

An aerial photograph of a dense forest of evergreen trees covered in a thick layer of snow. The trees are dark green, and the snow is a bright white, creating a high-contrast scene. The perspective is from directly above, looking down on the forest canopy.

GMES Space Component: Programme Overview

EGU 2011, Vienna, Austria, 3-8 Apr 2011

Dr. Josef Aschbacher, Head, ESA GMES Space Office

GMES is the most ambitious operational Earth Observation programme to date.

It will provide global, timely and easily accessible information ...

... in domains such as

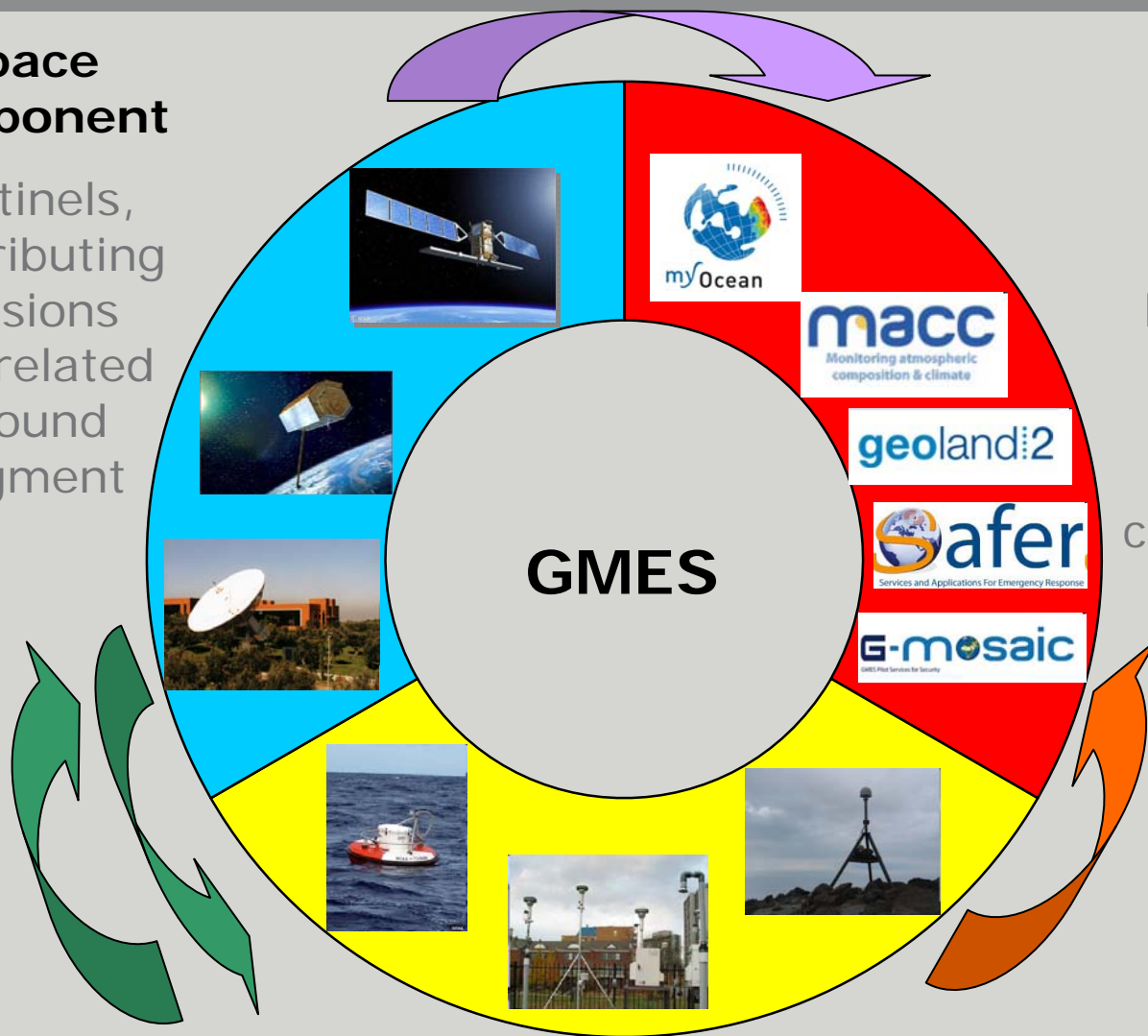
- **Land**
- **Marine**
- **Atmosphere**
- **Emergency response**
- **Climate Change**
- **Security**

