

# Copernicus the EU's Earth Observation Programme

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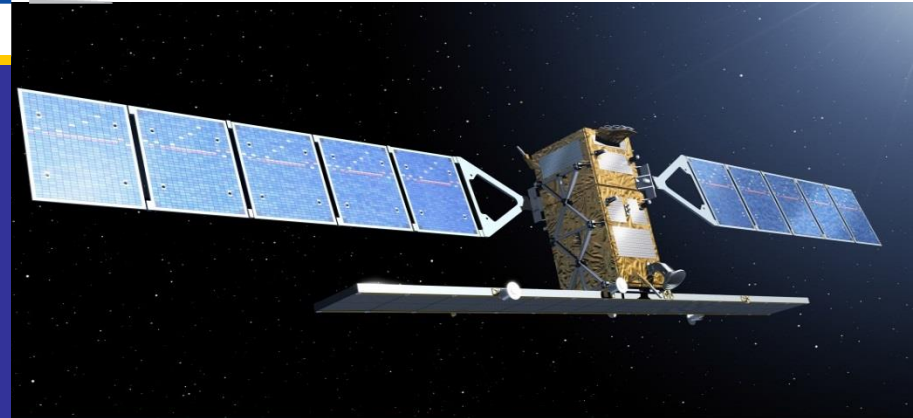
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1. Objectives and architecture
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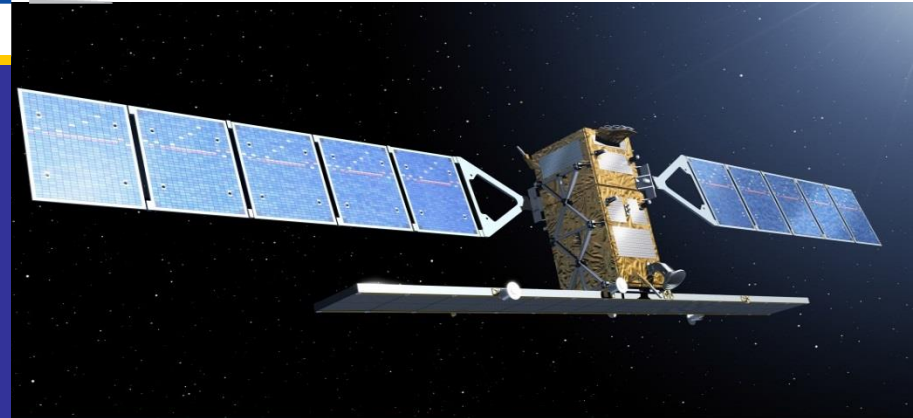


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## 1. Objectives and architecture



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# Objectives



## "The Union Earth observation and monitoring programme"

Monitor the environment

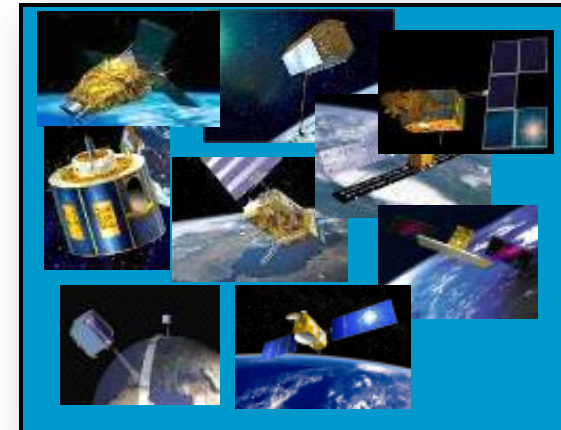




# Copernicus architecture

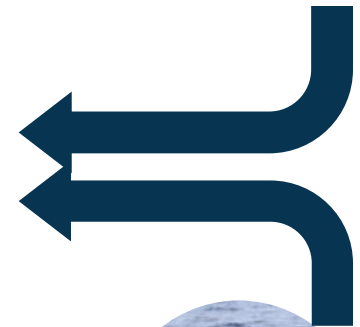


6 services use  
Earth Observation  
data to deliver ...

