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ESA's Earth Observation - today and tomorrow

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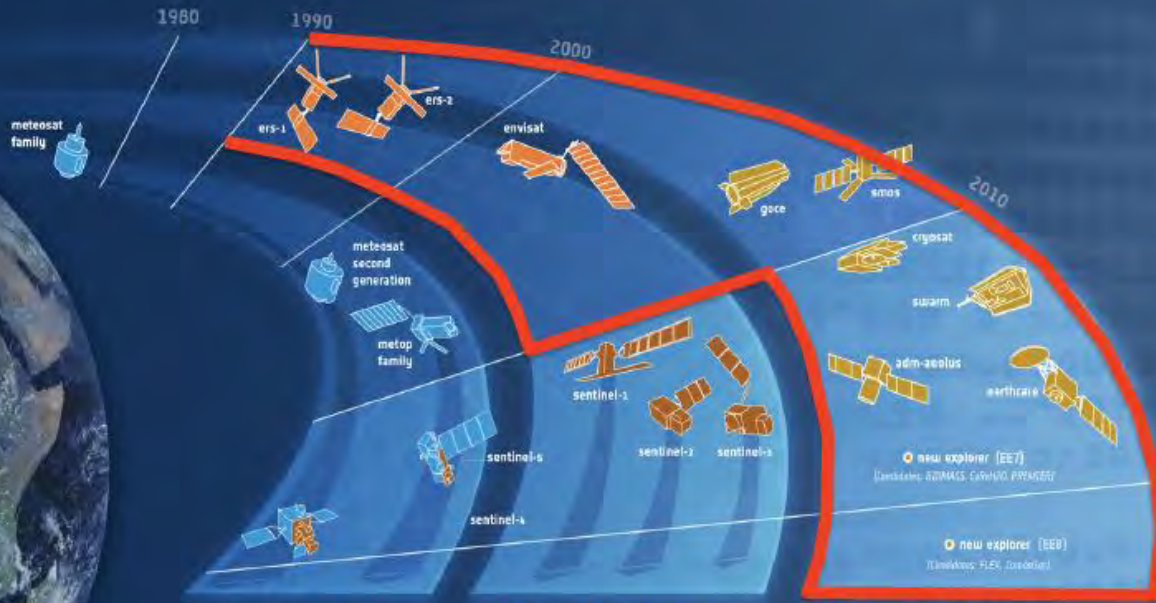
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ESA EO around 2010 “yesterday”



→ OBSERVING OUR PLANET FROM SPACE Expanding European Earth Observation capability



Meteorological Missions

driven mainly by Weather forecasting and Climate monitoring needs. These missions developed in partnership with EUMETSAT include the Meteorological Operational satellite programme (MetOp), forming the space segment of EUMETSAT's Polar System (EPS), and the new generation of Geostationary Meteorological satellites (MSG & MTG satellites).

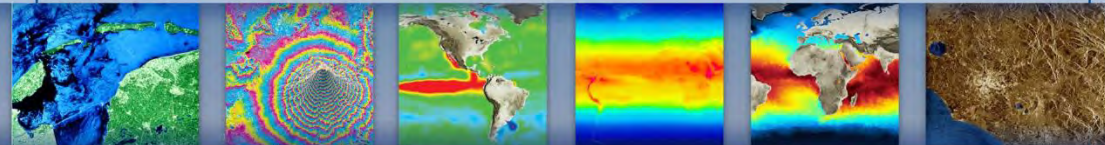
GMES Sentinel Missions

driven by Users needs to contribute to the European Global Monitoring of Environment & Security (GMES) initiative. These satellite missions developed in partnership with the EC include C-band imaging radar (Sentinel-1), High-resolution optical (Sentinel-2), optical and infrared radiometer (Sentinel-3) and atmospheric composition monitoring capability (Sentinel-4 & Sentinel-5 on board Met. missions MTG and EPS-SG respectively).