GMES Components



Space Component

Sentinels,
Contributing
Missions
and related
Ground
Segment



Services Component

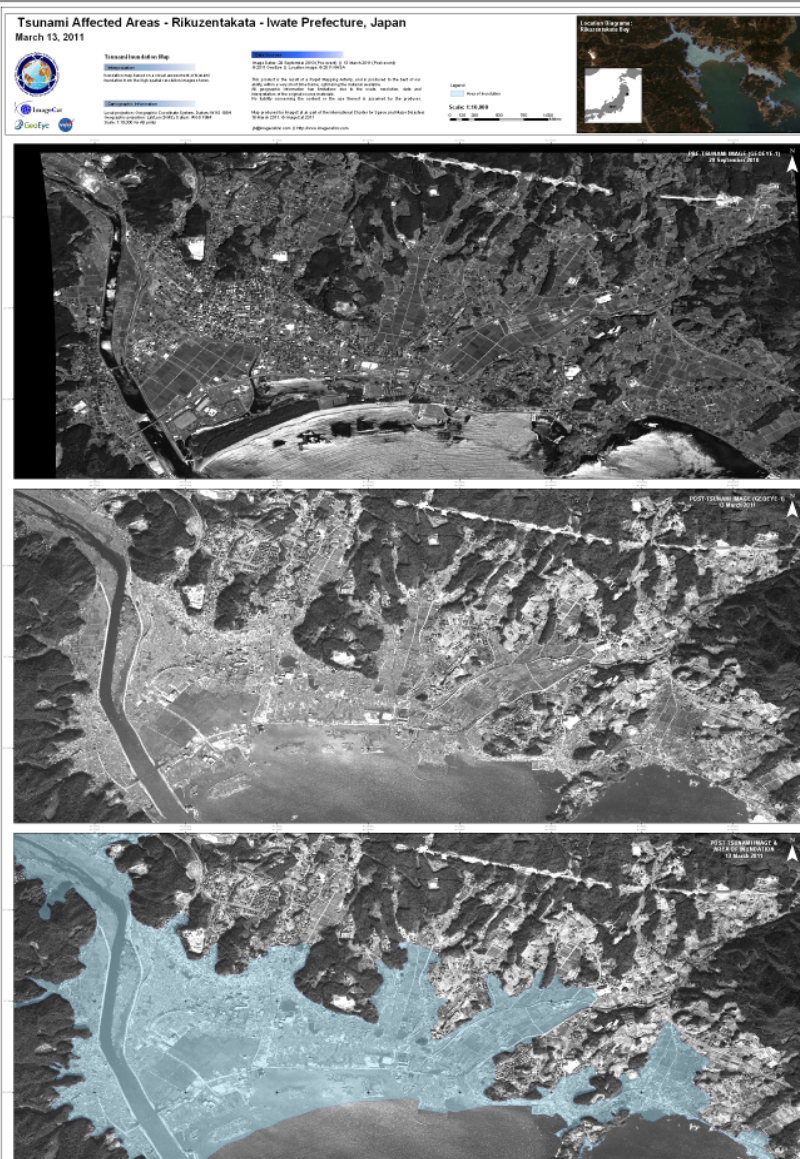
Information
services for
land, marine,
atmosphere,
emergency,
security and
climate change