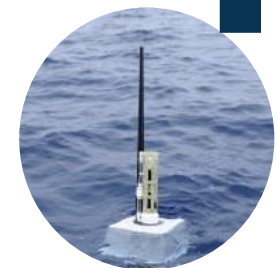


Sentinels

Contributing missions



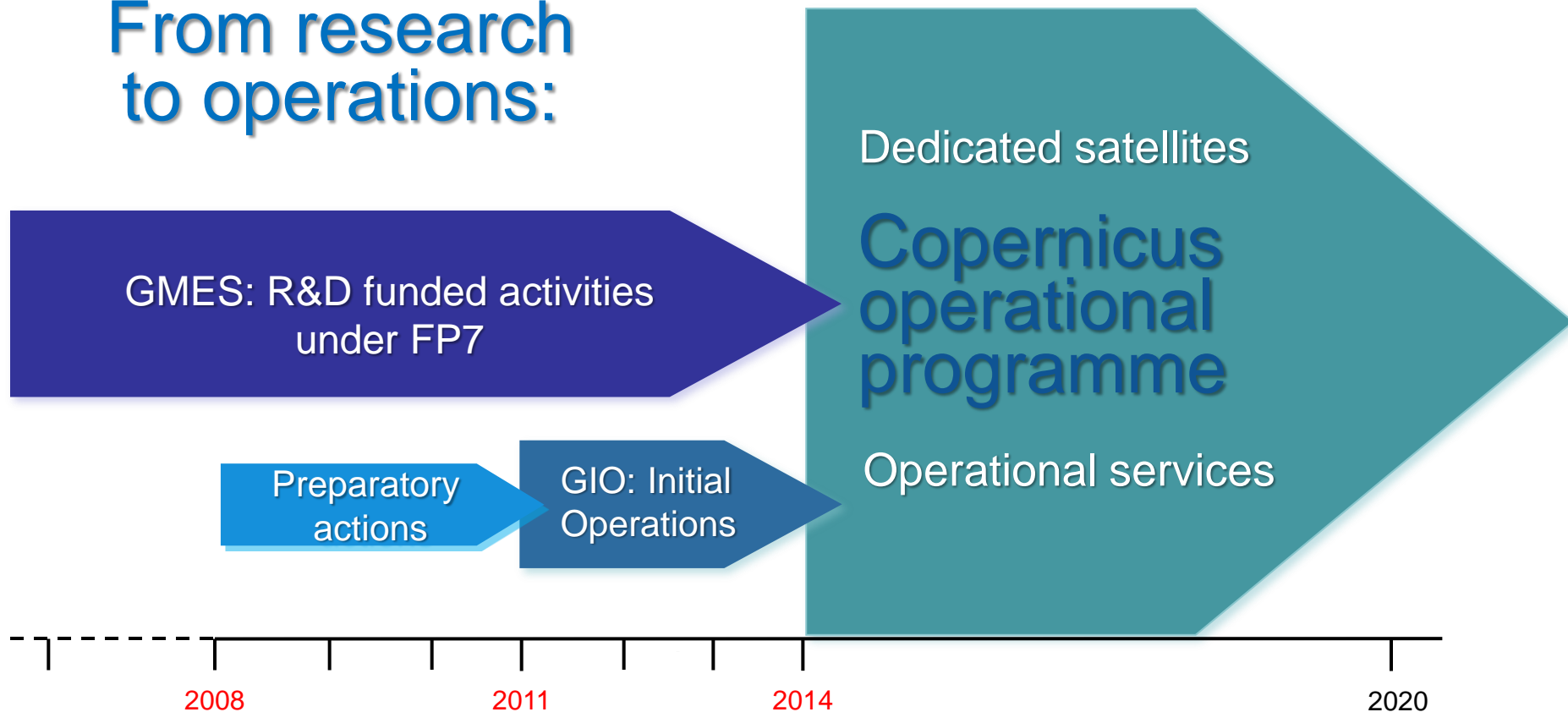
...added-value products



in-situ



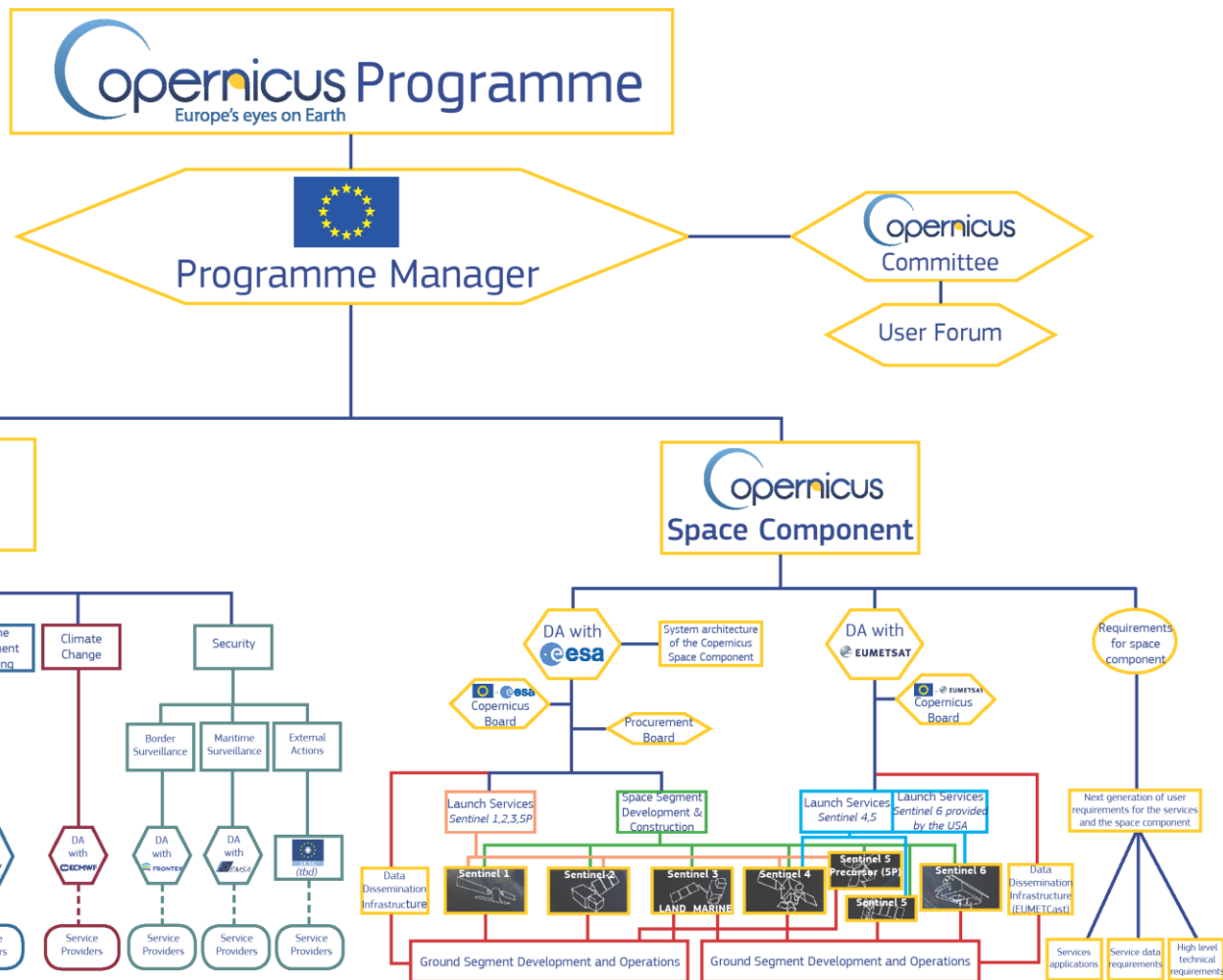
## From research to operations:



€ 1.3 Bn → € 4.3 Bn



# Governance structure



## Legend

Implementation mode still to be defined

Commercial contracts

Grants

Copernicus component

Service Providers

Direct Management

Mode of Implementation (third/second)

Indirect Management

Direct Management

Cooperation to DA

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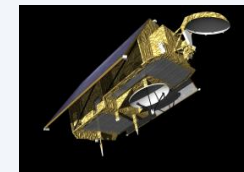
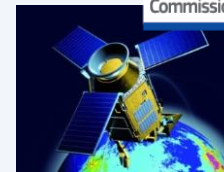
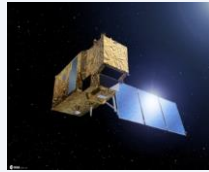
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**S1:** Radar Mission



**S2:** High Resolution Optical Mission



**S3:** Medium Resolution Imaging and Altimetry Mission



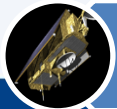
**S4:** Geostationary Atmospheric Chemistry Mission



**S5P:** Low Earth Orbit Atmospheric Chemistry Precursor Mission



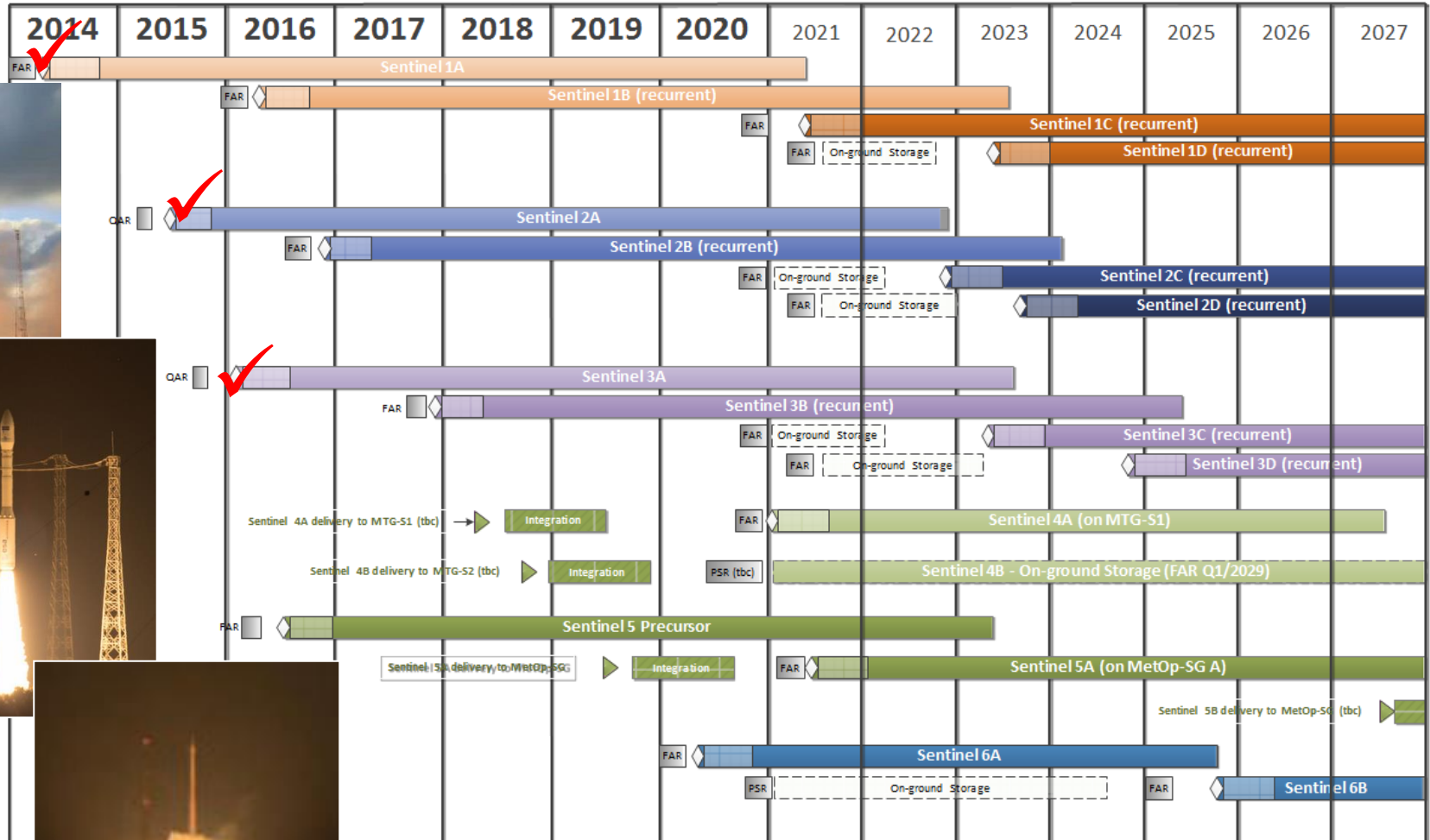
**S5:** Low Earth Orbit Atmospheric Chemistry Mission



