

Press release

SSC Space partners with NorthBase in Finland to expand its global ground station network

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The partnership enables the integration of the Muonio ground station in Finland into the global ground station network of SSC Space, strengthening coverage and capacity for satellite operations worldwide.

SSC Space, a leading global provider of advanced space services in ground segment, mission operations, science and launch, and NorthBase, a Finnish ground station operator, have entered a partnership aimed at expanding the SSC Space global ground station network.

The collaboration focuses on incorporating NorthBase's Muonio ground station site at 68N in Finnish Lapland as a partner site within SSC Space's network, enhancing service availability for both current and future satellite missions.

"The partnership supports our ambition to continuously strengthen our global ground station network through strategic collaborations. By working with NorthBase, we can extend our coverage further in the Nordic region and offer additional capacity to customers worldwide.

At the same time, it is an important step in deepening Swedish-Finnish cooperation and strengthening Nordic space capabilities in a security context. In today's environment, where space is increasingly driven by defense and resilience needs, this type of collaboration becomes even more relevant," said Carl-Johan Linér, Interim President, Business Area Connect, SSC Space.

The addition of Muonio as a partner site is expected to provide increased flexibility for satellite operators, including opportunities to host antennas and utilize available capacity at the site. The collaboration also lays the foundation for future commercial agreements supporting a wide range of missions and customer needs.

The cooperation reflects the growing demand for resilient and scalable ground segment infrastructure as the number of satellite missions continues to increase globally. By combining their respective capabilities, SSC Space and NorthBase aim to support both commercial and institutional customers with reliable and efficient services.

"Working with SSC Space allows us to connect our infrastructure to their strong global network and broaden access to our capabilities. This collaboration creates new opportunities to support satellite missions with enhanced coverage and operational flexibility in the Nordic, European as well as global context," said Dr. Tech. Tommi Rasila, Founder and CEO of NorthBase.

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About SSC Space

SSC Space is a leading global provider of advanced space services, with more than 50 years of experience. We help space organizations, research institutes, commercial and institutional actors from all over the world to get access to space. With local presence on all continents and about 750 committed employees, we offer specialist expertise in satellite communications and satellite control services, spacecraft operations, rocket and balloon systems, launch services and flight test services, as well as engineering, operations and consultancy services for space missions. We enable successful space projects within Earth observation, telecommunications, security, meteorology, navigation and positioning, scientific research and other applications. Among our strongest assets are Esrange Space Center in northern Sweden, set out to be a leading provider of satellite launch services from mainland Europe, as well as one of the world's largest commercial ground station networks for satellite communications. For more information, visit www.sscspace.com.

About NorthBase

NorthBase is a privately owned Finnish company providing Ground Station as a Service (GSaaS), dedicated antennas, antenna hosting, and associated security consulting. Finland offers an ideal environment for satellite operations, combining high latitude locations — particularly advantageous for polar orbit LEO missions — with globally recognized strengths in technology, security, transparency, and political stability. We operate sites in southern Finland at 61°N and in Finnish Lapland at 68°N, enabling flexible support for a wide range of satellite missions. These locations offer exceptional connectivity, robust security, and reliable access to frequent polar orbit passes. For more information, visit www.northbase.fi.