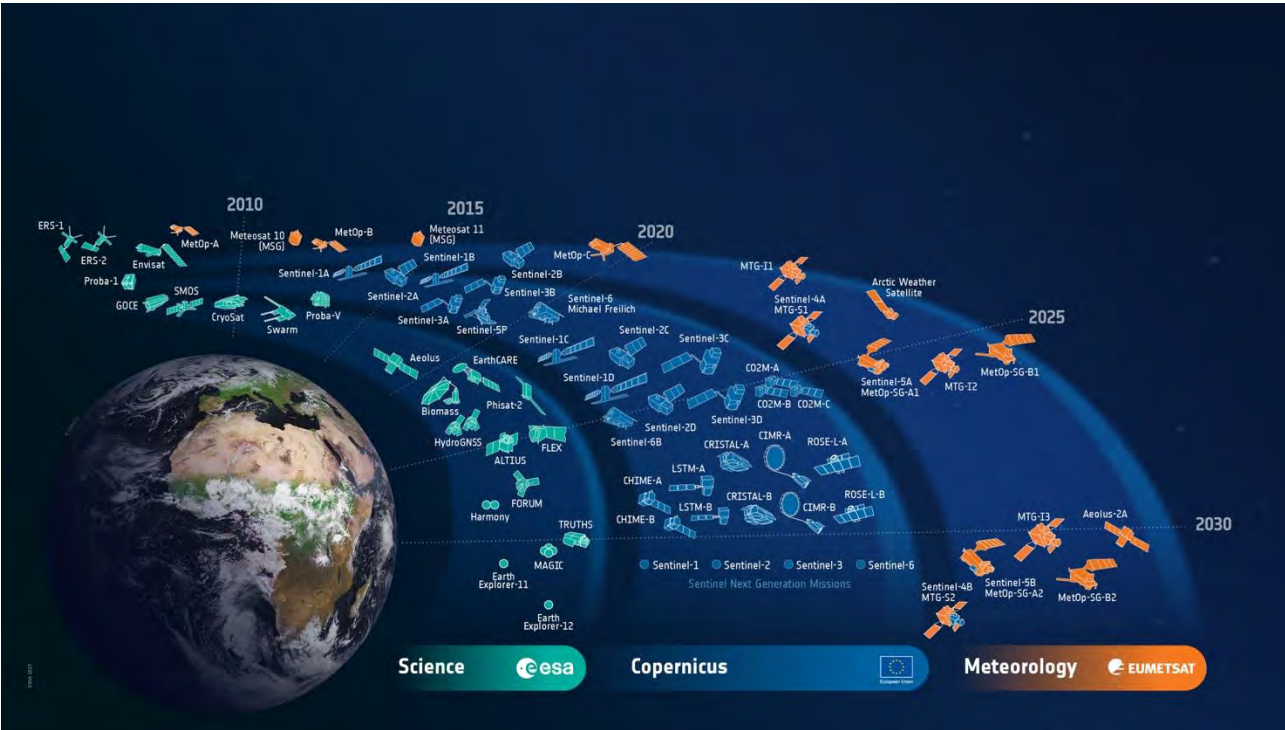
Earth Explorer Missions

driven by Scientific needs to advance our understanding of how the ocean, atmosphere, hydrosphere, mesosphere and Earth's interior operate and interact as part of an interconnected system. These Research missions, exploiting Europe's excellent **European Space Agency** pave the way towards new development of future EO applications.