**S6 (Jason-CS):** Altimetry Mission



# Deployment schedule



Legend

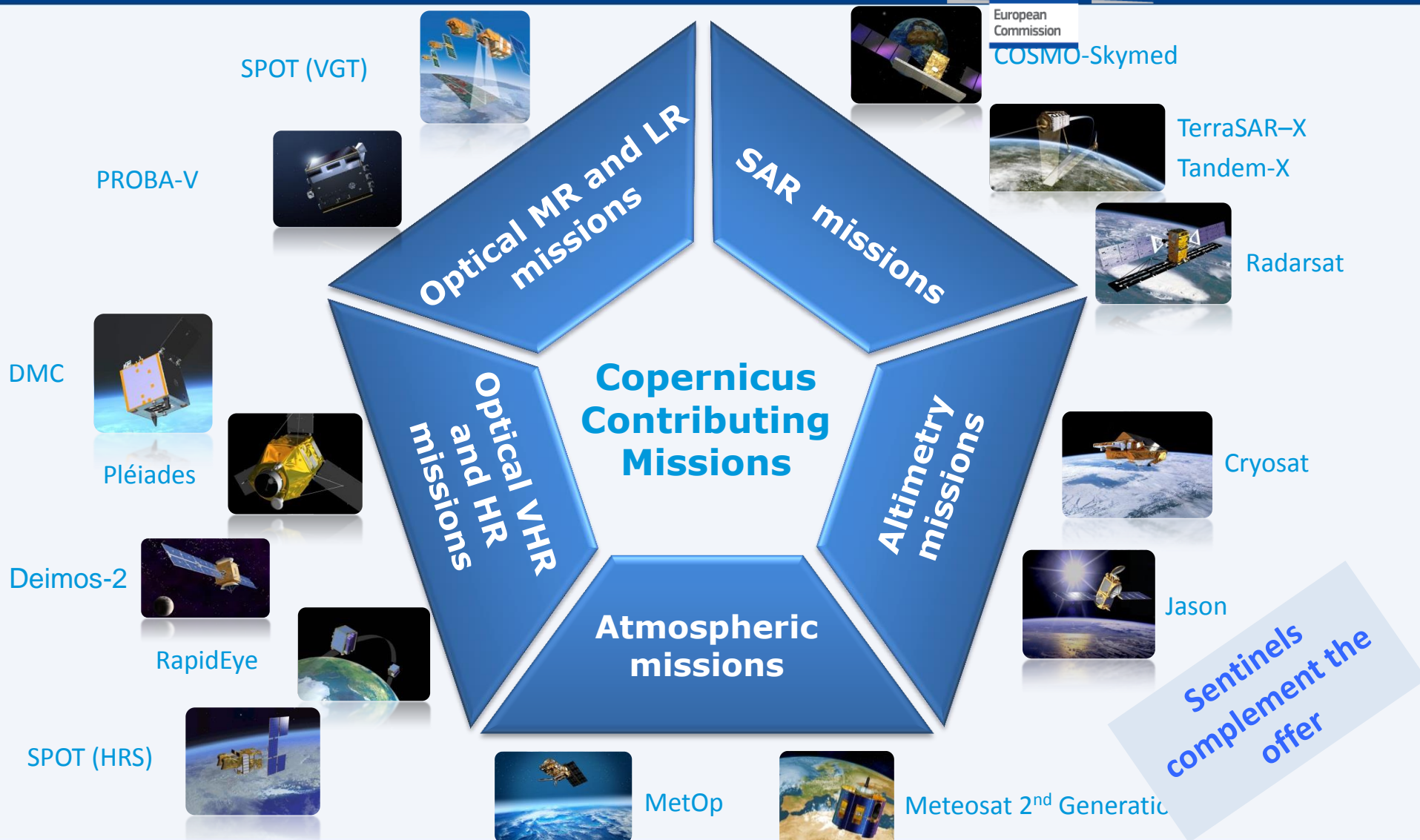
FAR (QAR) or (PSR)   
 On-ground Storage   
 Tentative launch date   
 In-orbit Commissioning

Status: 19 January

Space



# Copernicus Contributing Missions





# 6 operational Services

Monitoring the State of  
the Earth System  
Environment ...

Copernicus  
Land Monitoring  
Service

Copernicus  
Marine Environment  
Monitoring Service

Copernicus Climate  
Change Service

Copernicus  
Atmosphere Monitoring  
Service

Copernicus Emergency  
Management Service

*Mapping Component  
Early Warning Component*

Copernicus  
Security Service

... cross-cutting Thematic  
Services



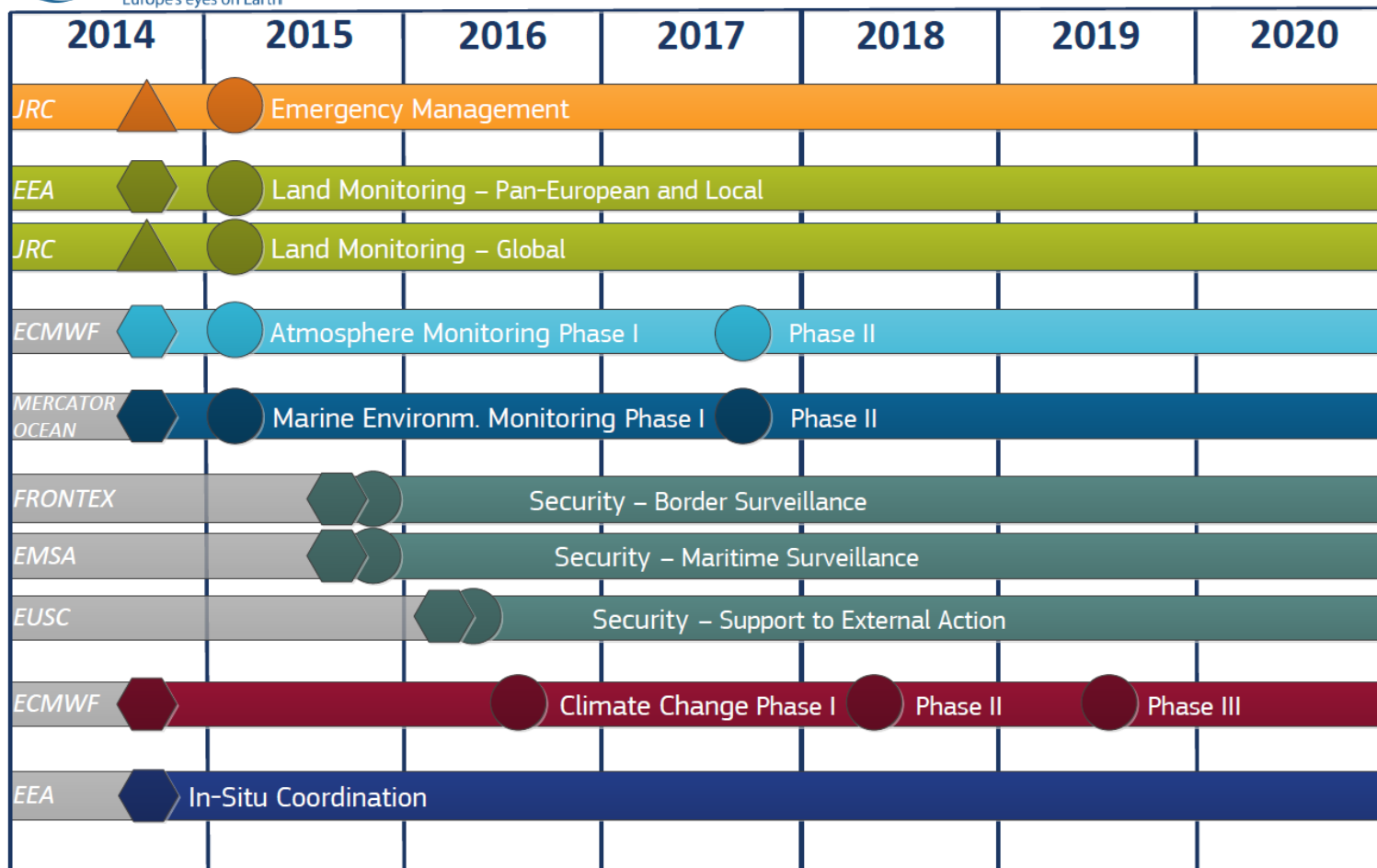
# Services Deployment



Status 07/09/2015



## Copernicus Services Implementation Schedule

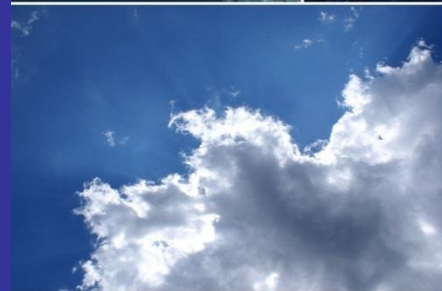
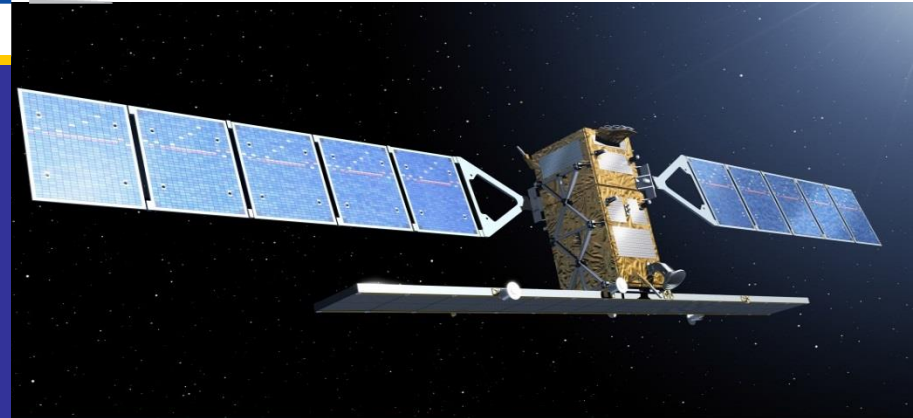


