



About Us

Aurora is an independent space consultancy and services provider combining experience and innovation

Earth observation, telecommunications, navigation constellations, interplanetary and astronomical missions, manned space missions, facility management, education & communication

We have been supporting a large array of missions since 1995.



Our Business

is driven by customer satisfaction and our employees' happiness



Our formula for Success

is to encourage Aurora employees to reach their full professional potential, consequently ensuring our customers achieve their best results



Our Mission

is to make the dream of Space real with our passion and applied knowledge

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Our Group's shared Vision

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We help Earth benefit from Space



Worldwide



Aurora's Values

A set of common characteristics, core beliefs, and moral codes, to support and guide us in our day-to-day actions and decisions



Knowledge & Competence

Knowledge is what you know. Competence is knowledge put into action. At Aurora, we take care of both of them by committing to the continuous development of our employees. Training and challenging work offer the perfect combination to reach your full professional potential and achieve your personal career goals.



Proactiveness

Taking active responsibility for our business and anticipating rather than waiting. We are all encouraged to actively take part and demonstrate this value on a regular basis. We want to solve problems before they happen...it's a kind of magic :)



Passion

Well, this is easy because we simply love what we do! Of course, change to maintain passion is also very important as part of your career growth.



Honesty, Trust, Respect

Ethical principles are leading our actions. Integrity, truthfulness, and openness are characterising our business relationships. Respect is what we provide to and receive from our customers and our employees.



Freedom



granting our employees the freedom to move within the space industry without any constraints. We like to foster a happy and motivated workforce!

Because... "The future belongs to those who believe in their dreams." - Eleanor Roosevelt



Diversity & Inclusivity

Diversity and inclusivity are key requirements for the success of our business, in a professional as well as a social context. With our international working environment of 25+ nationalities, we strongly believe that all of the different cultures enhance our company, bringing to it a cultural richness and dynamic that is unique! Everybody is welcome in Aurora!



Responsibility & Sustainability

At the SSC Group, we help Earth benefit from Space. We strive for a long-term sustainable development for the benefit of our customers, society, environment, and our employees. As a serious and responsible corporation, SSC Group maintain a high quality and ethical standard in all its undertakings.

Our story

○ 1995

Aurora is founded

The history of Aurora Technology starts in 1995 with our Managing Director and company founder, Alex Jeanes. Based on his experience in supporting both ESTEC and ESOC working on the ISO satellite Telecommunication Systems, XMM-Newton requirements and verifications, and INTEGRAL science mission planning system, Aurora Technology started supporting the Space Science Directorate at ESTEC.

First employees hired were Kevin Galloway working as engineer

They are still Aurora employees!

The business model was to supplying engineering and software consultancy services.

2002

Delivering quality instead of quantity

In the years, the company stably growth contributing to the success of several ESA missions.

Due to Alex's familiarity in Space Science, he mainly recruited Scientists – at that time working in ESTEC. Aurora had a competitive advantage as they started to establish themselves, being more focussed on delivering quality instead of quantity, also having a low overhead, which was attractive for the customer.

2008

Aurora and LSE join forces

When in 2006 a large part of the Science Directorate moved to ESAC in Spain, Alex decided to focus on working full time in Aurora management, giving up his technical role. At that time, there were approximately a stable number of 15 people in the company.

It started to become clear that ESA preferred doing business with bigger companies and in 2008 there was a first collaboration with LSE GmbH to compete for the frame contract. LSE GmbH was bought few years before (in 2004) by SSC - Swedish Space Corporation. They had heard of Aurora's good reputation and approached Alex to join forces. This resulted in Aurora becoming Prime in EOP and winning 10 extra manpower, a huge success and instant growth! Aurora at this time enjoyed a very good reputation and a name for being responsive, fast and professional for both the client and employees working onsite

2010

Aurora enters in the SSC Group

After the numerous successful collaborations with LSE GmbH – Alex sold the company to them in 2010. He explained that selling your company is much easier when you don't need to market or promote to potential buyers. Alex stayed as Managing Director of Aurora, which became a subsidiary of SSC.

Let's focus on business development

Aurora is now a company of about 36 people. Since Aurora was founded, Alex had recruited and hired everyone in the company but - after approximately 20 years - it was time to handover such role.

Davide Starnone was then hired as a Business Manager. He joined in November 2015 bringing to Aurora the right mix of engineering technical skills and managerial experience. Davide suddenly demonstrated to be successful in growing the business of the company.

2017

Embracing a new business strategy

In the beginning - when Aurora was founded - it was more about maintaining a steady growth and keeping the company's good reputation that was really the aim. However, as time has passed new developments within ESA have also resulted in new strategies for Aurora. Although its historically a strong link to ESA SCI and EOP domains – it became clear that to grow, Aurora would have to penetrate other domains within ESA and for that the company teamed up with ATG Europe and Telespazio Belgium, embracing a new business strategy for the EFC2 bidding process. This concretized in successfully winning the new ESA EFC2 Frame contract as Prime in 5 activity domains and subcontractor in all the other 20 domains. Being part of a consortia that has access to all domains in ESA has resulted in an exponential growth for Aurora – practically tripling the company size in less than 4 years.

2020

Becoming a key partner for ESA

Aurora continues to grow reaching about 80 employees at the end of 2019.

Aurora's performances are the outcome of a clear strategy which is positioning ourselves even more as a strategic key partner for our client – the European Space Agency – to whom we offer a service ready to meet the most demanding engineering and scientific goals.

To keep on, this incredible growth needs continuous consolidation through new processes, innovative solutions and internal reorganization activity. Up to now the structure has

overall increment of employees and the widened domain areas. On 17th of November 2020, the shareholders meeting appointed Davide Starnone as Managing Director for Aurora Technology, which will lead the company together with Alex.

2022

More than 100!


In partnership with RHEA, Aurora successfully won the bid at ESAC in mid-2021, reaching the size of 115+ employees and managing also subcontracting companies in both ESTEC and ESAC. Company's Revenue is now of about 15 M€. ESA announce that EFC2 contract has been extended until end of 2024, giving Aurora a clear target for the future to develop an effective strategy for the EFC3. We look to the future with commitment, passion, and competence to keep the Company as an excellence in the Space market.

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- Let's shape the future together while enjoying the journey!

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