguarding-gnss-combatting-jamming-and-spoofing>