Legend: ◆ Delegation agreement ▲ Direct management ● Operational phase



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## 2. Copernicus services



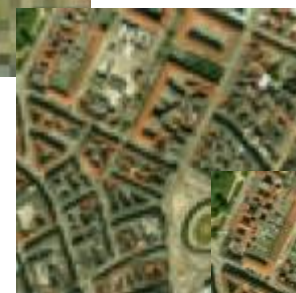
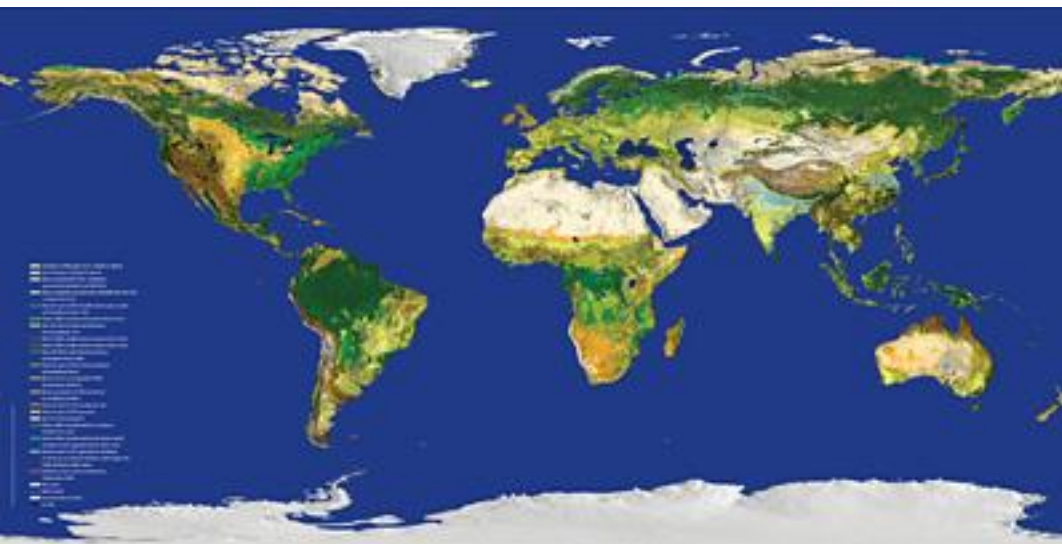
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# Copernicus Land Monitoring Service







From global...

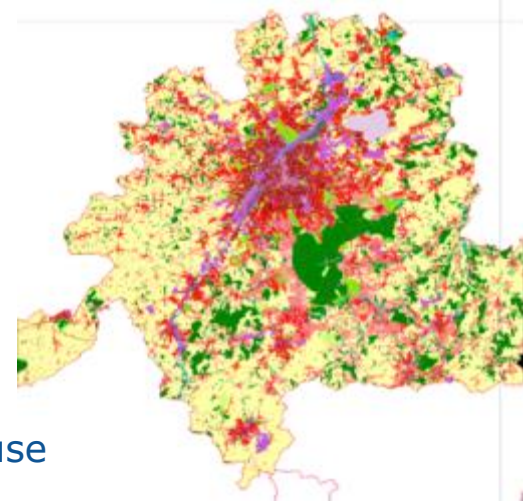
e.g. Vegetation dynamics, Bio-physical parameters, energy balance

...to pan-European...

e.g. bio-diversity, water bodies, land-use, land change

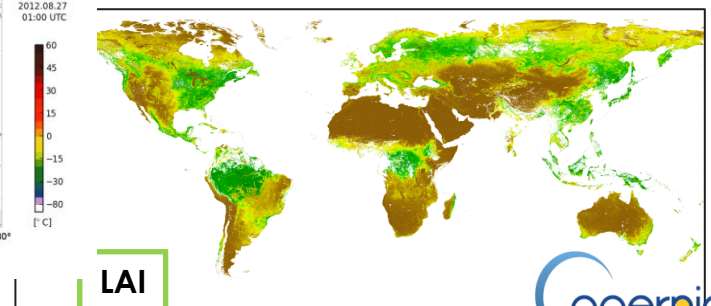
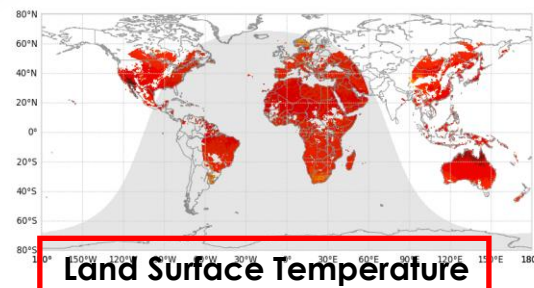
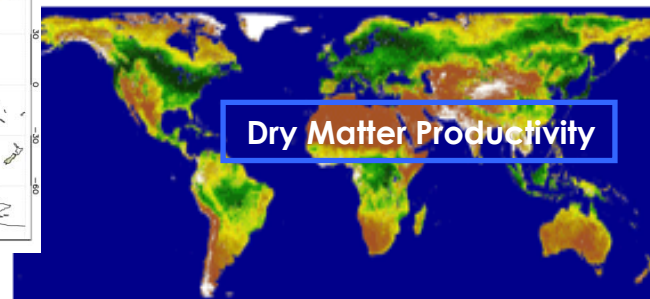
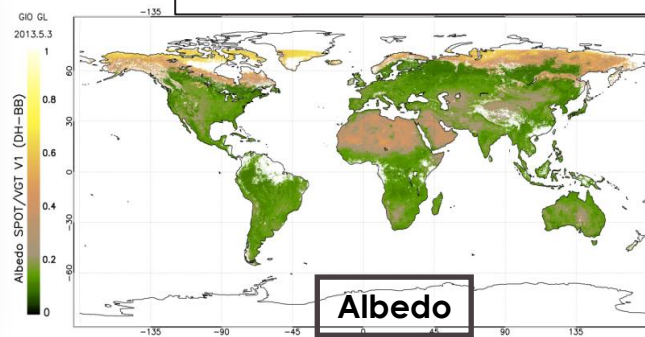
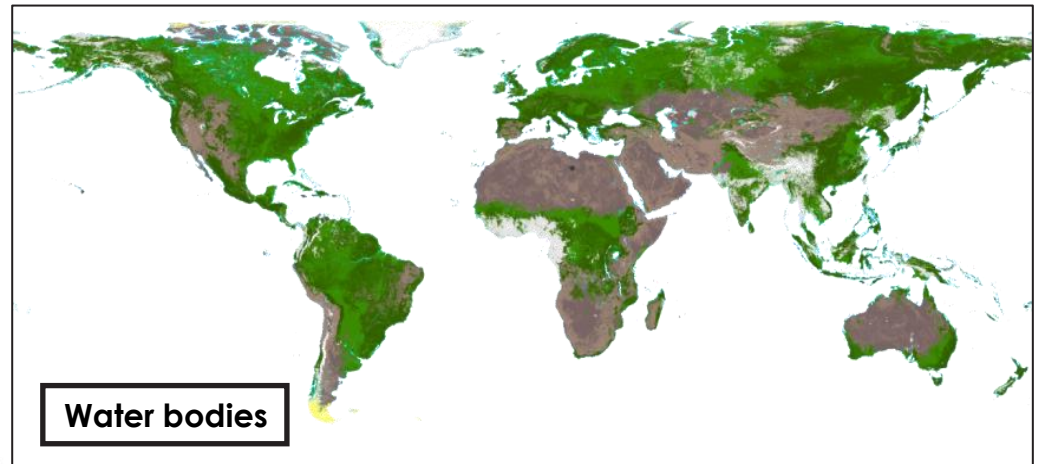
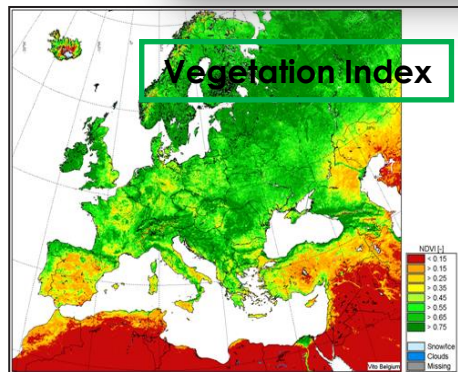
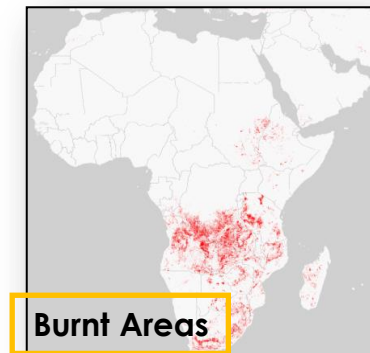
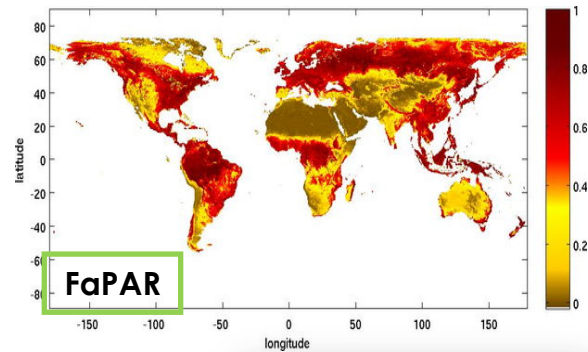


