



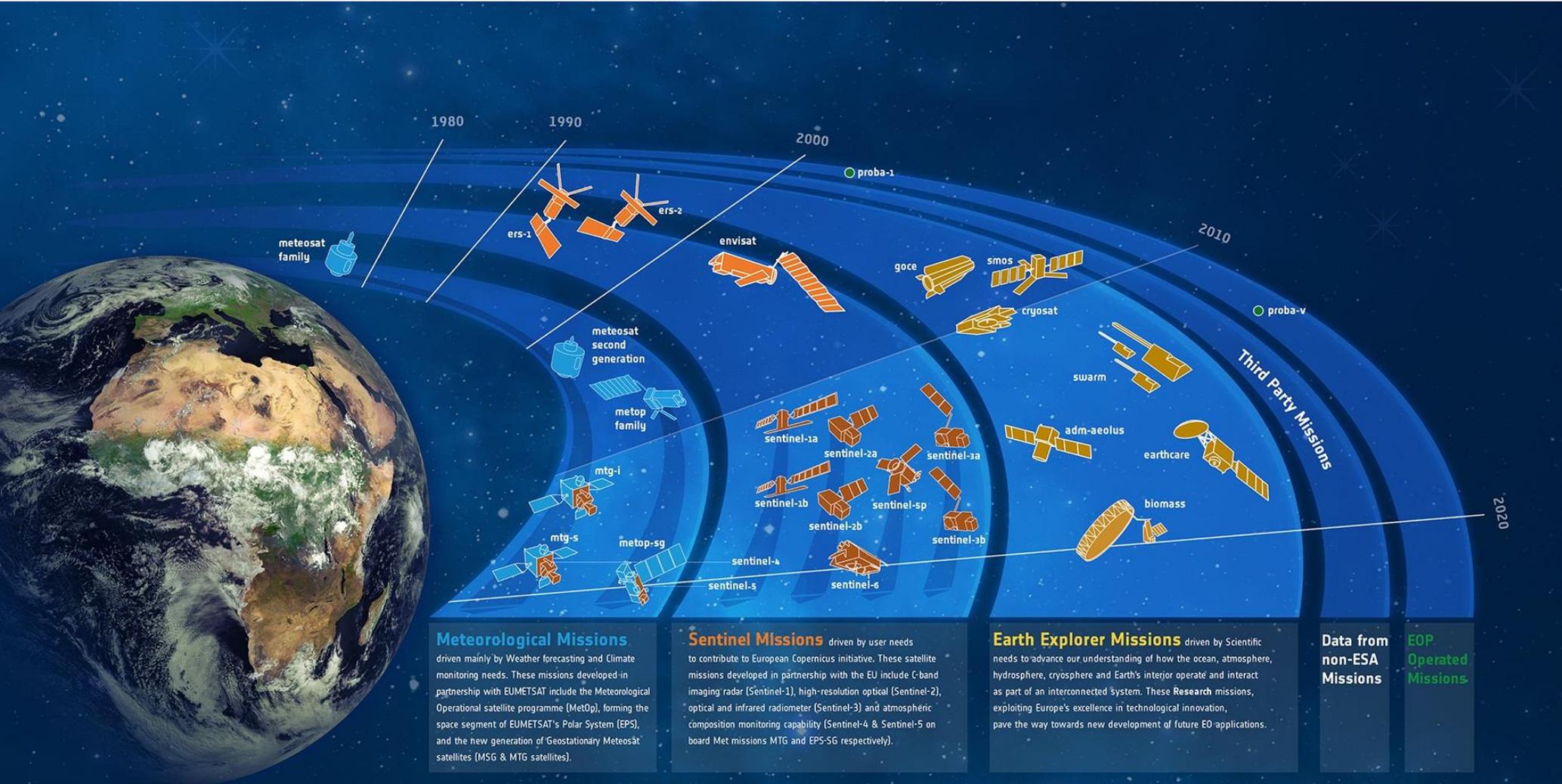
# **The Copernicus Space Component An operational long-term European Earth Observation system**

Prague, 12 May 2015, 4<sup>th</sup> Copernicus National User Forum

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# ESA Earth Observation Programmes



# The Beginnings of Earth Observation



Civil EO goes back to 1972 (Landsat-1)

Shortcomings of the first decades:

- Typically one-off satellites
- Difficult and costly data access
- Dominated by governmental needs
- Very little use by commercial entities or the general public



# The Dawn of Copernicus



At around 2000, Europe took stock of the situation and reflected a way forward

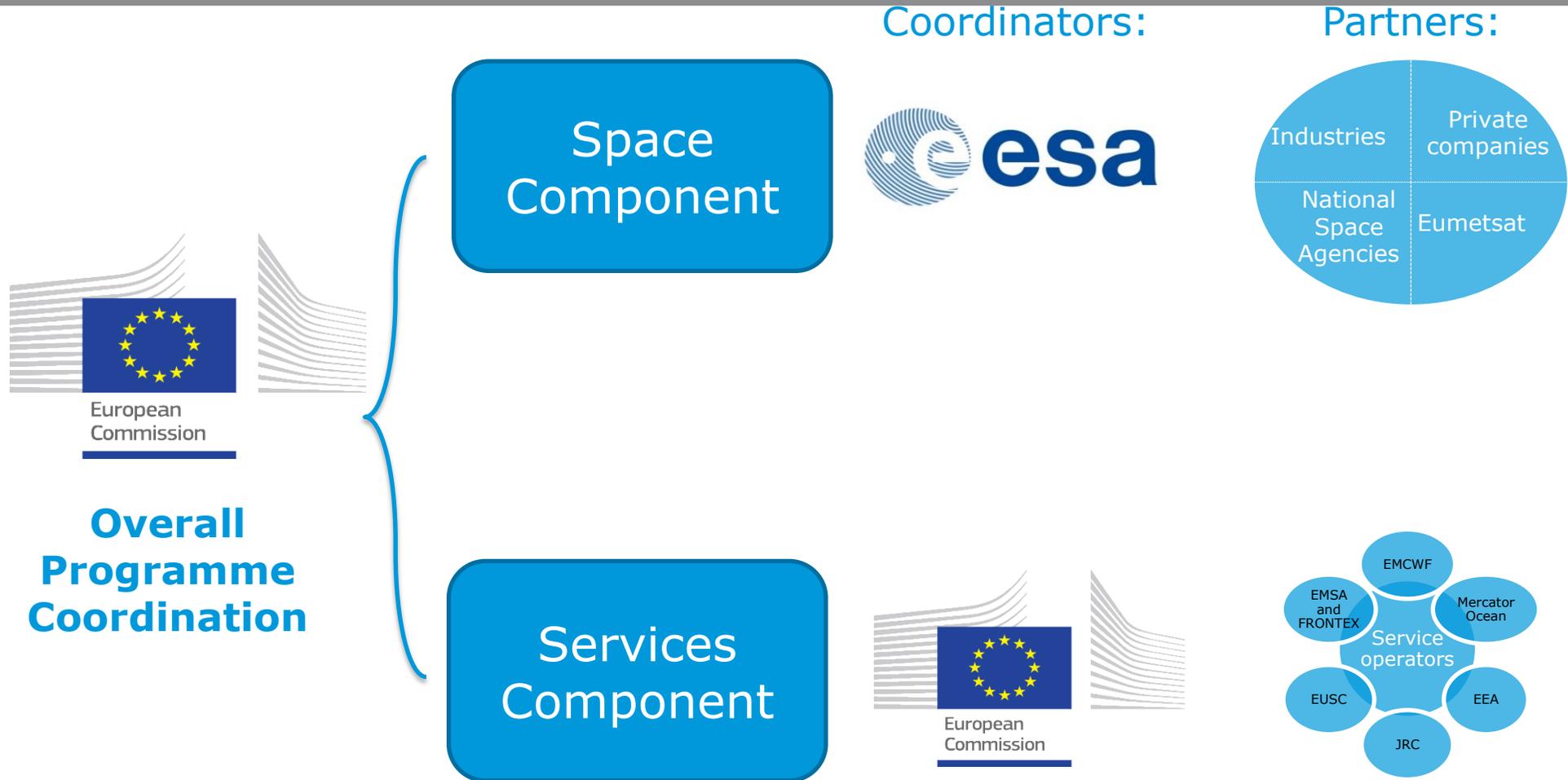
Need for a new approach

GMES as a conceptual vision  
(1998 Baveno manifesto)