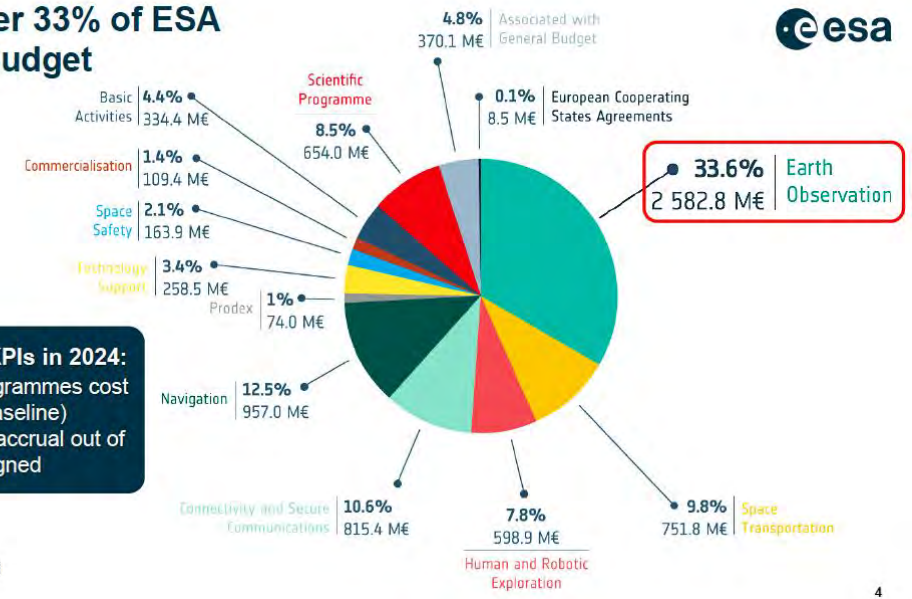
→ 20 YEARS OF ERS MISSIONS



ESA Earth Observation Missions – end 2024



EO in 2025 over 33% of ESA 7.68B€ Total Budget



Excellent Budget KPIs in 2024:

- 1.1 B€ optional programmes cost accrual (107% of baseline)
- 2.1 B€ overall cost accrual out of 2.2 B€ Contracts signed

* Includes activities implemented for other institutional partners

A few missing still...

- Nanomagsat
- TANGO
- inCubed missions (latest Skybee-1 by Constellr)

Various ESA programmes:

- FutureEO
- EU-ESA: Copernicus (and CCM)
- Eumetsat-ESA: Metop-SG, MTG, AWS, Aeolus-2
- inCubed
- DTE, GDA, Climate Space



... and ESA is not alone in Europe!



Agencies



Science community



Industry



<https://liuzzo.design.com/blog-detail/post/190603/we-need-more-space-infographic-map>

<https://www.essc.esf.org/2025/01/21/news-eo-brochure/>

<https://europeanspaceflight.com/european-space-industry-map/>



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- What is not in the scope of this workshop
- Organisation aspects



5 Goals with tangible objectives and strategic actions to achieve them

- Protect our Planet and Climate
- Explore and Discover
- Strengthen European Autonomy & Resilience
- Boost European Growth and Competitiveness
- Inspire Europe

Goal 1 – Protect our Planet

- Develop the technologies, missions, applications and services that will enable progress in acting to address climate change, degradation of the environment and pressure on natural resources
- Spearhead a greener, circular economy in space with global standards for sustainability and a zero-debris environment.
- Position Europe as a global leader in space safety by expanding capabilities in space weather services and planetary defence.



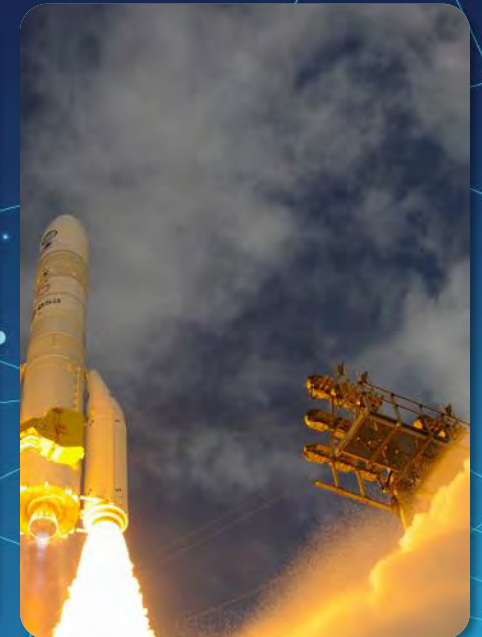
Goal 2 – Explore and Discover

- Elevate Europe’s global leadership in **Earth and space science** to unravel the mysteries of our planet and the Universe.
- Expand Europe’s unique capabilities and roles in the **new space exploration era** in Low Earth Orbit (LEO), around and on the **Moon**, and towards **Mars**.



