

ESA's Earth Observation Programmes, the Copernicus Programme and India

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Purpose of ESA



“To provide for and promote, for **exclusively peaceful purposes**, cooperation among European states in **space research** and **technology** and their **space applications.**”

Article 2 of the ESA Convention

ESA was established in 1975



ESA facts and figures



- Over 50 years of experience
- 22 Member States
- Eight sites/facilities in Europe, about 2300 staff
- 5.6 billion Euro budget (2018)
- Over 80 satellites designed, tested and operated in flight



ESA EO Programmes in 2018



709 People

555 in EOP
154 in other ESA
Directorates

Budget

€ **1.5 bn**

5 Sites

ESRIN	ECSAT
	HQ
ESTEC	EBO



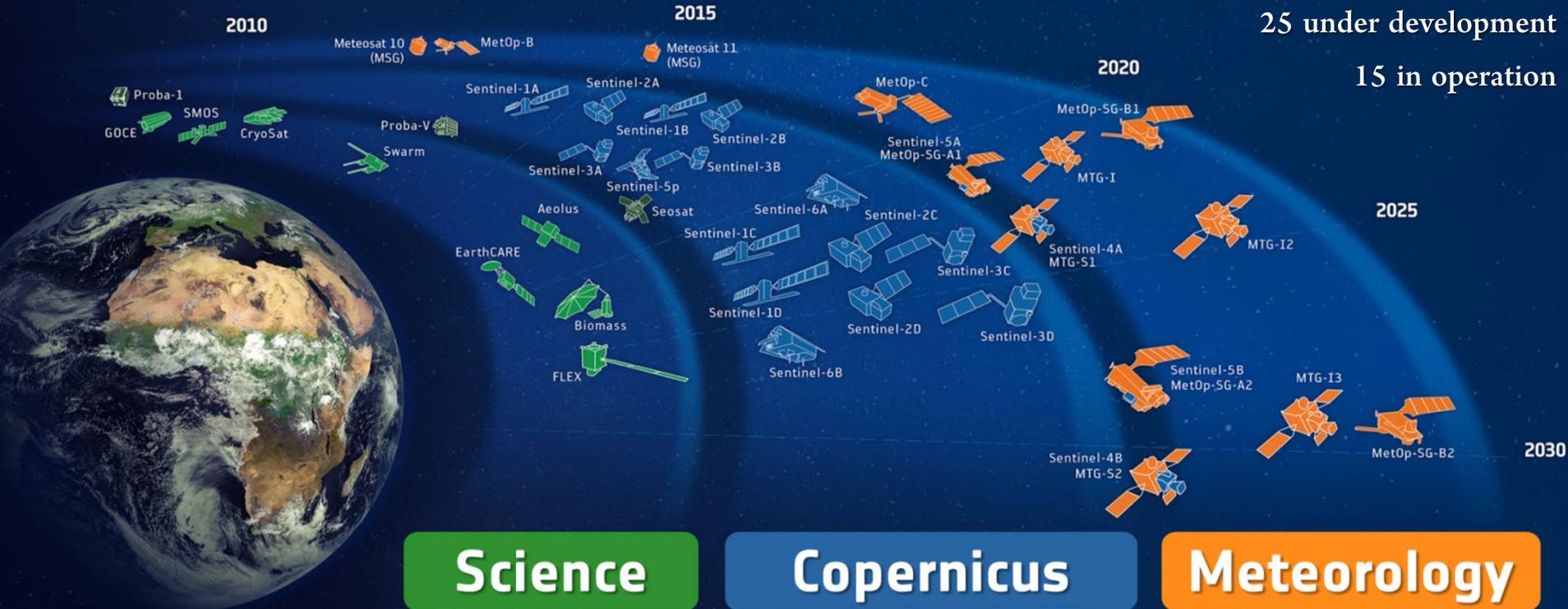
ESA-DEVELOPED EARTH OBSERVATION MISSIONS



Satellites

25 under development

15 in operation





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The Earth Explorers



European Space Agency

The Earth Explorers Missions

- Science driven programme
- Mission selection proposed by a peer committee “Advisory Committee for Earth Observation”
- Financed through the Earth Observation Envelope Programme (EOEP)
- On average one mission every 2 years