...to local  
e.g. urban land-use





# Global Land





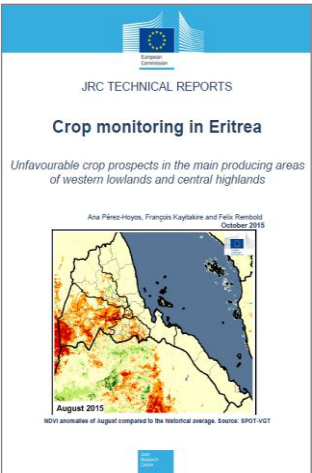
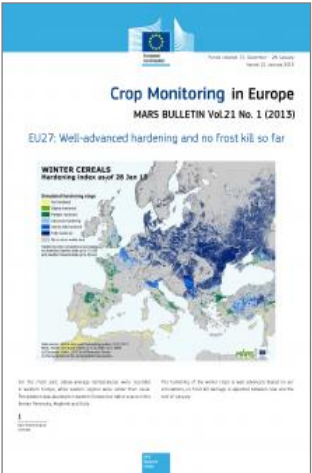
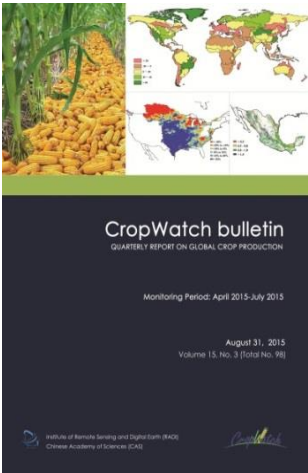
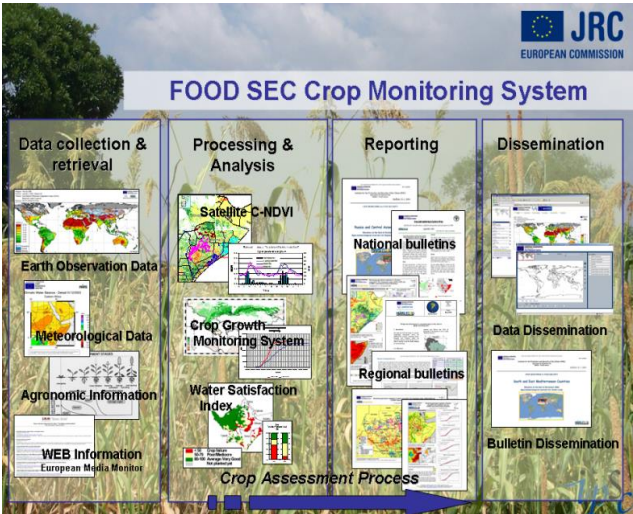
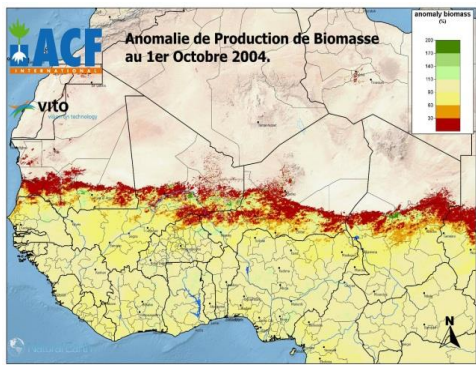
# Application fields (examples)

## Land information to Climate change

- Carbon flux forecast
- Fire management

## Agriculture

- Crop monitoring
- Yield forecasting
- Biomass conditions





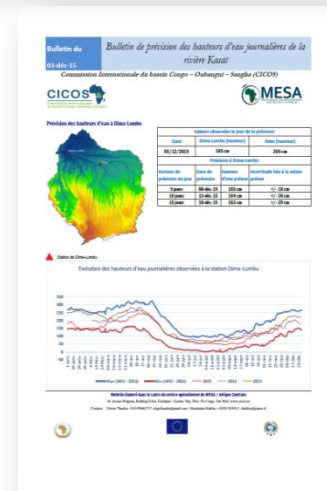
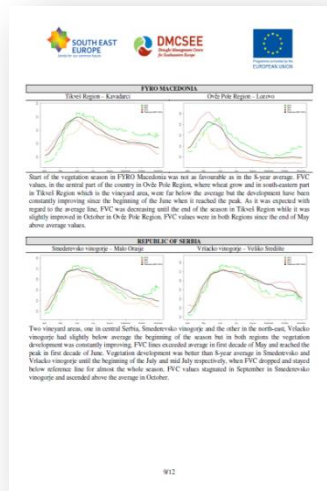
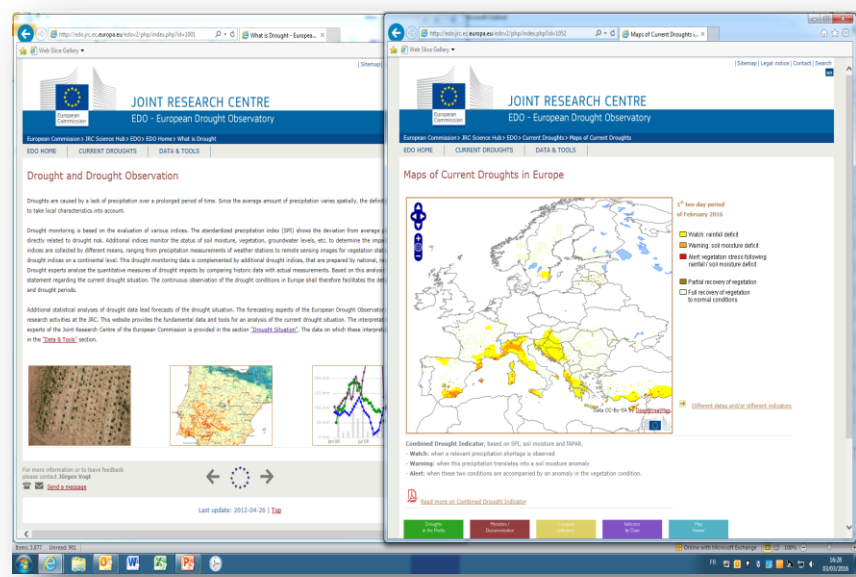
# Application fields (examples)