Goal 3 – Strengthen European Resilience & Autonomy

- Secure **autonomous and competitive access to and mobility in space** through new transportation systems and services.
- **Develop the next gen.** technologies and systems in **connectivity, PNT, Earth Observation and civil security** for a more connected and safer future for citizens.
- Develop state-of-the-art space solutions for the **prediction and management of natural and anthropogenic disasters and emergencies.**



Goal 4 – Boost European Growth & Competitiveness

- Accelerate innovation by spearheading the **development of cutting-edge competitive European space technologies** in key strategic domains.
- Strengthen **industrial capacity and competitiveness to unlock new markets** and drive economic growth, fostering a more prosperous society.
- Position **Europe as a commercial hub** in the booming global space economy, **able to attract significant private investment**.
- Establish Europe as the global hub for space research by investing in and **attracting top STEM talent**.



Goal 5 – Inspire Europe

- Reinforce the **European space ecosystem** through world-class project management and **intensified cooperation** among key stakeholders.
- Position ESA as a model for leveraging **space activities to inspire young people** and future generations from diverse backgrounds.
- Enable ESA Member States and the EU to **harness space capabilities** for greater influence in international **diplomacy** and global affairs.



Way Forward – Implementation

➔ Most **Strategic Actions** needed to achieve the **objectives** can be **implemented through existing structures** (Council, PBs and SPC) and will be enabled by:

ESA Transformation

- Modernise operations to manage projects and programmes **on schedule and within cost**
- Strengthen risk management with the **Independent Project Management Authority (IPMA)**
- Use of a **matrix approach** for resource allocation

Commercialisation & Partnerships

- **Procurement shift** focus from goods to services
- **Support market growth** as an early customer
- Empower NewSpace approaches and **promote industry autonomy**

Stronger ESA-EU Cooperation

- **Shared objectives:** strategic autonomy, climate action, digital innovation, disaster response, etc.
- Enhance ESA's role under the next **EU MFF**

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Way Forward – Next Steps

CM25 and CM28

Next CMs are the **first occasions** to start the implementation of Strategy 2040



Strategy 2040 embedding into ESA activities

CM25

DG Proposal and **Programme Proposals** will be aligned with Strategy 2040

LTP

Updated Long Term Plan will serve as multi-year planning document for Strategy 2040 implementation

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Treasury Tiger Team will continue its work to **increase the Agency's ability to implement programmes on schedule and within budget**