16 years passed between conceptual vision  
and launch of the first satellite (Sentinel-1A)

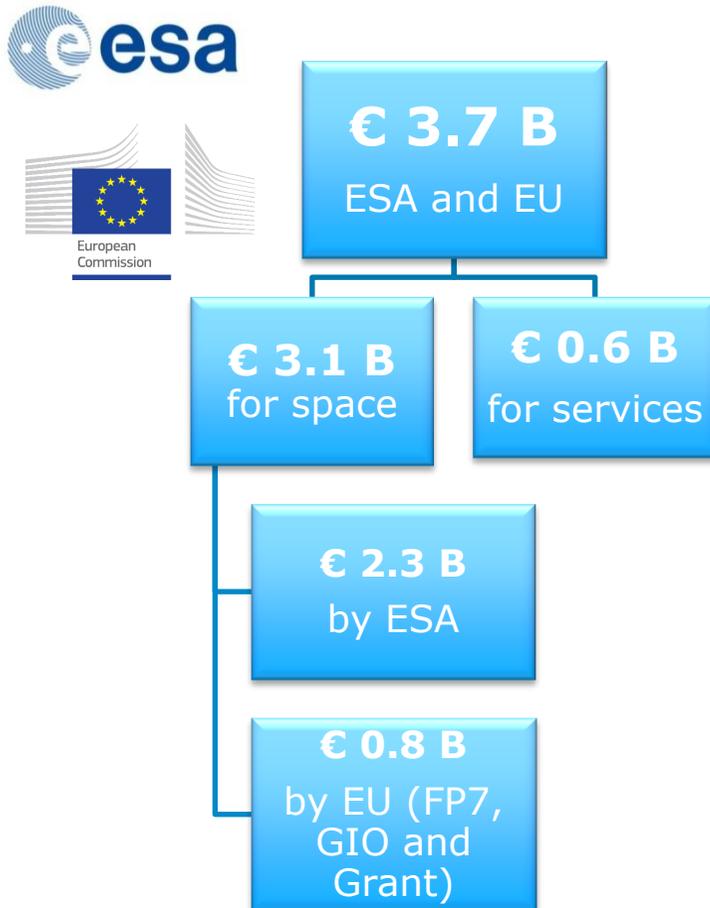


# Components & Competences

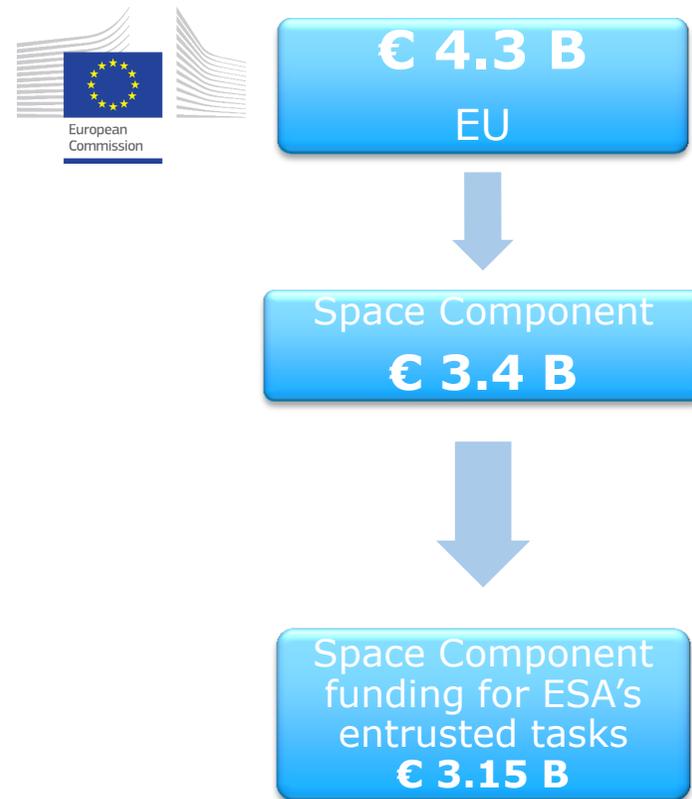


**In-situ data are supporting the Space and Services Components**

## Funding for **Development** Phase (c.e.c.):



## Funding for **Operational** Phase & Recurrent Units as from 2014 (c.e.c.):



Funding for in-situ measurements and potential contributions by H2020 "Space" not included

# The Sentinel Family



## The world's most comprehensive suite of EO missions

- S1: Radar Mission
- S2: High Resolution Optical Mission
- S3: Medium Resolution Imaging and Altimetry Mission
- S4: GEO Atmospheric Chemistry Mission
- S5P/S5: LEO Atmospheric Chemistry Missions
- S6/Jason-CS: Altimetry Mission



# ... with a long-term operational perspective



Qualification Acceptance Review (QAR)  
 Flight Acceptance Review (FAR) or PreStorage Review (PSR)
  On-ground Storage
  Tentative launch date
  In-orbit Commissioning

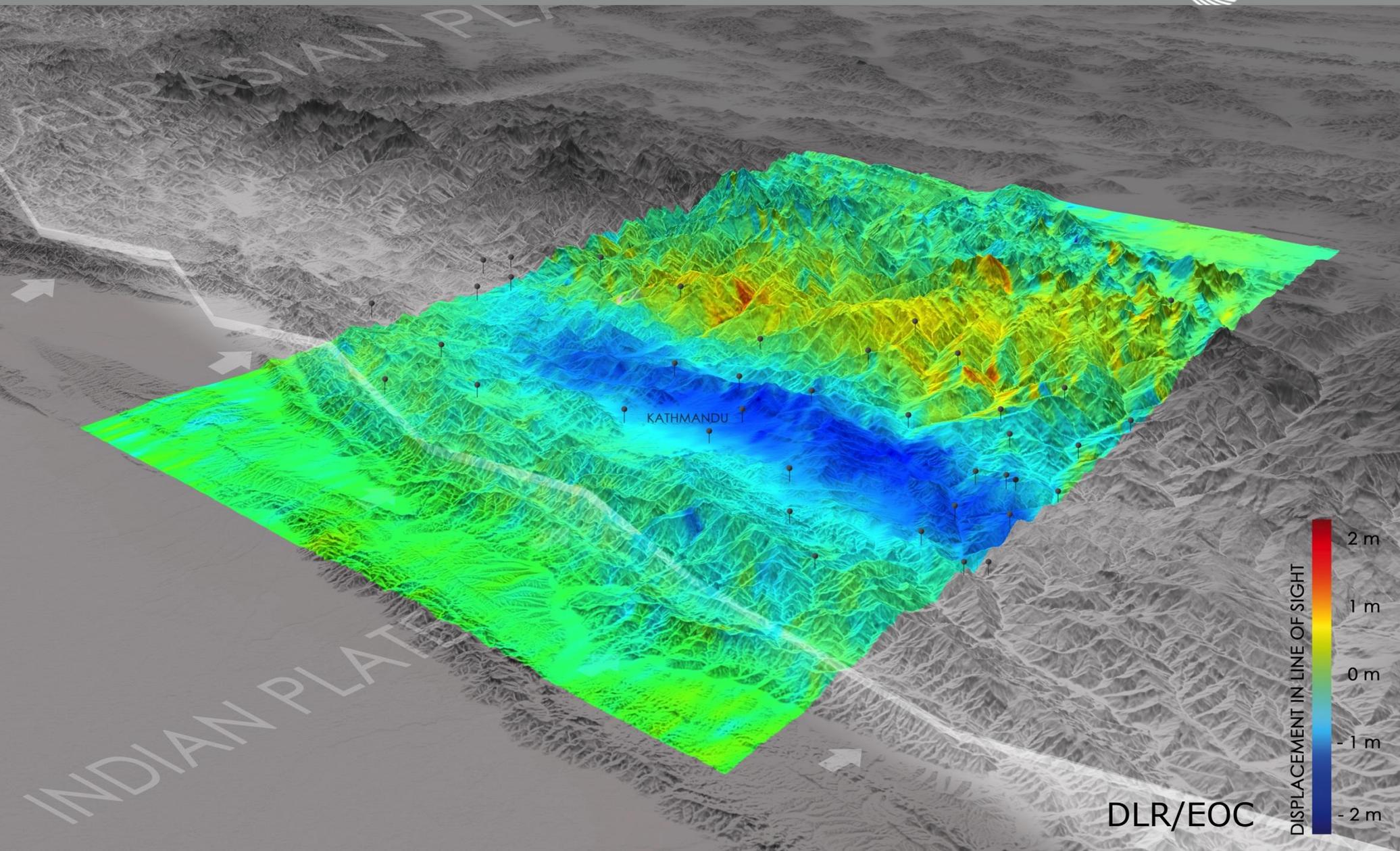
# Launch of Sentinel-1A



- 3 April 2014
- Kourou spaceport
- Soyuz-2 rocket
- Once fully operational, Copernicus will be the World's most comprehensive Earth observation system
- A **quantum leap** in many ways...

