



HEUKING – YOUR LEGAL PARTNER IN SPACE

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Legally Sharp.
Internationally Connected.

About us

With about 450 specialized lawyers, tax advisors, and notaries in eight offices all across Germany, HEUKING is one of Germany's leading full-service law firms with a dedicated focus on the NewSpace and SpaceTech sectors.

Our experienced team offers legal counsel on space-related investments, projects, technologies, and both national and international space law. We advise a broad range of clients – from startups and established private companies to venture capital investors, financiers, and public or institutional stakeholders – all of whom benefit from our unique combination of legal precision and in-depth sector expertise.

We understand the technical, regulatory, and strategic challenges of the sector and deliver clear, commercially oriented legal solutions.



Our Expertise Includes

Public Procurement, State Aid & EU Space Contracts

Legal support for space infrastructure and services contracts, including satellite constellations, launch missions, and ground systems. Strategic advice on tendering procedures, contract awards, and compliance with the EU Space Program, Financial Regulation, and national procurement rules.

IP, Licensing & Technology Structuring

Protection and commercialization of payload systems, satellite software, and propulsion technologies. Structuring of IP ownership, licensing, and know-how agreements across multilateral space projects.

Cybersecurity, Data Protection & Telecom Law

Advising on secure space-based data systems, satellite communications infrastructure, and compliance with GDPR, NIS2, and ITU regulations. Legal support for resilient and encrypted ground segment operations.

M&A, Venture Capital & Financing Solutions

Legal counsel for investments in launch startups, satellite analytics companies, propulsion tech, and Earth observation ventures. Experience with tokenized financing, project finance, and capital markets for orbital systems.

Collaboration Models & Joint Ventures

Advising on teaming agreements and industrial partnerships involving satellite manufacturers, launch providers, and spaceport operators. Structuring JVs and PPPs aligned with IP, data, and regulatory priorities.

Export Control, Sanctions & Foreign Trade Compliance

Cross-border legal support for launch components, dual-use payloads, and telemetry systems. Export control due diligence, BAFA representation, and coordination with international partners for ITAR/EAR compliance. Advising on EU, U.S., and international sanctions regimes impacting satellite and launch operations.

Satellite Manufacturing, Launch & Ground Infrastructure

Legal support for full satellite lifecycle: from design and manufacturing contracts to launch services and deployment. Advising on ground segment operations, uplink/downlink licensing, and mission operations.

Space Law & Regulatory Strategy

Up-to-date legal guidance on evolving German and EU space law. Monitoring legislative trends on space traffic management, deorbiting standards, and orbital sustainability.

Sustainability, Critical Infrastructure & Debris Mitigation

Legal frameworks for mission resilience, sustainable satellite operations, and compliance with space debris mitigation policies (ESA, UN COPUOS). Strategic support for clients managing critical space infrastructure.

**Your Mission is Complex.
Our Advice is Clear.**

Selected NewSpace and SpaceTech Credentials

HEUKING lawyers have been advising on the following matters, among others:

Space & NewSpace Projects

- Supporting the operator of the largest private European Satellite Constellation with regard to telecommunication and compliance aspects.
- Supporting the European GNSS Agency (GSA) on Galileo and EGNOS operations, with focus on procurement, regulatory compliance, and access to the space segment under the EU Space Program.
- Guiding the European Commission through regulatory and contractual issues tied to satellite communications and access to orbital infrastructure.
- Structuring and overseeing the full procurement lifecycle for the SeRANIS satellite mission at Universität der Bundeswehr München, including ground systems and interdependent contracts.
- Advising major international satellite operators on licensing frameworks, contract strategy, and cross-border regulatory navigation.
- Delivering strategic legal support to a German federal agency in the design and implementation of a complex EU-wide procurement for secure IT and telecom systems in a space-critical context.

Procurement & High-Tech Contracts

- Advising the European Commission on compliance with the Financial Regulation for major grant-funded projects in strategic sectors.
- Supporting public sector clients on procurement design, contract strategy, and regulatory frameworks under EU law.
- Assisting Universität der Bundeswehr München with procurement and contract structuring for research collaborations in the space sector.

Export Control & Sanctions

- Guiding a German defense tech company on dual-use classification, UAV export compliance, and jurisdictional licensing strategies.
- Advising a German systems provider on ITAR, EAR, and EU dual-use regulations for space and security applications.
- Advising German defense manufacturer on the export and delivery of main battle tanks to Greece, ensuring full compliance with EU and international export control frameworks.

Mergers & Acquisitions

- Supporting non-EU investors in acquiring companies active in dual-use, AI, robotics, and space-adjacent technologies, navigating security reviews and regulatory clearance.
- Supporting transaction planning and compliance for cross-border investments in satellite and upstream space technologies.
- Advising private Investors in financing rounds of a high number of German Space start-ups and scale-ups, inter alia in the biggest European Space financing rounds.
- Advising Space start-ups in the structuring and execution of financing rounds.
- Advising Space start-ups and established Space companies on employee equity and participation programs.

Cybersecurity & Compliance

- Conducting a legal study for the German Federal Office for Information Security (BSI) mapping relevant actors in Germany's cybersecurity architecture.
- Advising an EU public institution on the implementation of complex cybersecurity frameworks for critical infrastructure.
- Advising a German government entity on compliance with EU and German regulations for critical infrastructure, focusing on cybersecurity, data protection, and operational risk management.

Space Laws & Policies

- Advising political mandate holders on the developments in European Space law and German regulatory initiatives.
- Advising an international dedicated VC fund on expected European and German requirements relating to space debris mitigation.
- Supporting a German start-up in the satellite industry regarding sustainability requirements and development potential.
- Guiding a German start-up in the Earth Observation (EOB) sector on evolving sustainability regulations.
- Comparing EU and UK compliance developments for a U.S. Space VC fund active in cross-border investments.



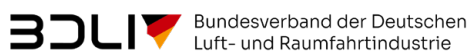
International Reach – Local Excellence

HEUKING is strongly connected across borders. Through long-standing and trusted relationships with leading independent law firms worldwide, we offer our clients seamless access to first-class legal expertise across all major jurisdictions.

Whether advising on cross-border transactions, multinational regulatory matters, or complex international disputes, we work as one team with our partner firms abroad to ensure coordinated, efficient, and pragmatic solutions.



Whether you are advancing satellite constellations, structuring cross-border space ventures, or navigating export control and procurement in the NewSpace economy – **HEUKING is your trusted legal advisor.**



Further information
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**Contact us to learn how we can support your next mission –
from Earth to orbit and beyond.**

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