## Monitoring extreme events

- Droughts
- Frost conditions
- Heat waves

## Hydrology

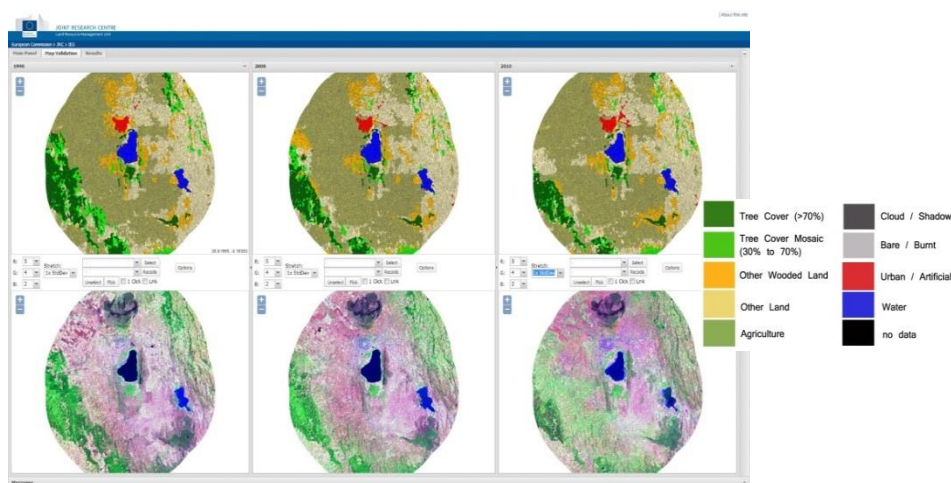
- Water management
- River discharge
- Navigation



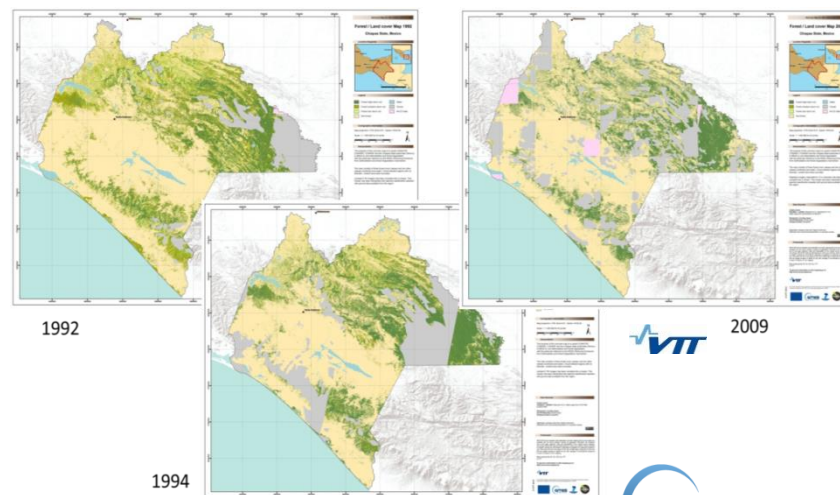


## Hot Spot monitoring activity

- High and Very High resolution Land cover - land use mapping activity
- Activation of the activity upon specific request to support to specific EU policies or EU projects outside Europe
- Based on the new Sentinel 2 satellite high resolution capacities
- In 2016 : Coverage of Protected Areas in Africa to support the EU Biodiversity Strategy
- In the future : forest monitoring, support to infrastructure studies, support to rural development, conservation of biodiversity ...



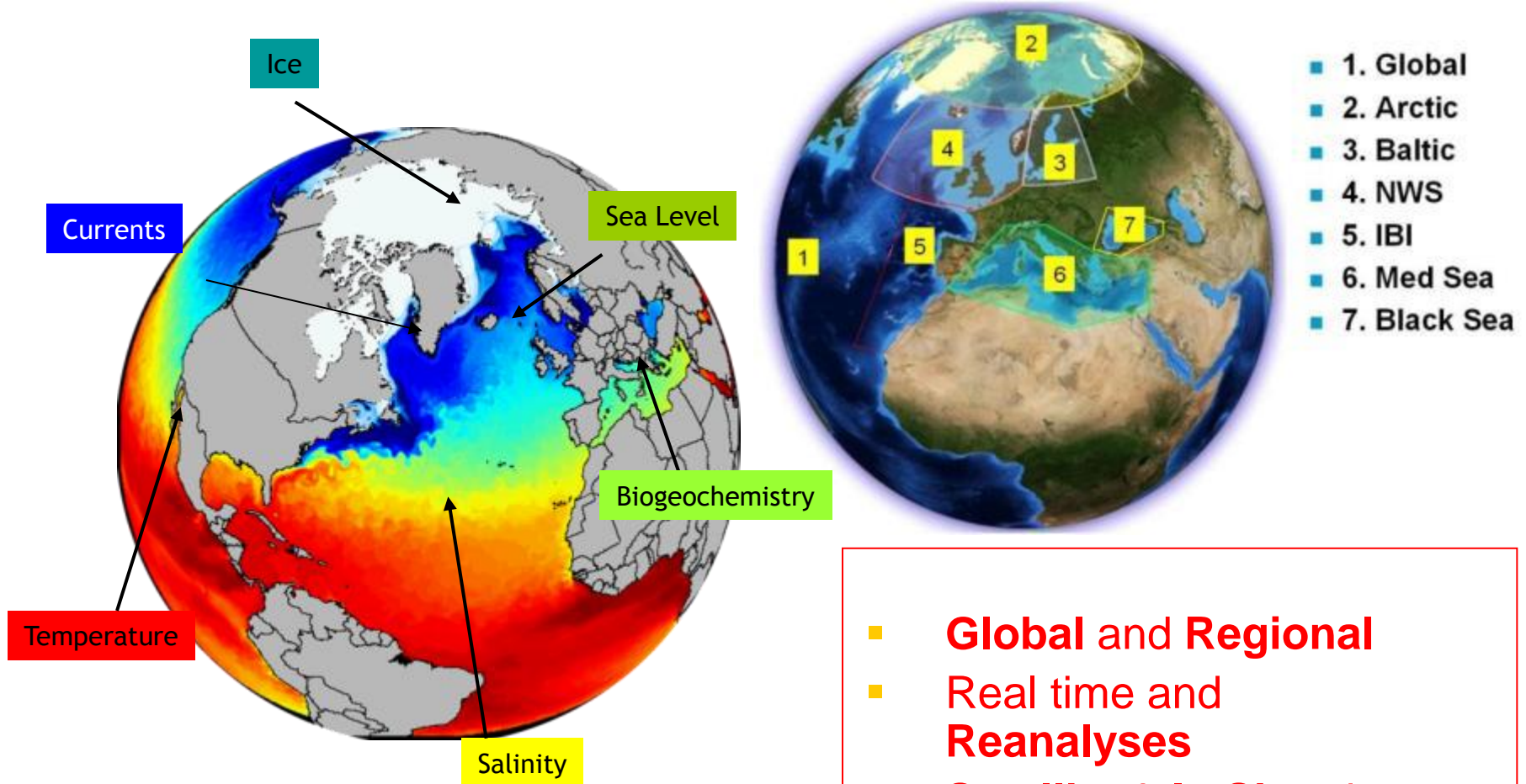
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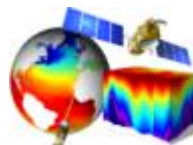
# Copernicus Marine Environment Monitoring Service





A 3D and consistent  
estimation of the ocean

- **Global and Regional**
- **Real time and Reanalyses**
- **Satellite & In Situ obs. and Models**





## Service portfolio: 11 product groups with ~120 data products covering Ocean state

Product groups	
Analysis and Forecast	Global Ocean
	Arctic Ocean
	Baltic Sea
	Atlantic-European North West Shelf Ocean
	Atlantic-Iberian Biscay Irish Ocean
	Mediterranean Sea
	Black Sea
Observation	Sea Level
	Ocean Colour
	Sea Surface Temperature, Sea Ice, Wind
	In-situ (Temperature, Salinity, Bio)





# Copernicus Atmosphere Monitoring Service



# The Copernicus Atmosphere Monitoring Service (CAMS)



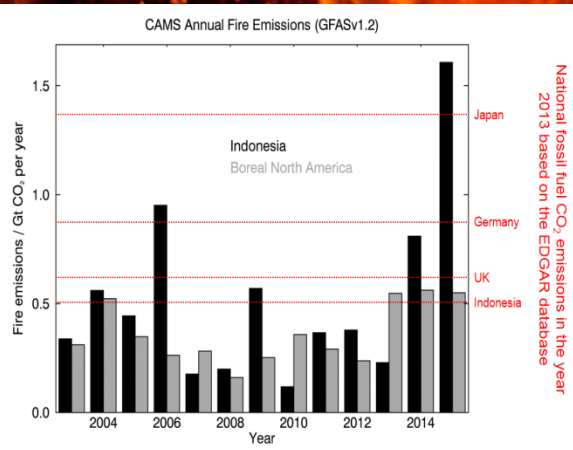
European  
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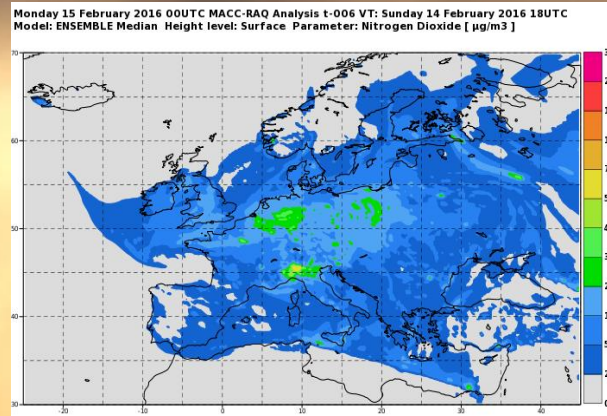