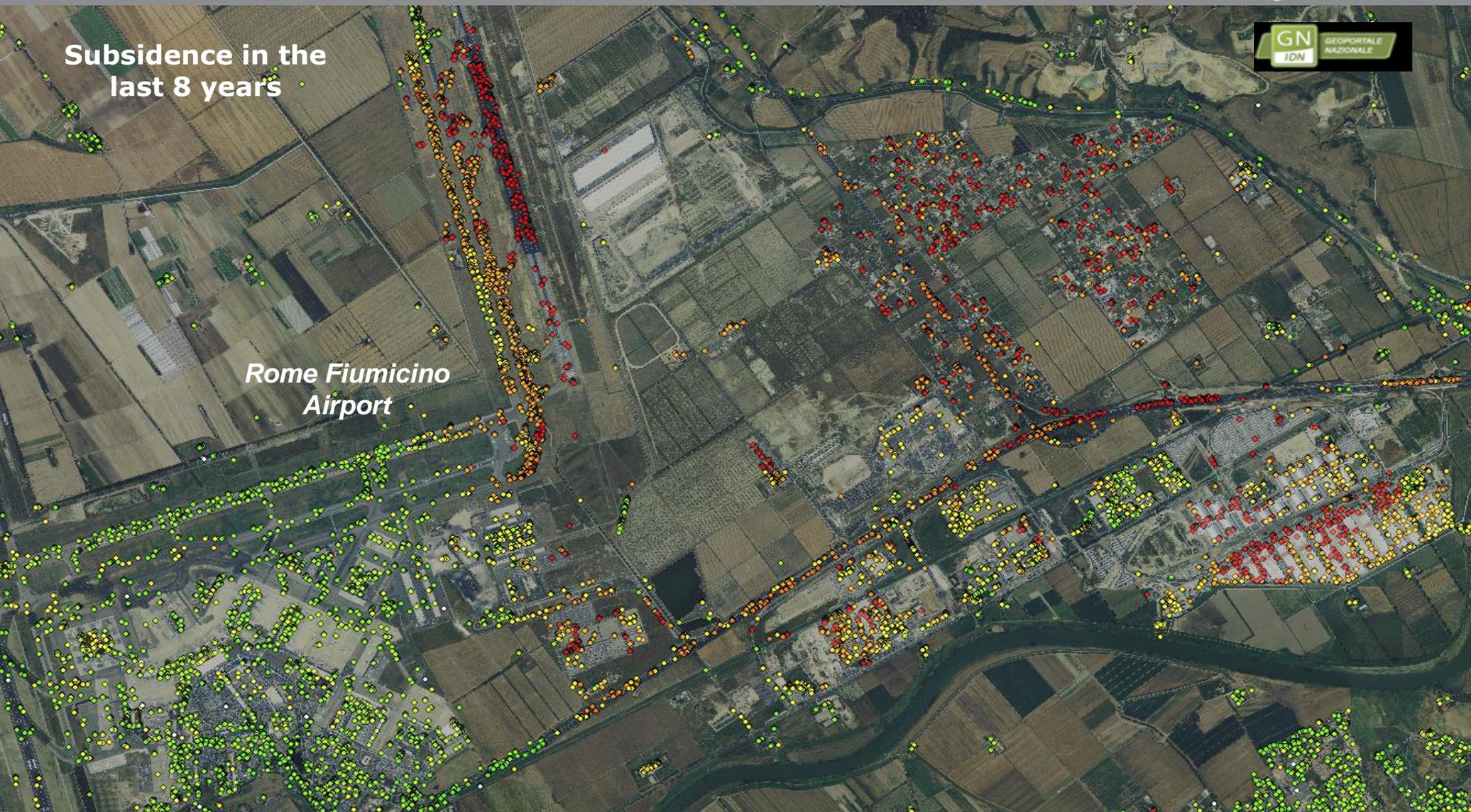


# Nepal 25-Apr-15 Earthquake Displacement Measurement with Sentinel-1A

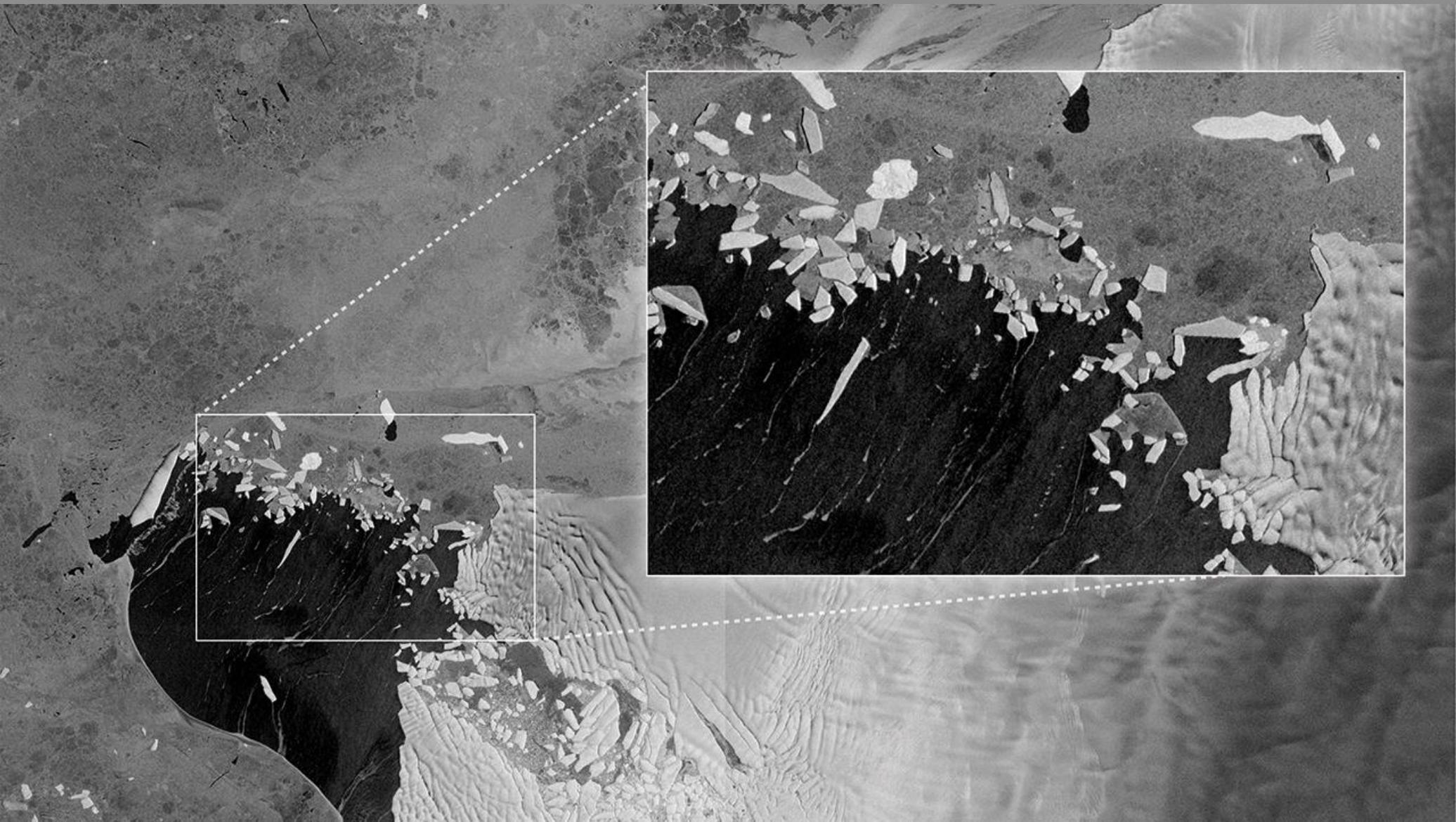


**Subsidence in the  
last 8 years**

*Rome Fiumicino  
Airport*



# First Images of Sentinel-1A



# 36 Years