In-situ Component Land, air and water monitoring sensors



Japan Earthquake - Tsunami - Nuclear Disaster

Inundated area 13 March 2011



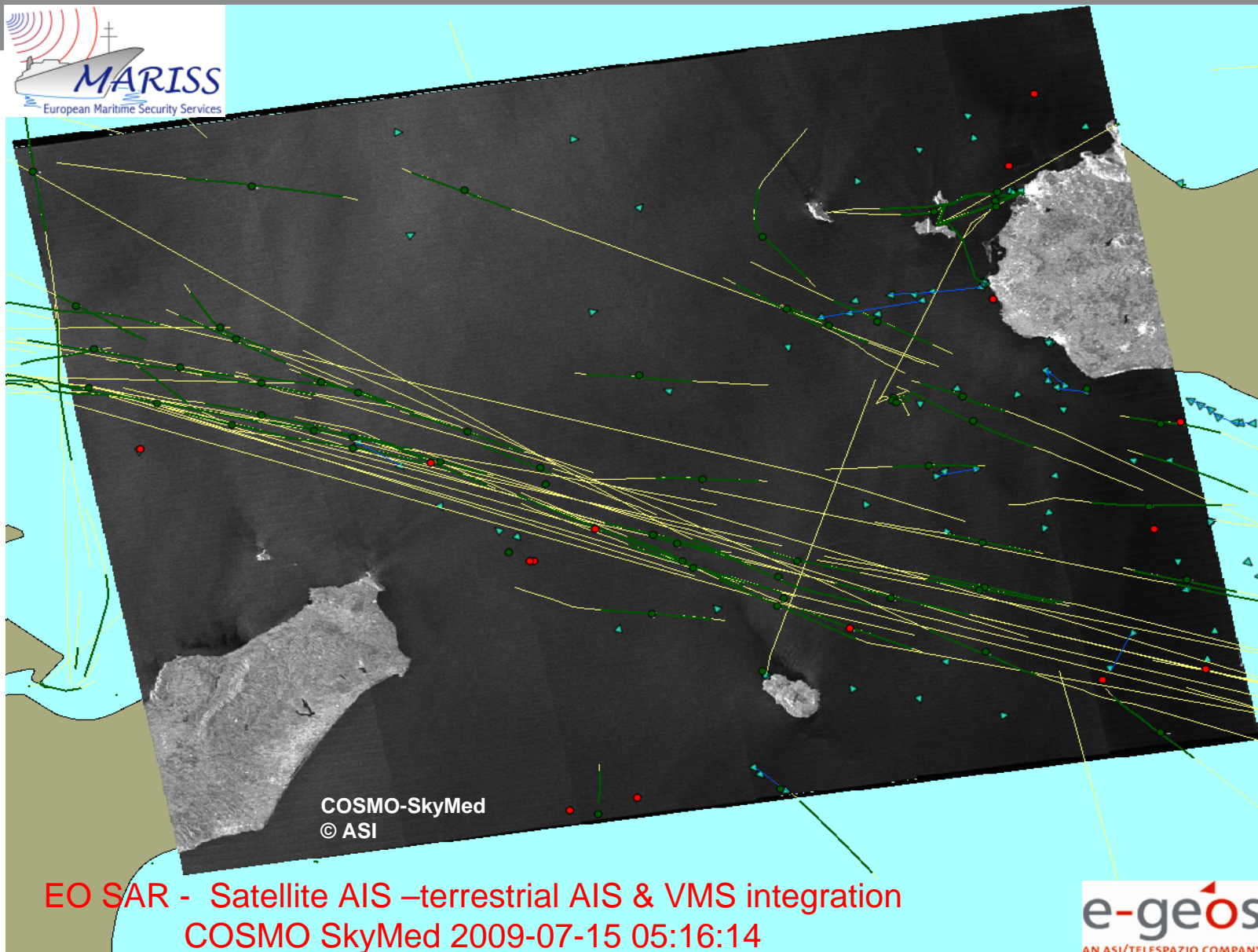
More than 4000 satellite images
acquired of disaster area
(as of 29 March)