# Examples: Fires Industry

**CAMS estimates the emissions from biomass burning daily and globally. A striking figure on the importance of such information for climate: 2015 emissions of CO<sub>2</sub> from fires in Indonesia were higher than (estimated) total annual industrial emissions from Japan or Germany.**



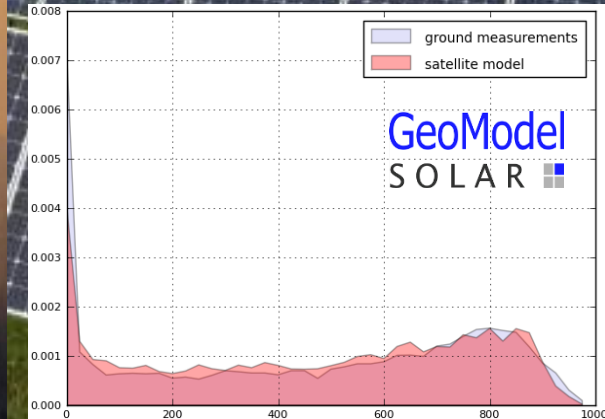
# Air Quality



**CAMS air quality forecasts provide quantitative information on episodes daily and up to 4 days in advance. They support a wide range of applications (apps, press, city-scale downscaling, emissions reduction scenarios...). Long-range transported plumes (volcanoes, desert dust, fires...) are captured by CAMS and can inform national and local authorities.**

# Solar

**CAMS information on airborne particles, which affect the amount of solar radiation reaching the surface, is useful to assess the productivity of solar power plants. CAMS has for instance supported GeoModel Solar, a company specialising in site qualification, planning, financing and operation of solar energy systems.**





# Copernicus Emergency Management Service

*Mapping Component*

*Early Warning  
Component*





# Emergency Management service



## Flood and forest fire risk forecasts



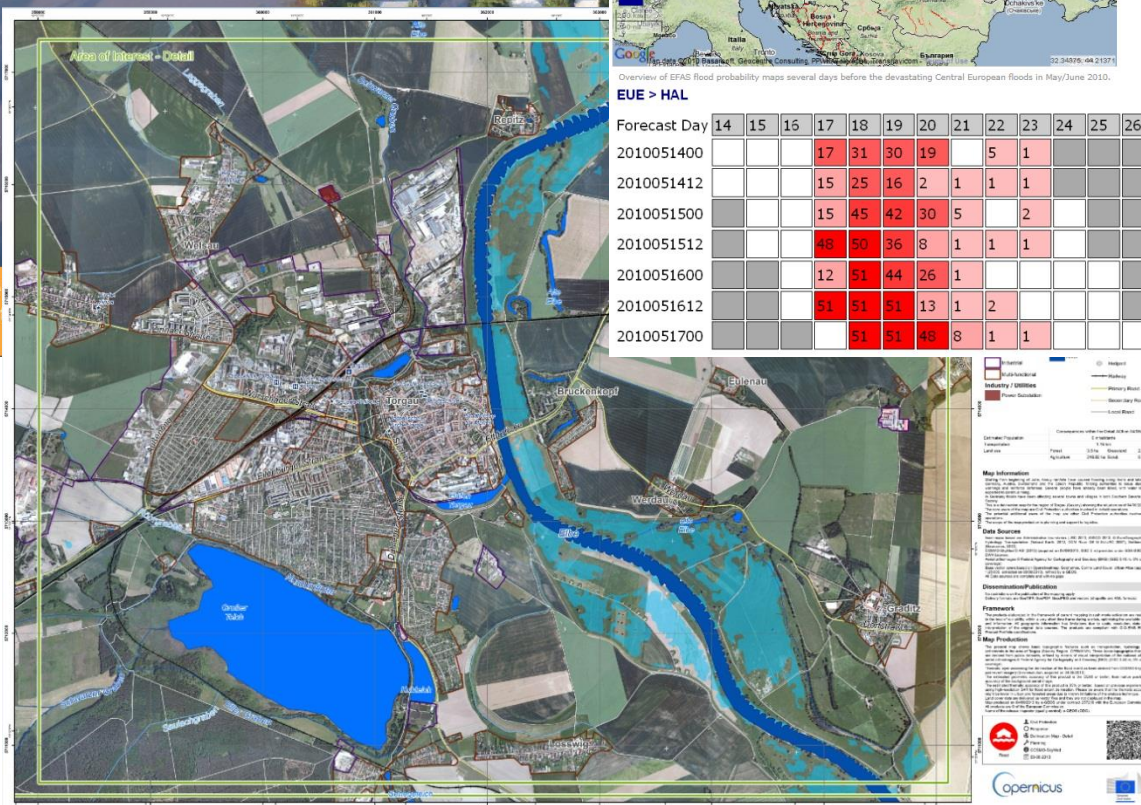
Overview of EFAS flood probability maps several days before the devastating Central European floods in May/June 2017.

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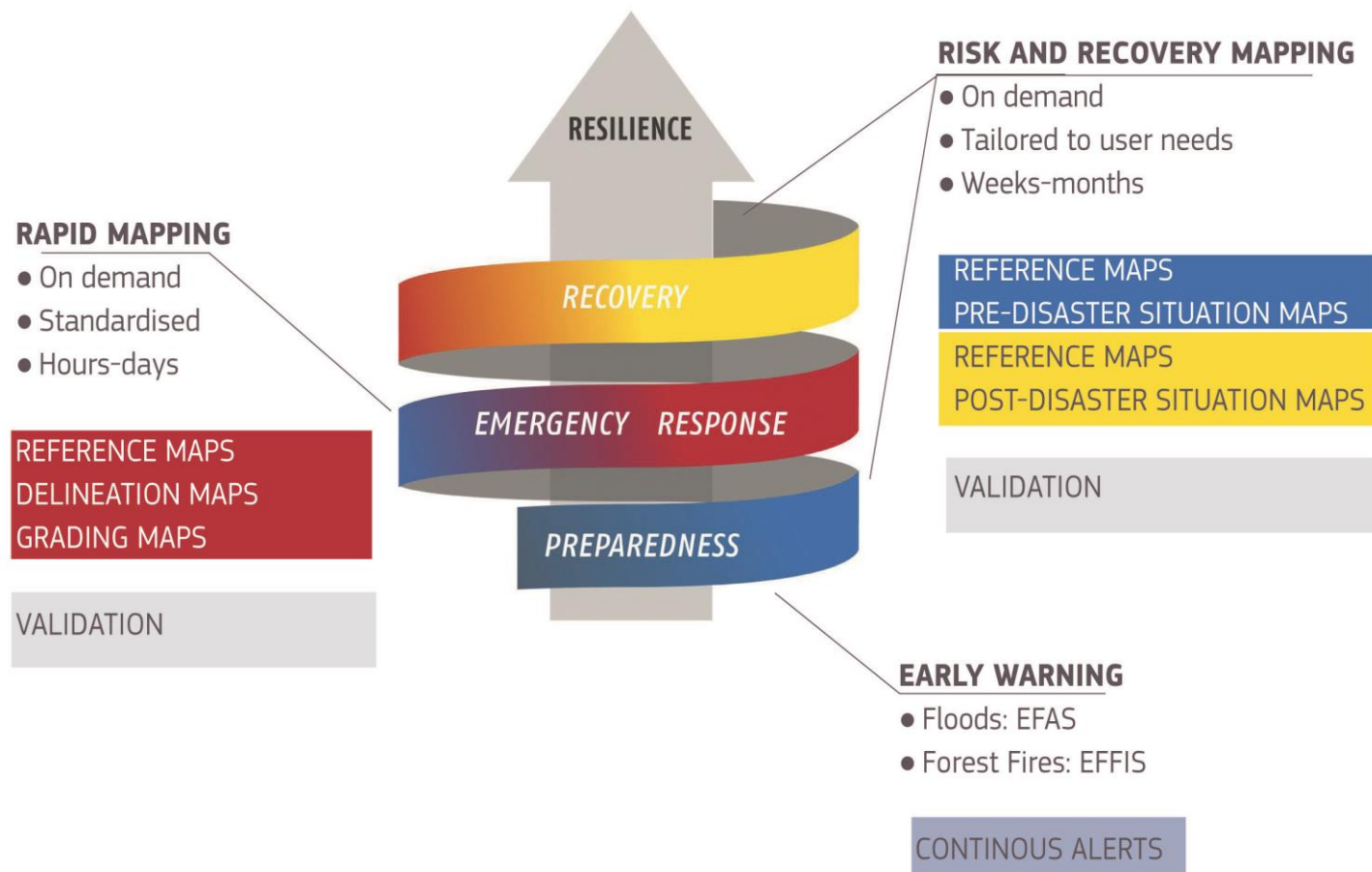
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2010051500				15	45	42	30	5		2			
2010051512				48	50	36	8	1	1	1			
2010051600				12	51	44	26	1					
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Providing support to  
emergency response  
services