of Radar Vision

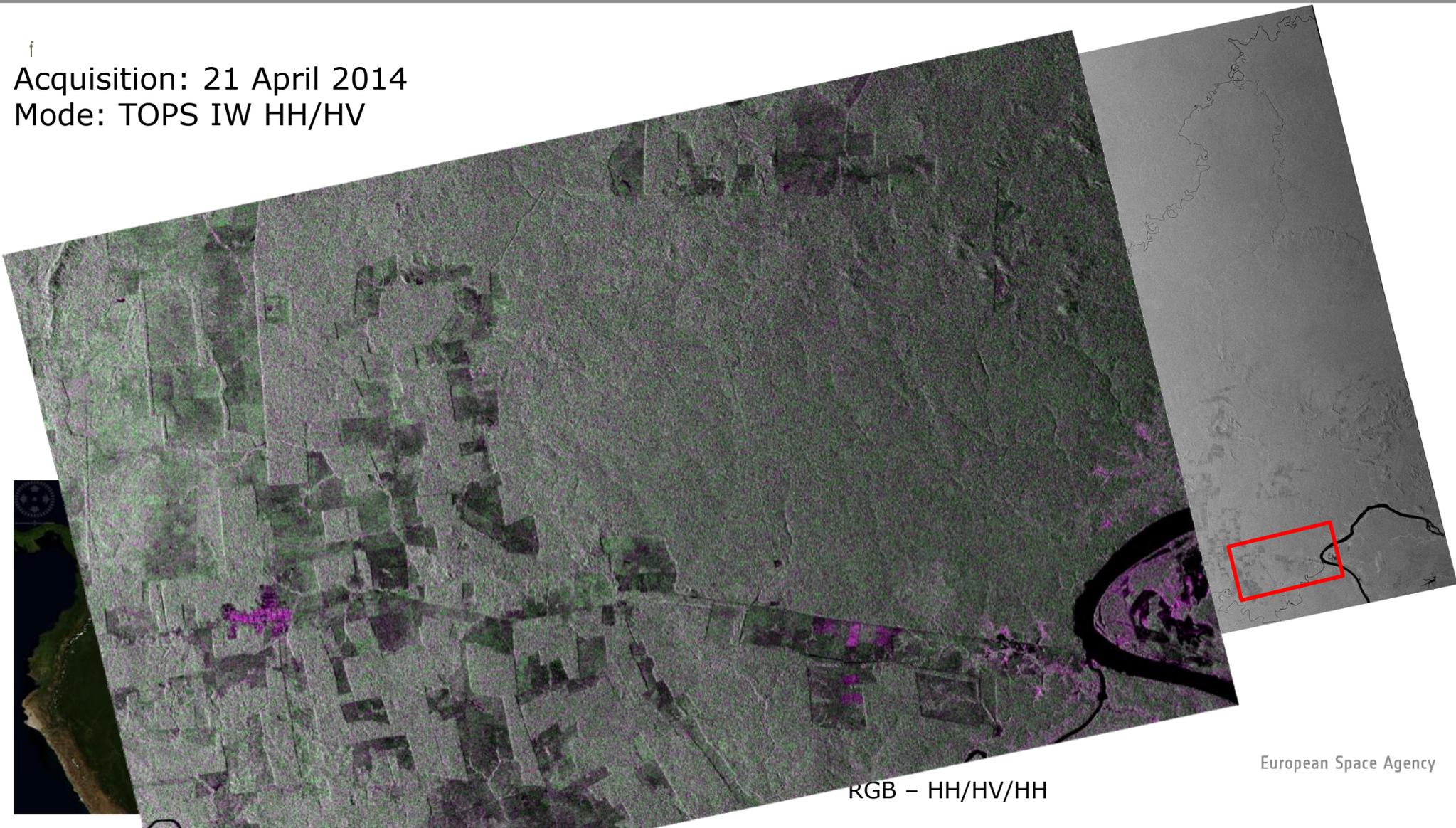




# Sentinel-1A - Deforestation over Brazil

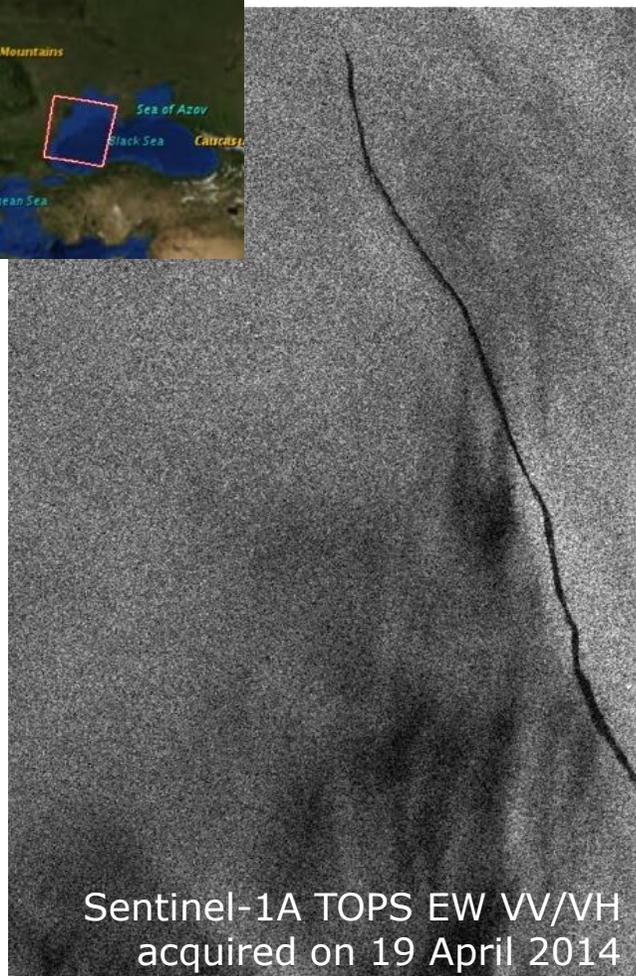


Acquisition: 21 April 2014  
Mode: TOPS IW HH/HV

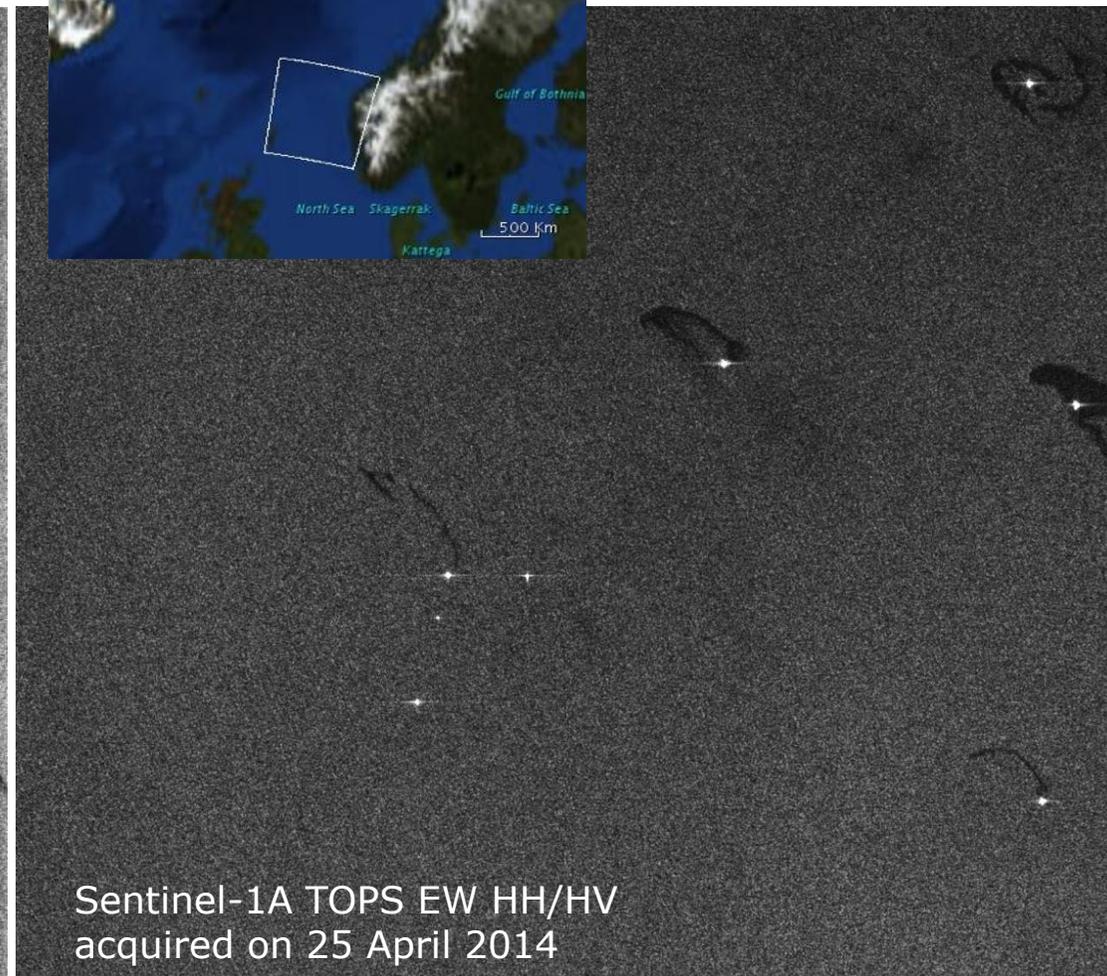


RGB - HH/HV/HH