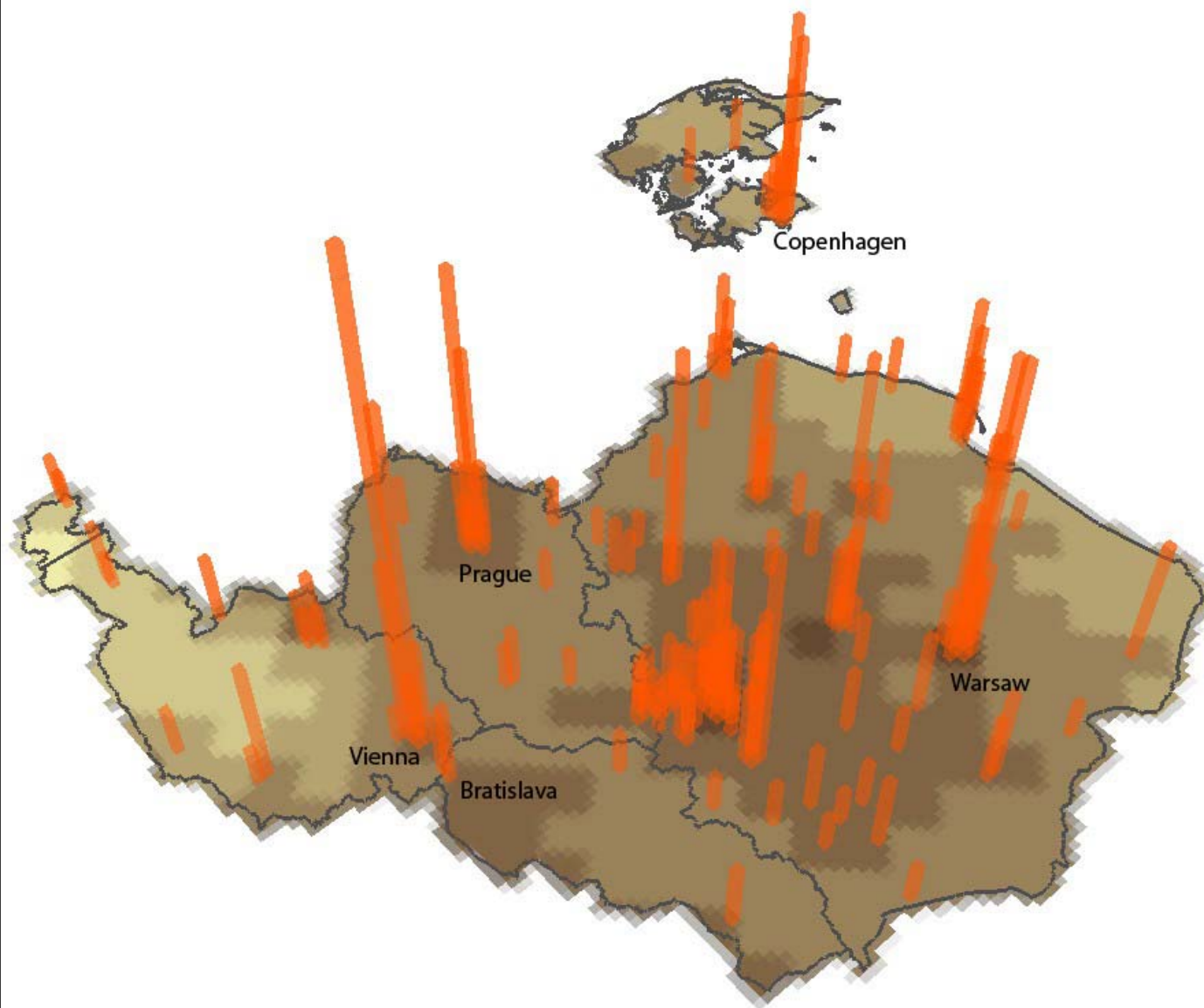




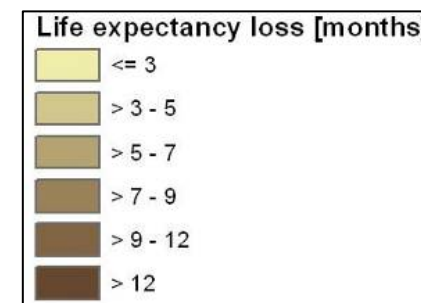
Example of tactical information support to Italian Coast Guard



Example of Atmospheric monitoring service



Population 2006 exposed to loss in statistical life expectancy due to PM_{2.5} emissions