Explorer Core Missions

Major missions covering primary research objectives

Fast Track Missions

Smaller research and demonstration missions



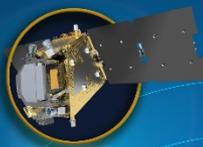
Science: Earth Explorers



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→ ESA'S FLUORESCENCE MISSION

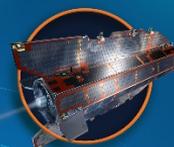
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→ ESA'S GRAVITY MISSION

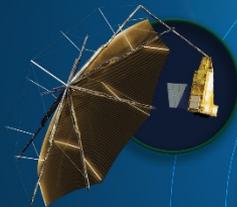
2009 – 2013



biomass

→ ESA'S FOREST MISSION

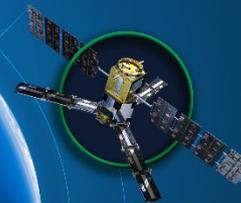
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smos

→ ESA'S WATER MISSION

2009 – Present



earthcare

→ ESA'S CLOUD, AEROSOL
& RADIATION MISSION

2021



cryosat

→ ESA'S ICE MISSION

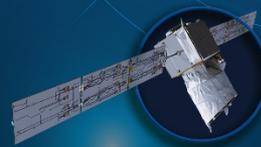
2010 – Present



aeolus

→ ESA'S WIND MISSION

2018



swarm

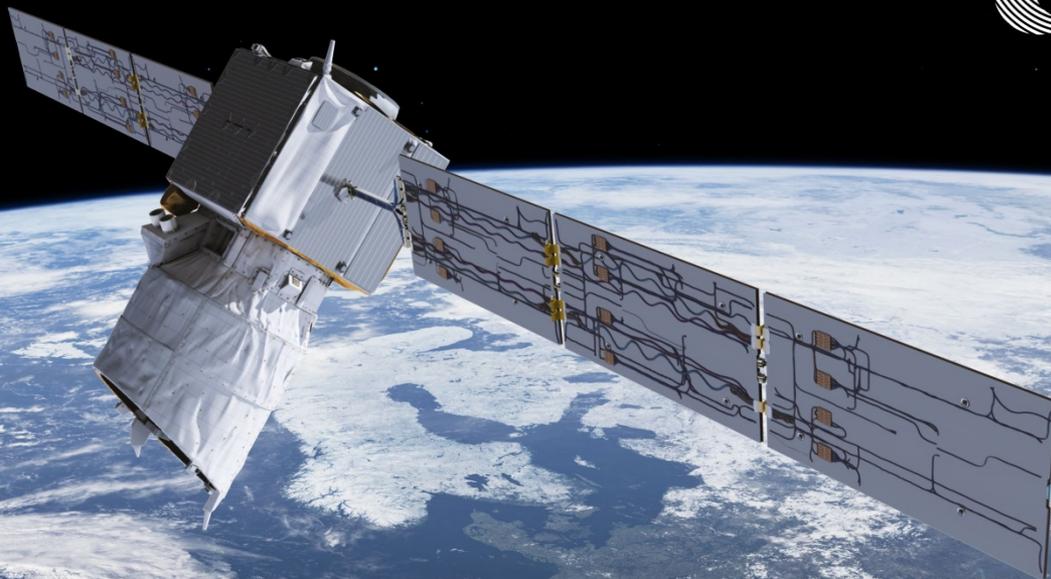
→ ESA'S MAGNETIC FIELD MISSION

2013 – Present



GOCE, SMOS, CRYOSAT, SWARM, AEOLUS, BIOMASS, EARTH CARE, BIOMASS Credits: Airbus / FLEX Credits: Airbus