# First Oil Spills Detected by Sentinel-1

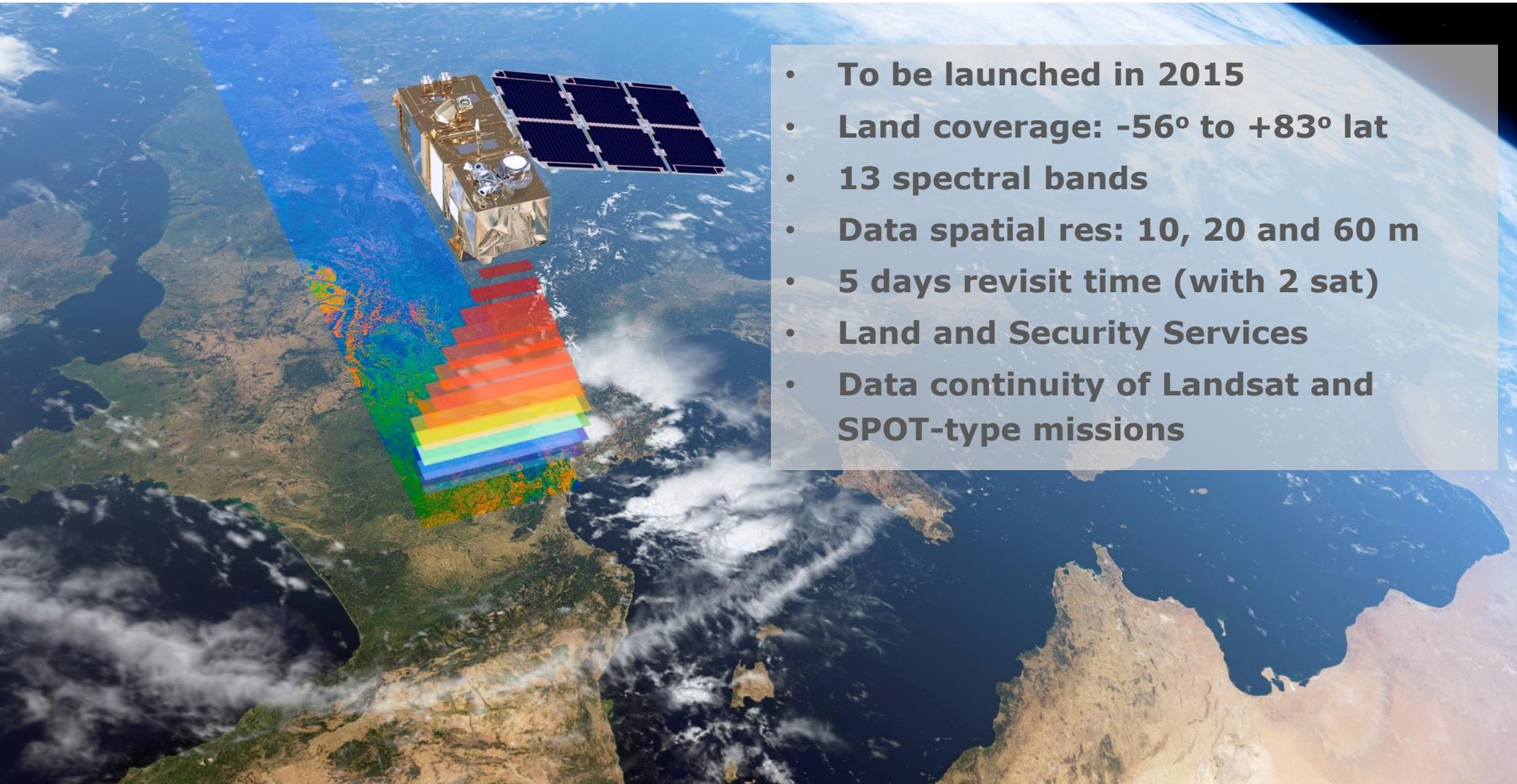


Sentinel-1A TOPS EW VV/VH  
acquired on 19 April 2014



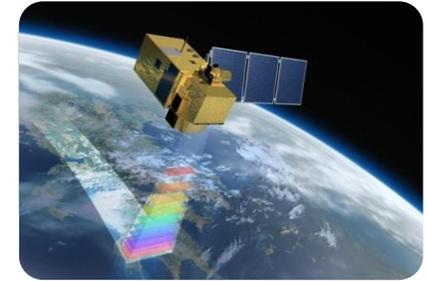
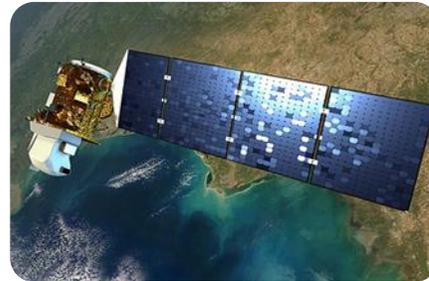
Sentinel-1A TOPS EW HH/HV  
acquired on 25 April 2014

