SPACE CYBERSECURITY WEEKLY WATCH

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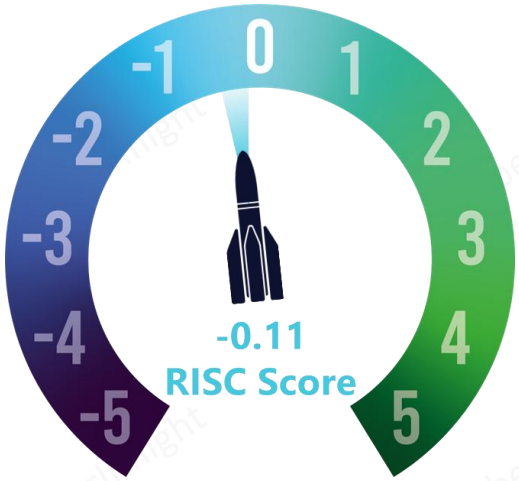
January 20 – 26, 2026

Timeframe: Weekly
of articles identified: 36
Est. time to read: 75 minutes

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

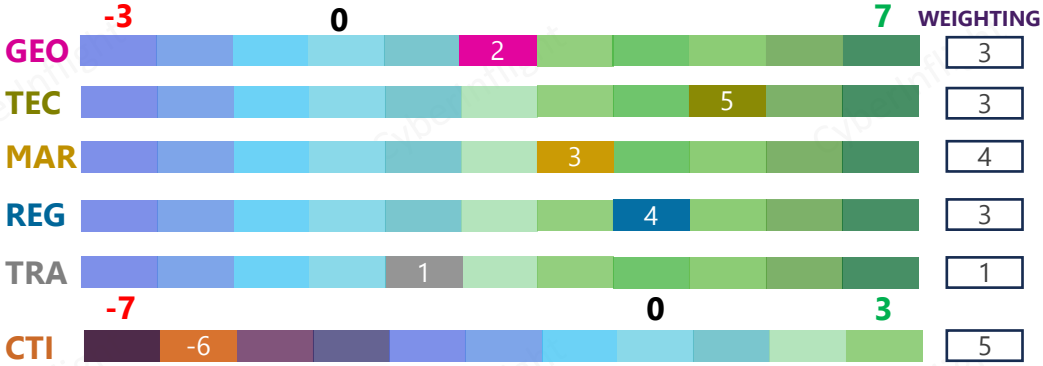
- GEOPOLITICS
- TECHNOLOGY
- MARKET & COMPETITION
- REGULATION
- TRAINING & EDUCATION
- THREAT INTELLIGENCE
- IMPORTANT NEWS

RISC Score Assessment



The RISC score for this watch is -0.11, up from last week, notably because of a better score in Technology and Regulation. Overall, however, it remains low because of a disturbed threat climate.

Overview & Resilience Index for Space Cybersecurity (RISC)



RISC Score changes in 2026

In 2026, CyberInflight updated its methodology for calculating the RISC Score to better reflect observed realities. The scoring ranges for some categories were adjusted, as these were rarely assessed negatively and more often show moderate to high positive signals. The weighting of Technology was also increased. This change enables the RISC Score to more accurately capture meaningful variations in the risk environment.

On the geopolitical front, this week, the **21st edition of the Global Risks Report 2026**, published annually by the World Economic Forum, is out. The report analyses global risks, including cyber risks, through 3 timeframes to support decision-makers in balancing current crises and longer-term priorities. On the regulatory side, **the European Commission has proposed a new cybersecurity package to further strengthen the EU's cybersecurity resilience and capabilities. The Proposal for a revised Cybersecurity Act is part of this package**. It aims to increase cybersecurity capabilities and resilience and prevent fragmentation across the EU digital single market. It also seeks to enhance the security of the EU's Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) supply chains, facilitate compliance with existing EU cybersecurity rules, and reinforce the EU Agency for Cybersecurity (ENISA) in its support for Member States and the EU in managing cybersecurity threats. On the technological front, the U.S. Space Force's Space Systems Command (SSC) and Combat Forces Command (CFC) confirmed the **upcoming launch of the ninth Global Positioning System (GPS) III satellite**. Meanwhile, in the threat intel category, Gen. B. Chance Saltzman, chief of Space Force operations, sounds an **alarm over Chinese and Russian space assets in an interview tackling threats in orbit**. On the market front, **Decent Cybersecurity s.r.o. has formally launched a new research and development project** focused on secure communications for space applications, with a total project volume exceeding €4m. The project is funded under the Program Slovensko 2021–2027 and co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund. Lastly, a **roundtable on the cybersecurity and resilience of satellite systems** was hosted by the Embassy of the Czech Republic.

GEOPOLITICS

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Global Risks Report 2026

The Global Risks Report 2026, the 21st edition of this annual report, marks the second half of a turbulent decade. The report analyses global risks, including cyber risks, through 3 timeframes to support decision-makers in balancing current crises and longer-term priorities. **#WEF #CyberRisks**

Sources: World Economic Forum, Report WEForum

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REGULATION

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Proposal for a regulation for the EU Cybersecurity Act

The European Commission has proposed a new cybersecurity package to further strengthen the EU's cybersecurity resilience and capabilities. The Proposal for a revised Cybersecurity Act is part of this package. It aims to increase cybersecurity capabilities and resilience and prevent fragmentation across the EU digital single market. It also seeks to enhance the security of the EU's Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) supply chains, facilitate compliance with existing EU cybersecurity rules, and reinforce the EU Agency for Cybersecurity (ENISA) in supporting Member States and the EU in managing cybersecurity threats. **#EUCybersecurityAct #SupplyChainSecurity**

Sources: The Cyber Express, European Commission , European Commission, Covington

REGULATION

TECHNOLOGY

TECHNOLOGY

U.S. Space Force Field Commands prepare upcoming GPS III launch to enhance warfighter capabilities

In an announcement from El Segundo and Colorado Springs, the U.S. Space Force's Space Systems Command (SSC) and Combat Forces Command (CFC) confirmed the upcoming launch of the ninth Global Positioning System (GPS) III satellite. **#GPSIII #USSF**

Source: satnews

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THREAT INTELLIGENCE

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‘There are threats in orbit’: Space Force chief sounds alarm over Chinese, Russian space assets

The head of the U.S. Space Force says his job is to “think about worst-case scenarios” when it comes to potential threats in space, whether they are Russian “nesting doll” satellites or Chinese “grappling arm” tactics that could suddenly become weaponized. “We used to say there are emerging threats. I don’t say that anymore. There are threats in orbit,” Gen. B. Chance Saltzman, chief of Space Force operations, said in an exclusive video interview with Threat Status at The Washington Times. **#USSF #SpaceThreats**

Source: The Washington Times

MARKET & COMPETITION

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Decent Cybersecurity secures over €4m EU-funded project for secure space communications research

Decent Cybersecurity s.r.o. has formally launched a new research and development project focused on secure communications for space applications, with a total project volume exceeding €4m. The project is funded under Program Slovensko 2021–2027 and co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund. **#EU #DecentCybersecurity**

Source: Decent Cybersecurity

TRAINING & EDUCATION

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Dr. Scott Pace invited to a strategic roundtable on cybersecurity and resilience of satellite systems, hosted by the Czech Embassy

On January 12, 2026, Dr.Scott Pace joined a roundtable focused on the cybersecurity and resilience of satellite systems – a critical issue at the intersection of space, security, and international cooperation. The event was hosted by the Embassy of the Czech Republic. **#StrategicRoundtable #CzechEmbassy**

Source: Space Policy Institute