Situation maps, reference  
information







**EMS covers the 3 phases of emergencies: preparedness, emergency and recovery**



**EMSR125: Earthquake in Nepal**

Event Time (UTC): 2015-04-25 11:45  
 Event Time (LOC): 2015-04-25 16:45  
 Event Type: Earthquake  
 Activation Time (UTC): 2015-04-25 12:20  
 Reference maps: 4  
 Delineation maps: 0  
 Grading maps: 4  
 Activation Status: Open

**Affected Countries:**  
 Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal

**Area Descriptor:** Kathmandu, Bktar, Pokhara, Bharatpur

**Authorized User:**  
 EC Services(DG ECHO)

**Activation Reason:**  
 An earthquake in Nepal with a magnitude of 7.8M, 10km depth occurred with at least one consequent aftershock of 7.1M, 10km depth. The epicenter is located between the capital Kathmandu and the city of Pokhara, and was also felt in northern parts of India. Extensive damage to buildings and injuries have been reported.

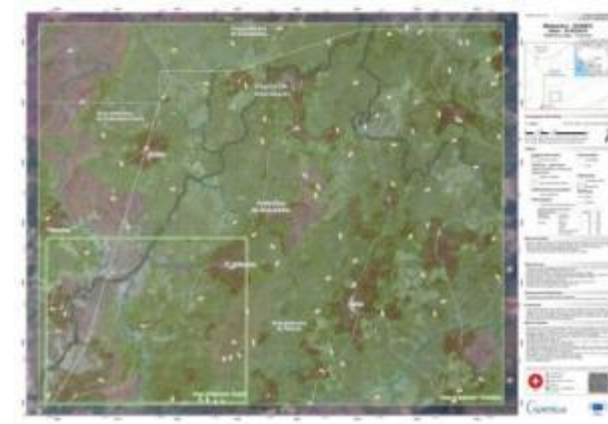
**Requested Product:** Reference and Grading Maps




Earthquake, Nepal



Tropical Cyclone, Vanuatu



Ebola epidemic, Guinea



Refugee Camp, Al Mafrq Jordan



Floods, Ostlandet Norway



Earthquake, San Felice sul  
Panaro Italy



# Copernicus Security Service







## Copernicus - Security Implementation Plan

Border  
Surveillance

Support to  
EU External  
Actions

Maritime  
Surveillance

**(DA) November  
2015**

**(DA) Early 2016**

**(DA) December  
2015**



**Inter-Agency cooperation**

**Industrial Base**



# Copernicus Climate Change Service





to be an authoritative source of  
climate information for Europe

**How is the  
climate  
changing?**

*Observations &  
Re-analysis*

**What are the  
societal  
impacts?**

*Climate indicators  
&  
Sectoral  
information*

**What is the  
rate of  
change?**

*Forecasts &  
Projections*

<http://climate.copernicus.eu/>

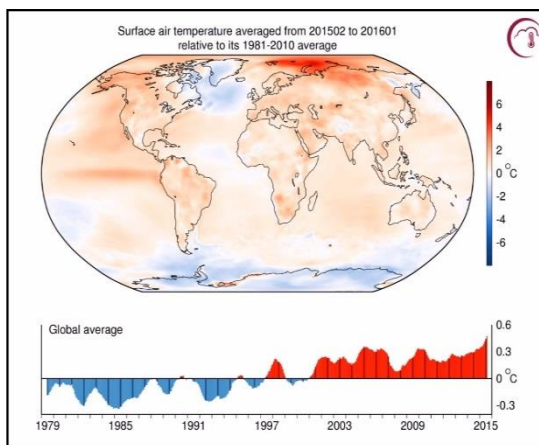


# Copernicus Climate Change Service (C3S)



**C3S: Monitors and analyses the Earth System to build a global picture and provide the data, tools and products needed by policy makers, societal and economic sectors to mitigate and adapt to a changing climate.**

- The climate is changing and with it an increase in extreme weather events such as flooding, heat wave and drought.



- C3S data provide the evidence.
- Released online, the C3S maps show the trends clearly and provide key indicators of climate change.



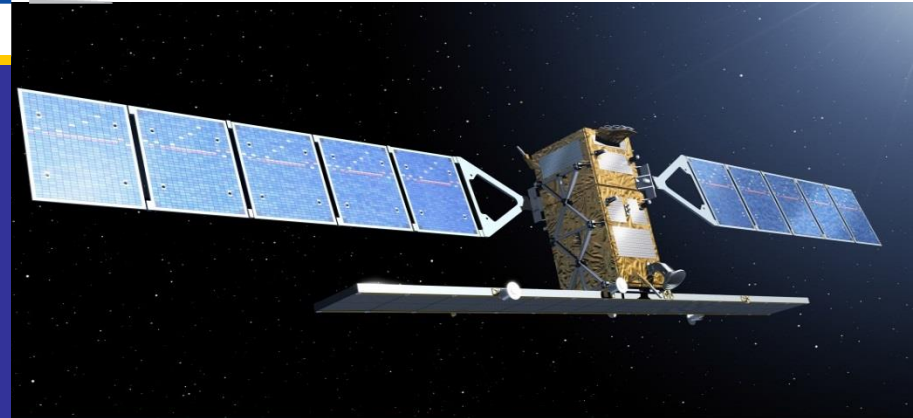
- The data captured, analysed and tailored by C3S helps sectors affected to identify the risks, to adapt and identify business opportunities.





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## 3. Data access and program evolution



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## Two complementary approaches:

- ★ *Bringing the data to the user:*  
web portal, mirroring of the data – high bandwidth connection needed (e.g. Géant)
- ★ *Bringing the user to the data:*  
cloud computing ('hosted computing') – upgrade of the Copernicus core ground segment needed



# Sentinel Data Access



**Full, free  
and open  
Access for  
everybody**



Copernicus Space Component  
Data Access Portal

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

Copernicus  
Services  
Access

Scientific / Other  
Access Hub

Collaborative  
Access Hub

International  
Agreements  
Access Hub



## Next-Generation Copernicus Space Component

- ★ Copernicus already ensures continuity for its users at least until 2030
- ★ However we need to already start collecting user requirements for 2030 onwards. Bear in mind that (when also counting procurement cycles), it can take up to ten years to have a satellite ready for lift-off!
- ★ The Commission has overall responsibility for "collecting the user requirements for the second generation Copernicus Space Component and delivering to ESA a User Requirements Document by **mid-2017**" (EU-ESA Copernicus Agreement, Article 4, point i).
- ★ This is a purely user-driven process. The majority of user needs/reqs already expected by end of 2016.
- ★ High level technical reqs (with ESA & EUMETSAT) due 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2017.



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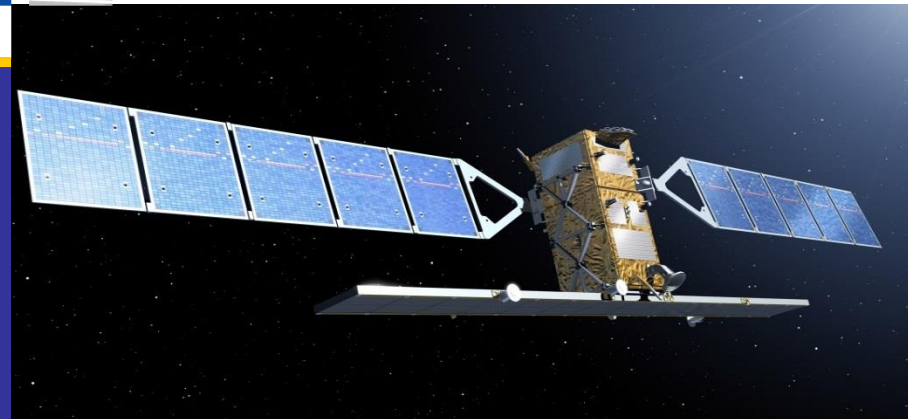
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