# ... and Sentinel-2 on its way



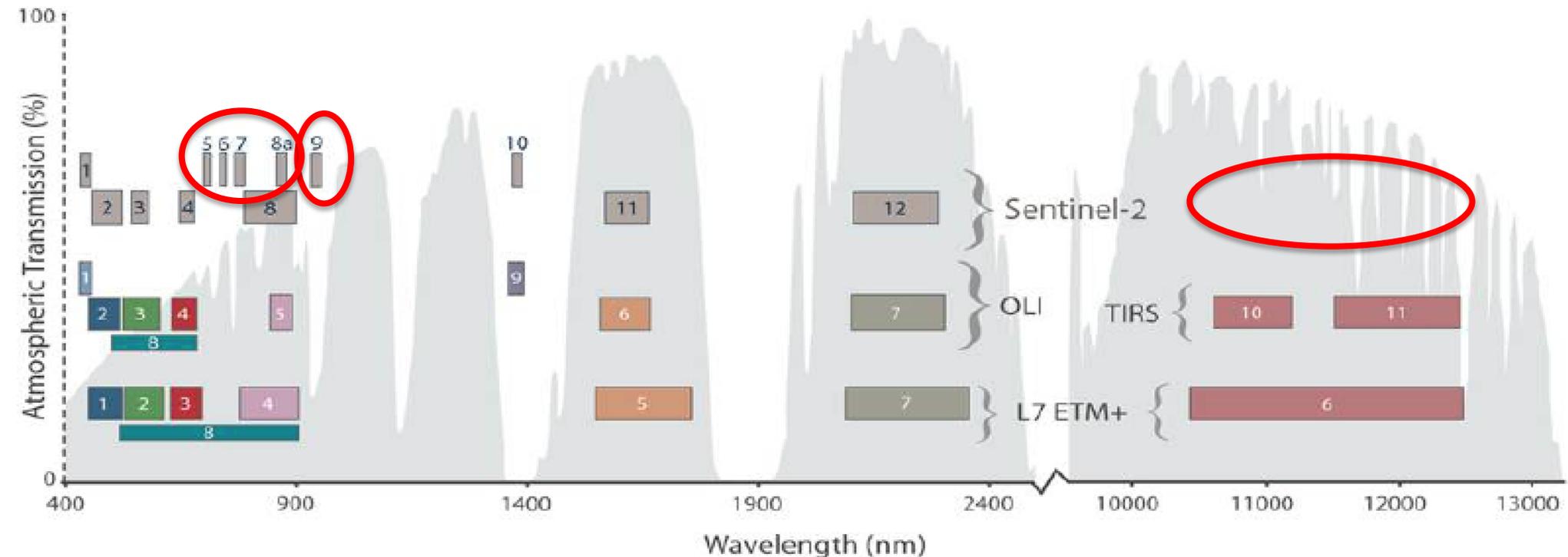
- **To be launched in 2015**
- **Land coverage:  $-56^{\circ}$  to  $+83^{\circ}$  lat**
- **13 spectral bands**
- **Data spatial res: 10, 20 and 60 m**
- **5 days revisit time (with 2 sat)**
- **Land and Security Services**
- **Data continuity of Landsat and SPOT-type missions**

# Copernicus Quantum Leap: Sentinel-2



	<b>Landsat-8</b>	<b>SPOT-5</b>	<b>Sentinel-2</b>
Launch (most recent)	2013	2002	2015+
Earth Coverage (days)	16	26	5
Swath (km)	185	2*60	290
Multispectral Bands	8 MS + 1 PAN + 1 TIR	4 MS + 1 PAN	13 MS
Ground Resolution (m)	15, 30	5, 10, 20	10, 20, 60

# Comparison Sentinel-2/Landsat-8 spectral bands



Source: [http://landsat.usgs.gov/L8\\_band\\_combos.php](http://landsat.usgs.gov/L8_band_combos.php)

**Pre-flight cross-calibration took place, post-flight campaigns planned**

# S2 Products Summary

Name	High-level Description	Production	Preservation Strategy	Volume
<b>Level-1B</b>	Top-of-atmosphere radiances in sensor geometry	Systematic	Long-term	~27 MB (each 25x23km <sup>2</sup> )
<b>Level-1C</b>	Top-of-atmosphere reflectances in cartographic geometry (UTM/WGS84)	Systematic	Long-term	~500 MB (each 100x100km <sup>2</sup> )

*This product is initially offered as part of the Sentinel-2 toolbox:*  
**<https://earth.esa.int/web/sentinel-tbx/sentinel-2-toolbox>**  
 The possibility of a systematic global production of L2A is currently being explored