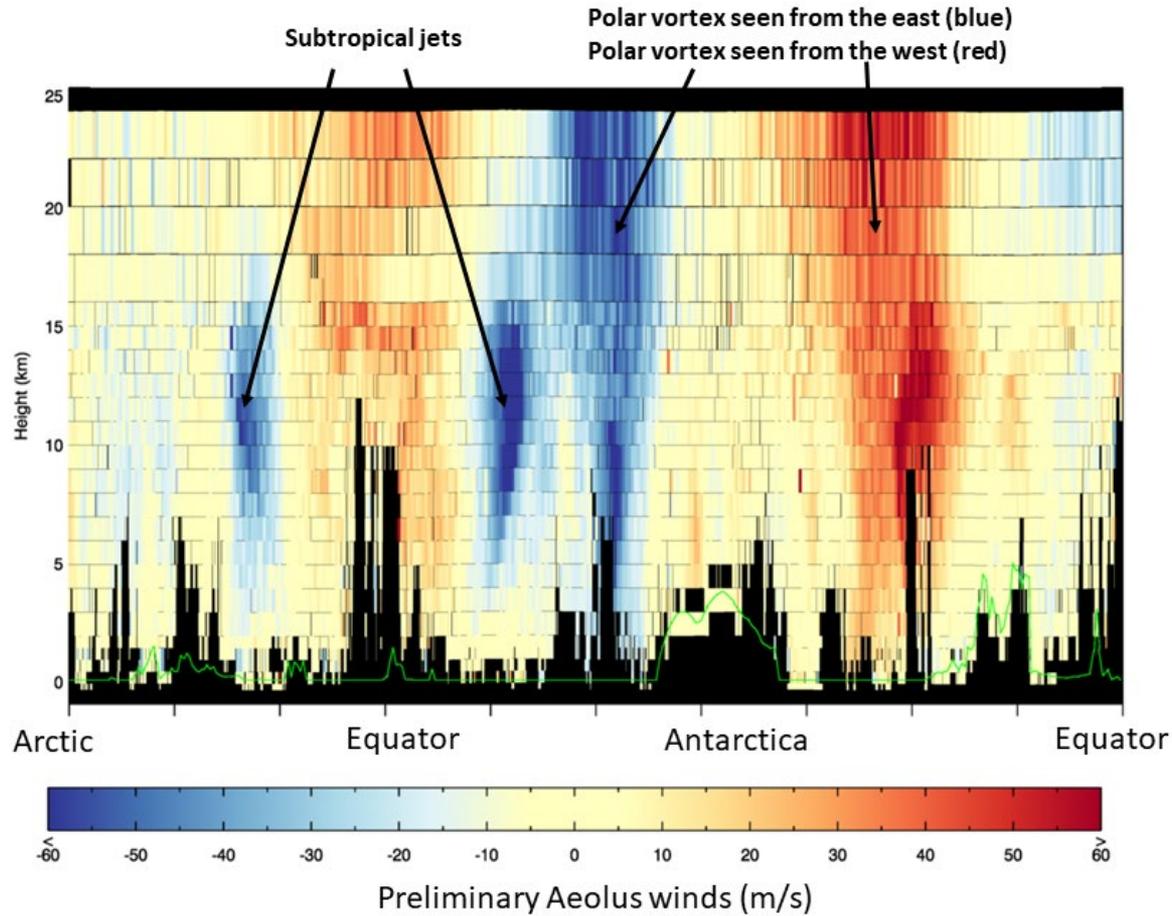
Aeolus



Launched 22 Aug. 2018
Wind Mission
First ever UV LIDAR in Space



European Space Agency



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2018

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Copernicus

Copernicus – a new Phase in EO



European Earth Observation System

- Led by the EU
- EU-ESA Collaboration

European response to global needs:

- to manage the environment
- to mitigate the effects of climate change
- to ensure civil security

European independence, contribution to global system (GEOSS)



FULL, FREE AND OPEN
ACCESS TO DATA



- ATMOSPHERE MONITORING
- MARINE ENVIRONMENT MONITORING
- LAND MONITORING
- CLIMATE CHANGE
- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
- SECURITY



CSC: Sentinel Satellites



Sentinel 1 (A/B/C/D)
SAR Imaging

All weather, day/night applications,
interferometry



Sentinel 2 (A/B/C/D)
Multispectral Imaging

Land applications: urban, forest, agriculture, ...
Continuity of Landsat, SPOT



Sentinel 3 (A/B/C/D)
Ocean & Global Land Monitoring

Wide-swath ocean colour, vegetation, sea/land
surface temperature, altimetry



Sentinel 4 (A/B)
Geostationary Atmospheric

Atmospheric composition monitoring, pollution;
instrument on MTG satellites



Sentinel 5 (A/B/C) & Precursor
Low-Orbit Atmospheric

Atmospheric composition monitoring;
instrument on MetOp-SG satellites



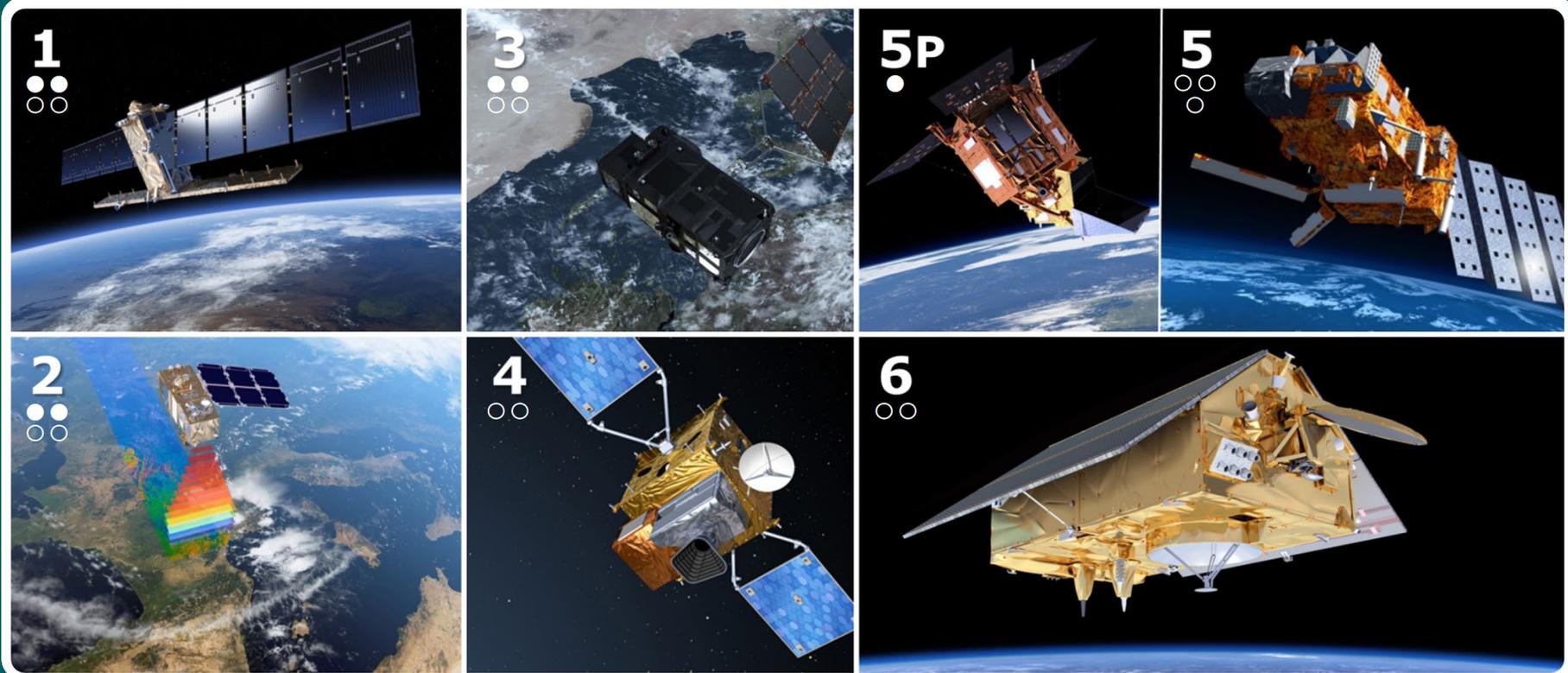
Sentinel 6
Jason CS (A/B)