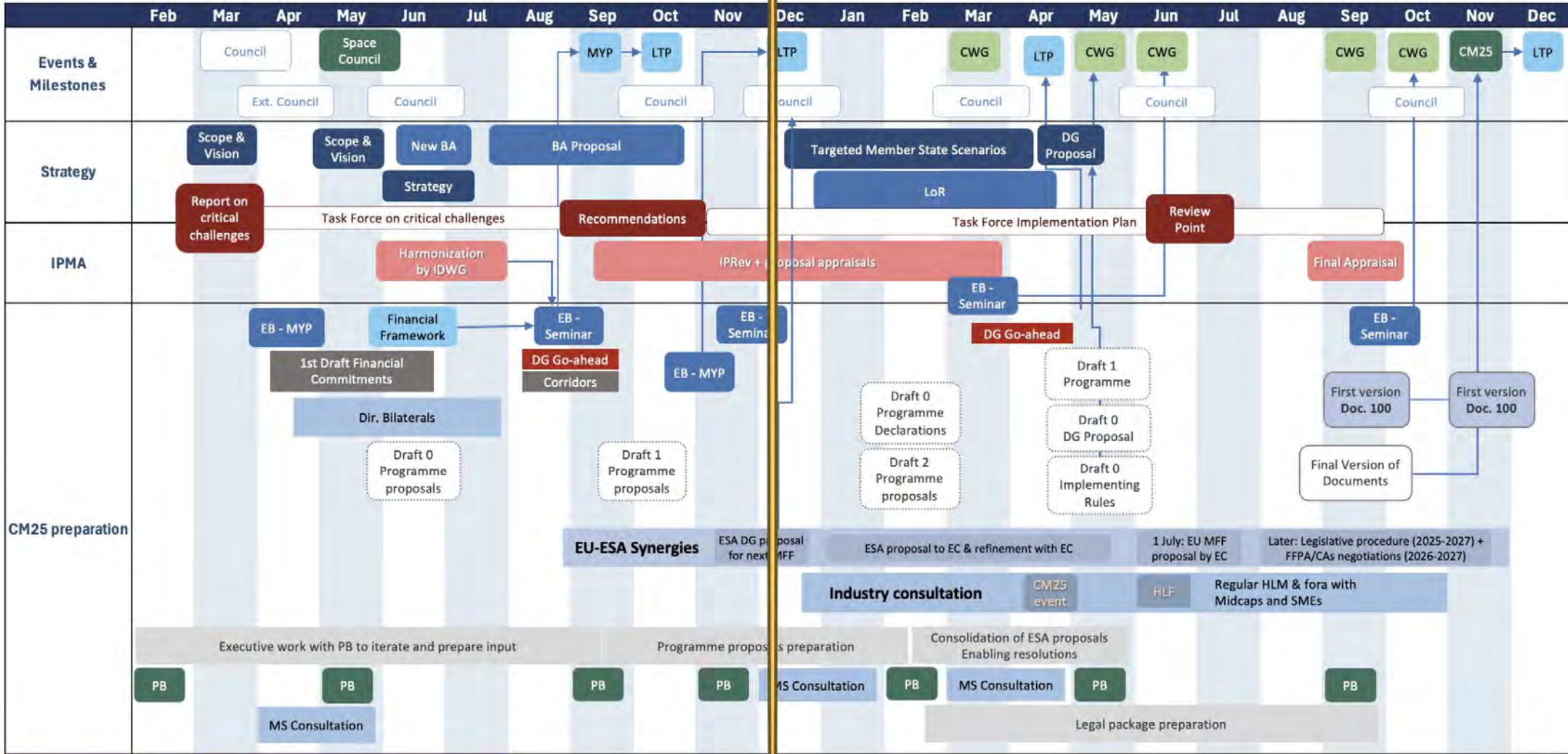
KPIs

ESA's Key Performance Indicators **will be updated to match the goals, objectives and strategic actions**

ESA roadmap to CM25



Indicative Calendar for CM25



Upgraded FutureEO: Three pillars



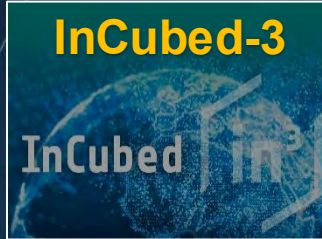
➤ **EO Foundations**



➤ **EO Missions and Data**



➤ **Earth Action**



Upgraded FutureEO



Earth Explorer 11



NGGM / MAGIC

Mission Management & Ground Segment



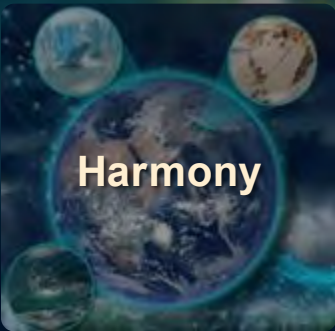
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Earth Action