# S2: Crop Mask and Type Mapping

10 m resolution for field scale mapping



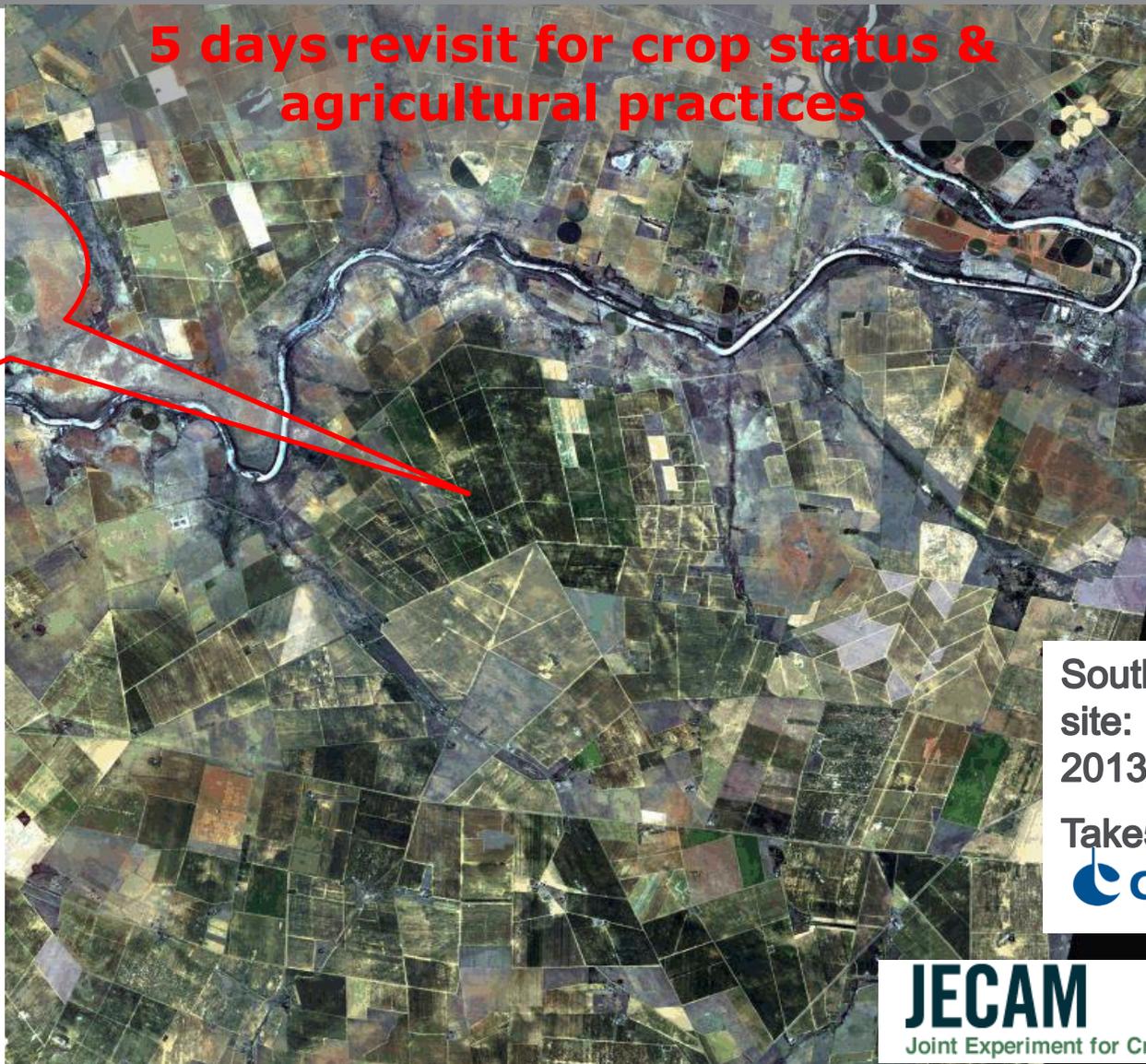
Courtesy of RapidEye

# Monitoring Agricultural Dynamics



**5 days revisit for crop status & agricultural practices**

**Wheat crop:  
end of season  
& harvesting**



South Africa JECAM  
site: February-June  
2013 - RapidEye data

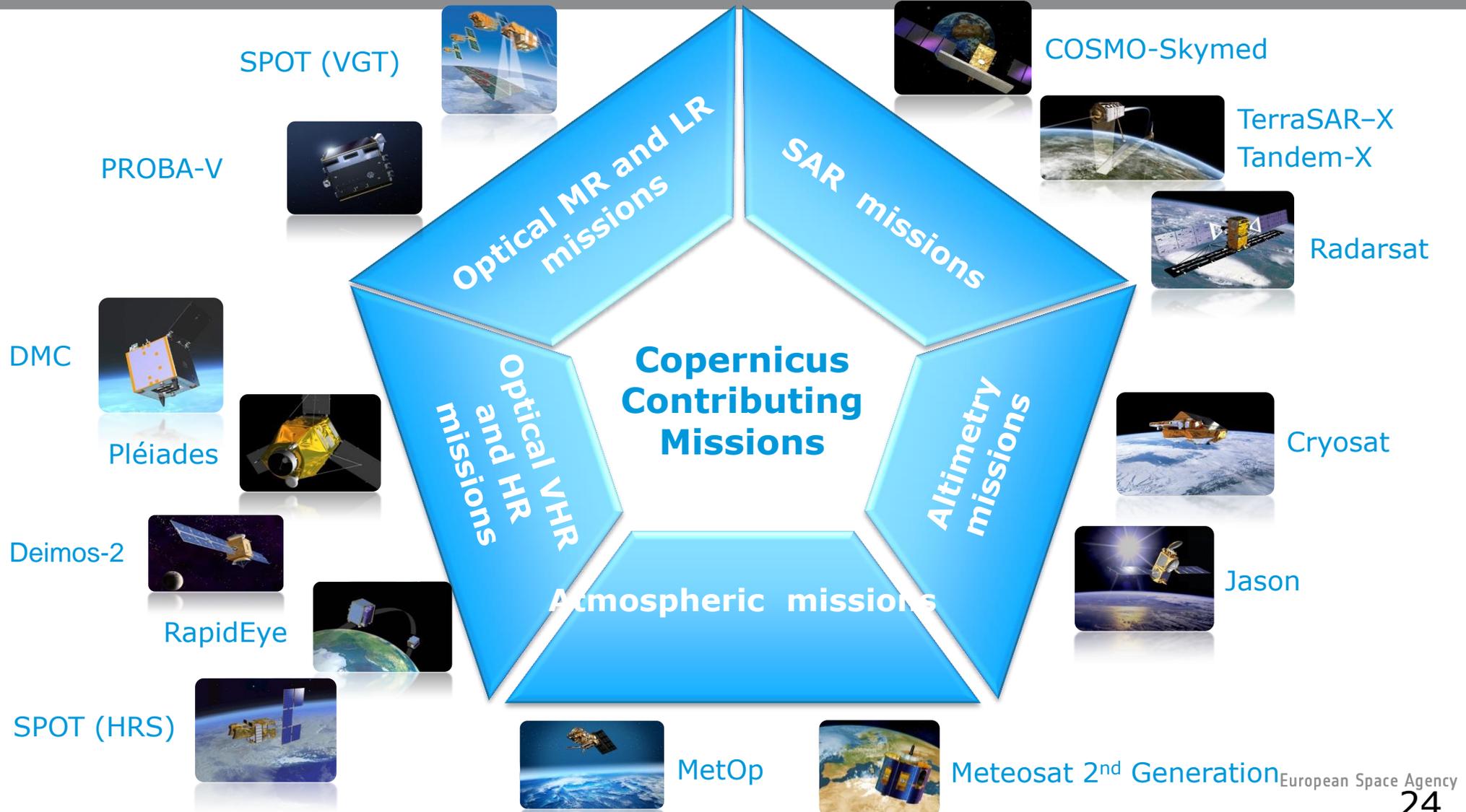
Take5 Experiment



**JECAM**

Joint Experiment for Crop Assessment and Monitoring

# Copernicus Contributing Missions



- Population Growth
- Food Security
- Energy
- Pollution
- Geo-Hazards
- Climate Change

**Important contribution  
of Copernicus**





# Sentinel data are free for everyone



**Copernicus Space Component  
Data Access Portal**

[sentinels.copernicus.eu](https://sentinels.copernicus.eu)

**Copernicus  
Services  
Access**

**Scientific / Other  
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**International  
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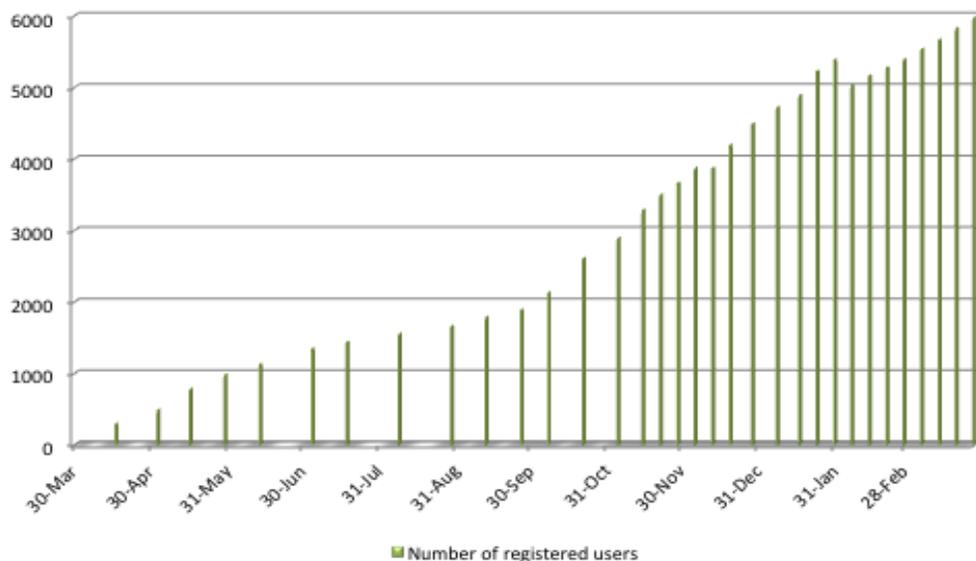
# Sentinel-1A already creates large interest



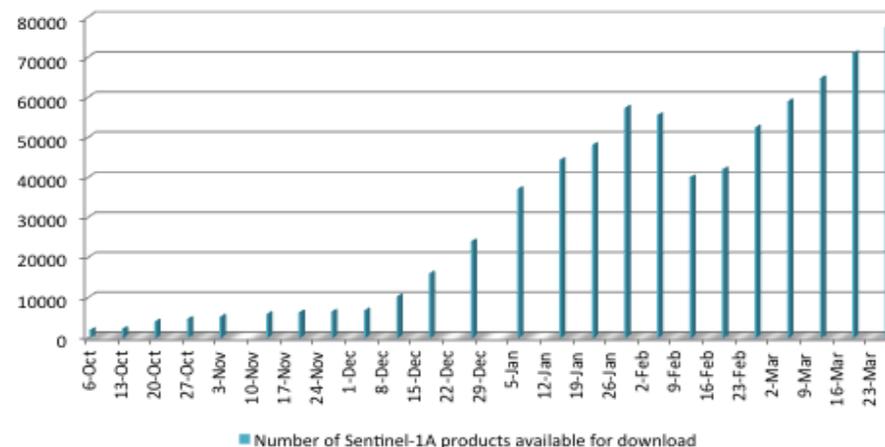
## By 9 April 2015:

- ✓ 6243 registered users
- ✓ 97500 products available for download
- ✓ 630666 products downloaded by users, representing about 780 TB of data

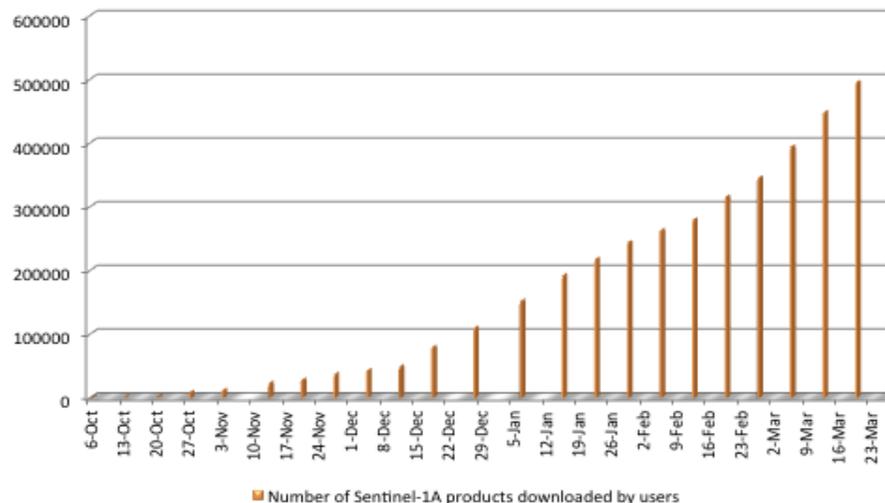
**Number of registered users since registration opening on 30 March 2014**