Altimetry reference mission



The Big Data Revolution

Copernicus is the largest producer of EO data in the world

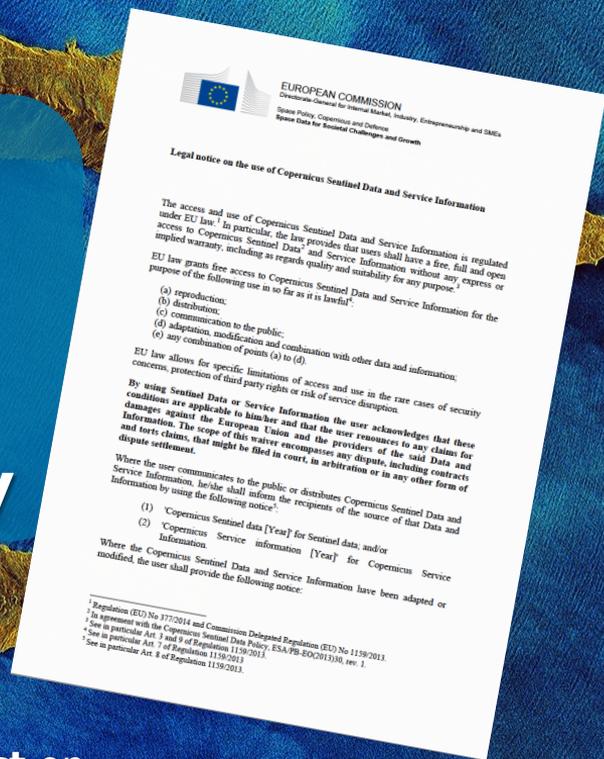


Copernicus Sentinel Data Policy



Sentinel data are available:

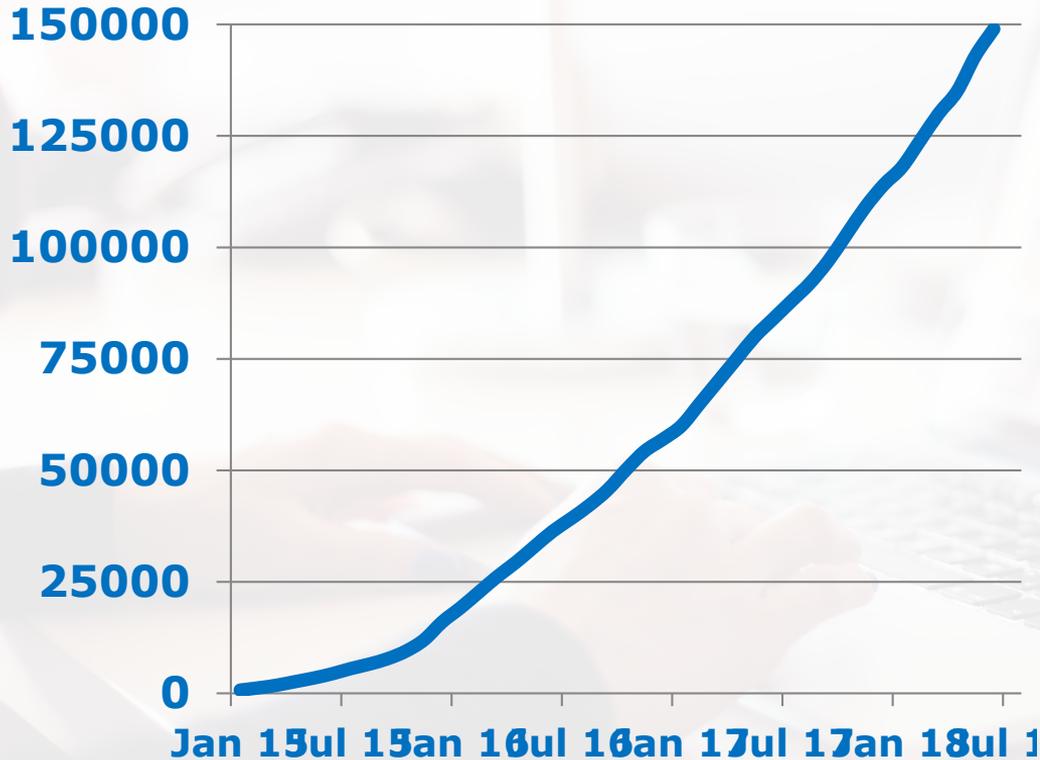
- ✓ Free, Full and Open*
- ✓ Over very long term
- ✓ Systematically, Operationally



* **ESA Sentinel Data Policy** (Sep 2013) and **EU Delegated Act on Copernicus Data and Information Policy** (Dec 2013)



Registered Sentinel Users



Sentinel access through

- EU/ESA Copernicus Open Access Hub
- 6 Copernicus services
- 18 ESA Member State hubs
- NASA, NOAA, USGS, Geoscience Australia
- Commercial hubs

Sentinel Open Access Data Hub



Registered Users
182,974



Published Products
10,957,977



Volume of User Downloads
99.12 PB



Open Access Hub Availability
in the past month
97.4%



Statistics on
12 Nov. 2018

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DIAS – Creating an EO Data Ecosystem



- Copernicus **D**ata and **I**nformation **A**ccess **S**ervices
- Common DG-GROW-ESA approach to EO data exploitation with Copernicus at its core
- Create & enable European EO Data ecosystem for research & business
- Started in June 2018



Copernicus Space Component Evolution



2014



Next-Gen. missions will replace current & expansion missions



Copernicus Services

Land

Atmosphere

Marine Environment

Climate Change

Emergency Management

Security



Security
Refugee Camp Monitoring

International Agreements



- EC leads cooperation with third countries and international organisations
 - ESA implements technical cooperation activities with those partners
- Aim is **mutual access** to and **enhanced use of Earth observation data**

Fields of cooperation may be:

- Data acquisition and Quasi Real Time production (International Local Stations – currently not foreseen)
- Complementary collaborative data products and algorithms definition
- Core data product dissemination and access (e.g. international mirror sites)
- Development of innovative tools and applications
- Complementary external validation support activities



Existing Cooperation Agreements (4)

	NASA	Signed in February 2016. NASA intends to set-up a Sentinel data mirror site
	NOAA	Signed in March 2016. NOAA intends to use global Sentinel data for research purposes
	USGS	Signed in February 2016. USGS will focus on Sentinel-2 products hosting and distribution.
	Geoscience Australia	Signed in March 2016. GA, in collaboration with partner entities, intends to establish a Regional Copernicus Data Access/Analysis Mirror Site ('GA Data Mirror Site') to improve access to, and exploitation of, Sentinel data in the Australian, South-East Asia and South Pacific Region

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Deadlines

Session Proposals
17 June 2018

Abstracts
11 November 2018

Registration
April 2019

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Thank you for your attention!

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