Global Development Assistance



Climate Space



Harmony



Hybrid Constellation Stepping stones



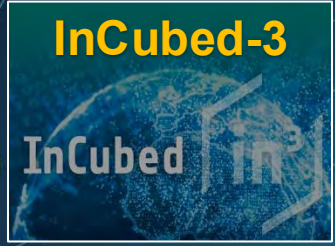
Scouts 5 & 6



Copernicus (CSC-4 Phase-3)



TRUTHS



InCubed-3

InCubed in³



Digital Twin Earth (DTE-2)

Corporate Level Actions

- Space Summit
- ESA 2040 Strategy
- Draft CM25 Financial Framework

Q2
2024

- Inter-Directorate Working Group peer review of CM25 White Papers

Q3
2024

- Programme Proposals draft 1
- Workshop with PBE0 delegates
- NGGM / MAGIC Phase B1 decision point
- EO Science Strategy

Q4
2024

- Comprehensive CM25 communication plan
- IPRRevs started

- S-2 NG & S-3 NG Optical Workshop
- Workshop w/ Industry (04/12)
- Continued work on programme proposals
- MS bilateral meetings

Q1
2025

- ESA 2040 Strategy
- Draft DG's proposal
- Finalisation of CM25 package

- FutureEO-1 Segment 2 Programmatic Review (16-17/01)
- Sanitised version of 'stable/consolidated' programme proposals
- Results of socio-economic studies
- Meetings with potential programme participants
- EO Narrative Workshop with MS (25-26 March)

Q2
2025

- ESA-Industry Dialogue on CM25

- LPS25 (23-27/06)
- Finalisation of CM25 package (PP / Declaration / IR / Agreements)
- UCM on EE-11 & selection by PBE0
- Appraisal of levels of subscription
- Fiches on return potential at MS level
- Early Briefing for Ministerial level

Q3-Q4
2025

- Last series of bilateral and poss. multipartite HoD meetings (including recovery actions if needed)
- Possible revision of briefing for Ministerial level

CM25

- Continuous effort to secure additional contribution
- Post CM25 analysis & work plans

EOP Level Actions

- Copernicus Funding Gate Milestone
- ESA EO Science Strategy Review Workshop & draft proposal
- Mission Gate Review Board for Sentinel-3NG Topo
- EE-12 candidate missions selected
- Initial CM25 proposals



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9:15 - 9:30	Welcome and inspiration for Day 2	Simonetta Cheli (ESA Director Earth Observation)
9:30 - 11:30	Splinter discussions with coffee	
	1. The European EO Ecosystem in 2040+ - System-of-Systems view	PoC: Juliette Lambin, Dominique Gillieron
	2. User expectations and requirements for synergies within the European EO ecosystem	PoC: Inge Jonckheere, Anja Stromme
	3. The role of FRM and reference measurements for performance certification and monitoring within the European EO Ecosystem	PoC: Philippe Goryl, Thorsten Fehr
	4. The role of a constellation within the European EO ecosystem	PoC: Bernardo Carnicero, Dirk Bernaerts, Vanessa Keuck
13:00 - 15:00	Splinter reporting (20min each reporting + 10min each discussion)	
15:00 - 15:30	Wrap-up	Vanessa Keuck and Armin Loescher (ESA EOP-FA)
15:30 - 15:35	Thank you and next steps	Craig Donlon (ESA EOP-FA)

Second day is for discussions, exchange, open brainstorming

We count on your active participation!

Good-by coffee for feedback, afterthoughts

The background features a large, detailed Earth globe on the right side, showing continents and oceans. Surrounding the globe are numerous satellite icons of various shapes and colors (white, gold, red, blue). A network of blue lines connects these satellites, suggesting a global communication or data network. The background is a deep blue with faint binary code (0s and 1s) scattered throughout.

Thank you for your attention, enjoy the workshop!

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