**Number of Sentinel-1A products available for download**



**Number of Sentinel-1A products downloaded by users**



2026-2030 **potential  
Copernicus benefits =**

**€ 130 B** or around

**€ 6.9 B / year =**

**0.2% of the EU current  
annual GDP**

- "Money where it matters – how the EU budget delivers value to you"  
EC, MEMO/11/469, Brussels, 29 June 2011

**Creation of up to  
83.000 jobs**

- Former Vice President of the European Commission,  
Antonio Tajani



**1 € spent** by European tax  
payer on Copernicus  
→ **public return of 10€**  
can be expected

- "The Socio-Economic Benefits of GMES"  
ESPI report 39, November 2011

# Stimulating growth & attracting young people



the European Earth  
Monitoring Competition

[www.copernicus-masters.com](http://www.copernicus-masters.com)

PRAGUE 09-13 MAY 2016



# living planet symposium

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09-13 May  
2016



**Main Objective:**  
Presentation of Exploitation Results based on ESA  
Earth Observation Measurements



## Important Dates:

Deadline for abstract submission	16 October 2015
Notification of Acceptances	End January 2016
Issue of Preliminary Programme	February 2016
Opening of Registration to the Symposium	February 2016
Release of the Final Programme	at the symposium
Submission of Full Papers	at the symposium

## Themes:

Atmosphere, Oceanography, Cryosphere, Land, Hazards,  
Climate and Meteorology, Solid Earth/Geodesy, Near-Earth  
Environment, Methodologies and Products, Open Science  
2.0

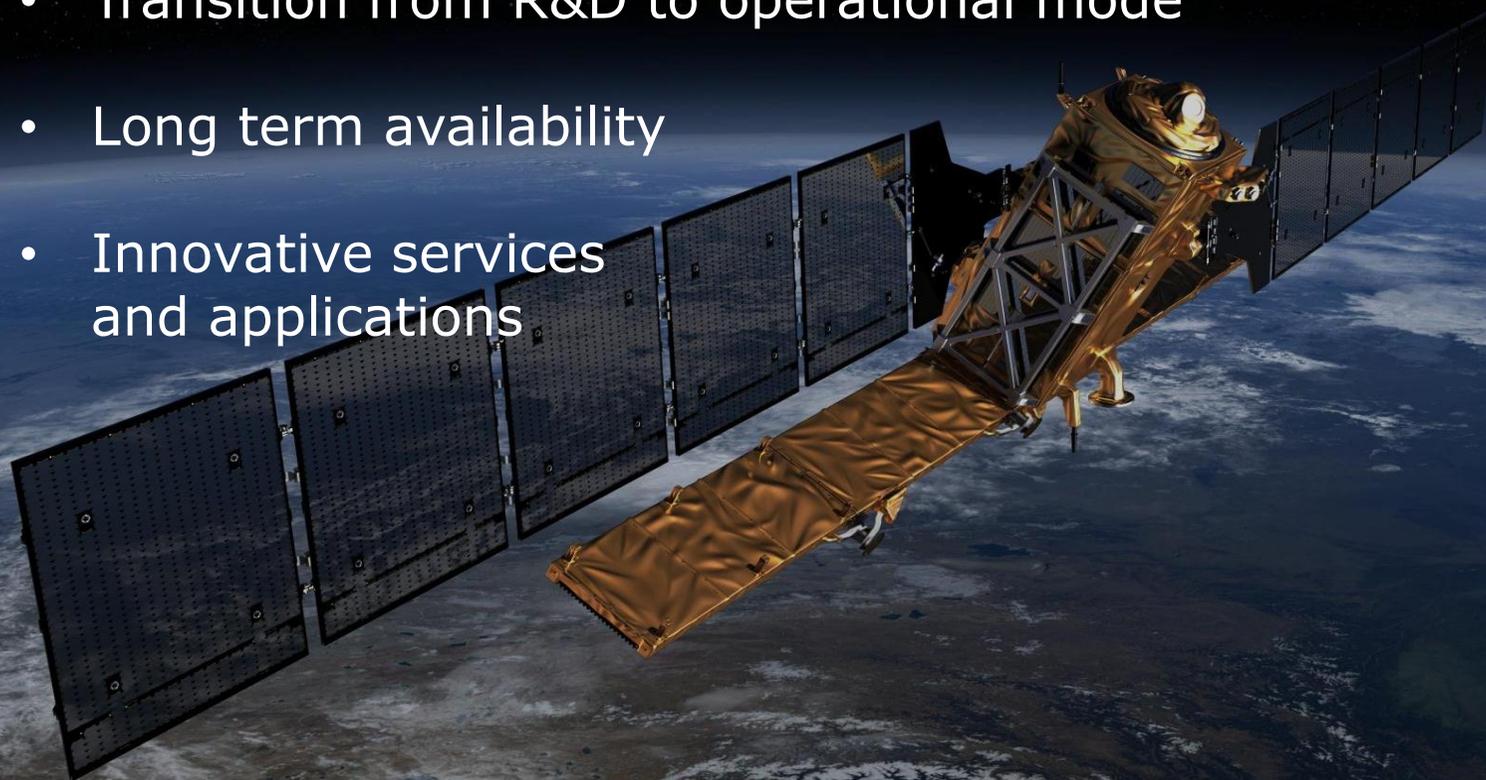
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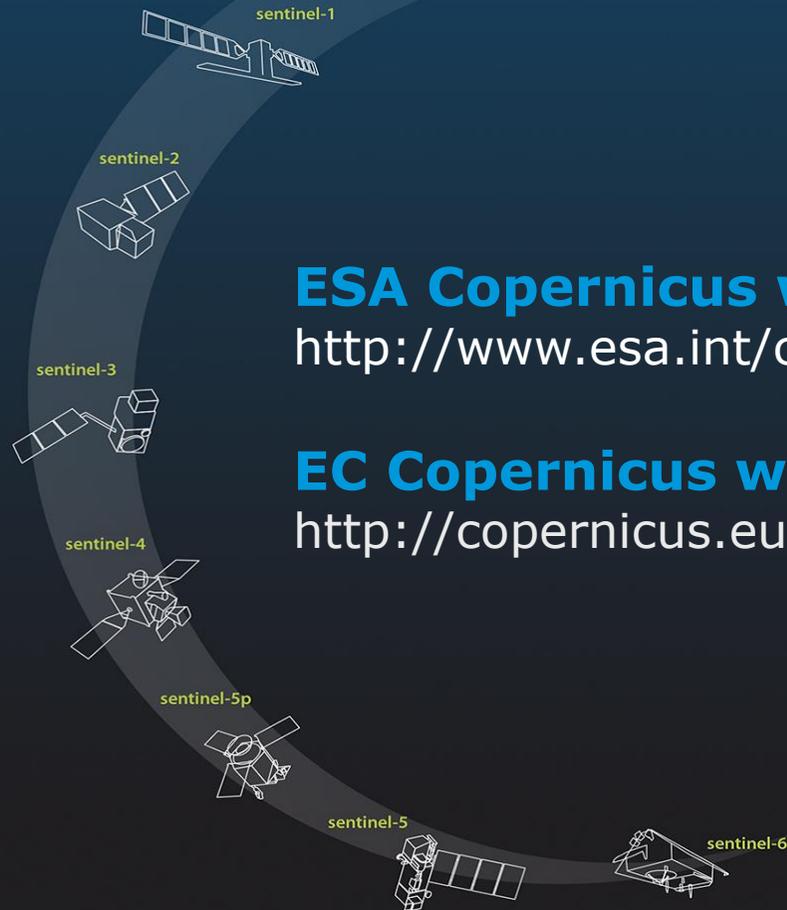
# Conclusions



- Sentinels kick off a new age of Earth observation
- Transition from R&D to operational mode
- Long term availability
- Innovative services and applications



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<http://copernicus.eu>