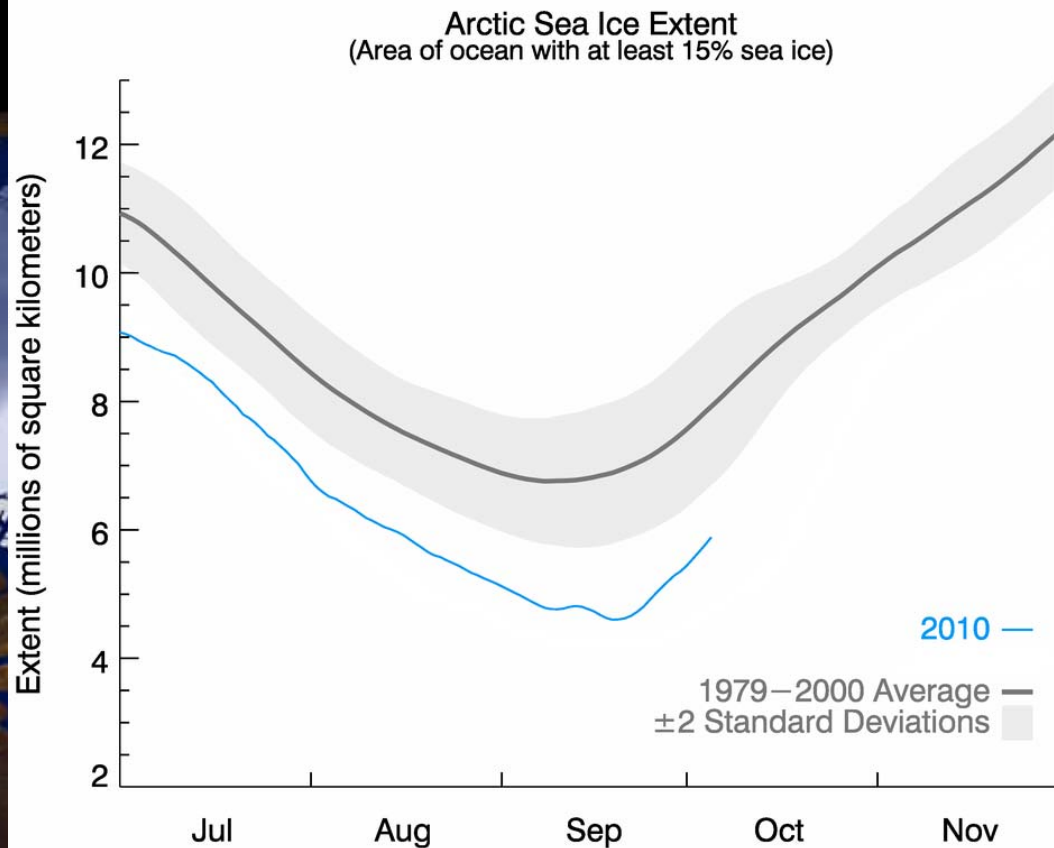
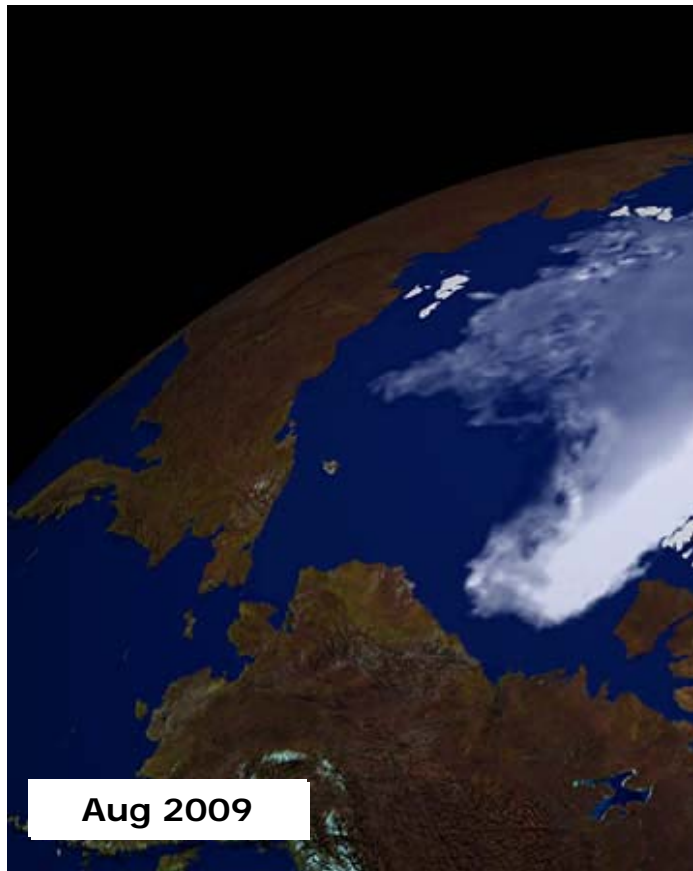


Map examples with 10km resolution (original resolution: 500m)

Credits: Geoville GmbH
Data processing: IIASA modelling – GSE PROMOTE

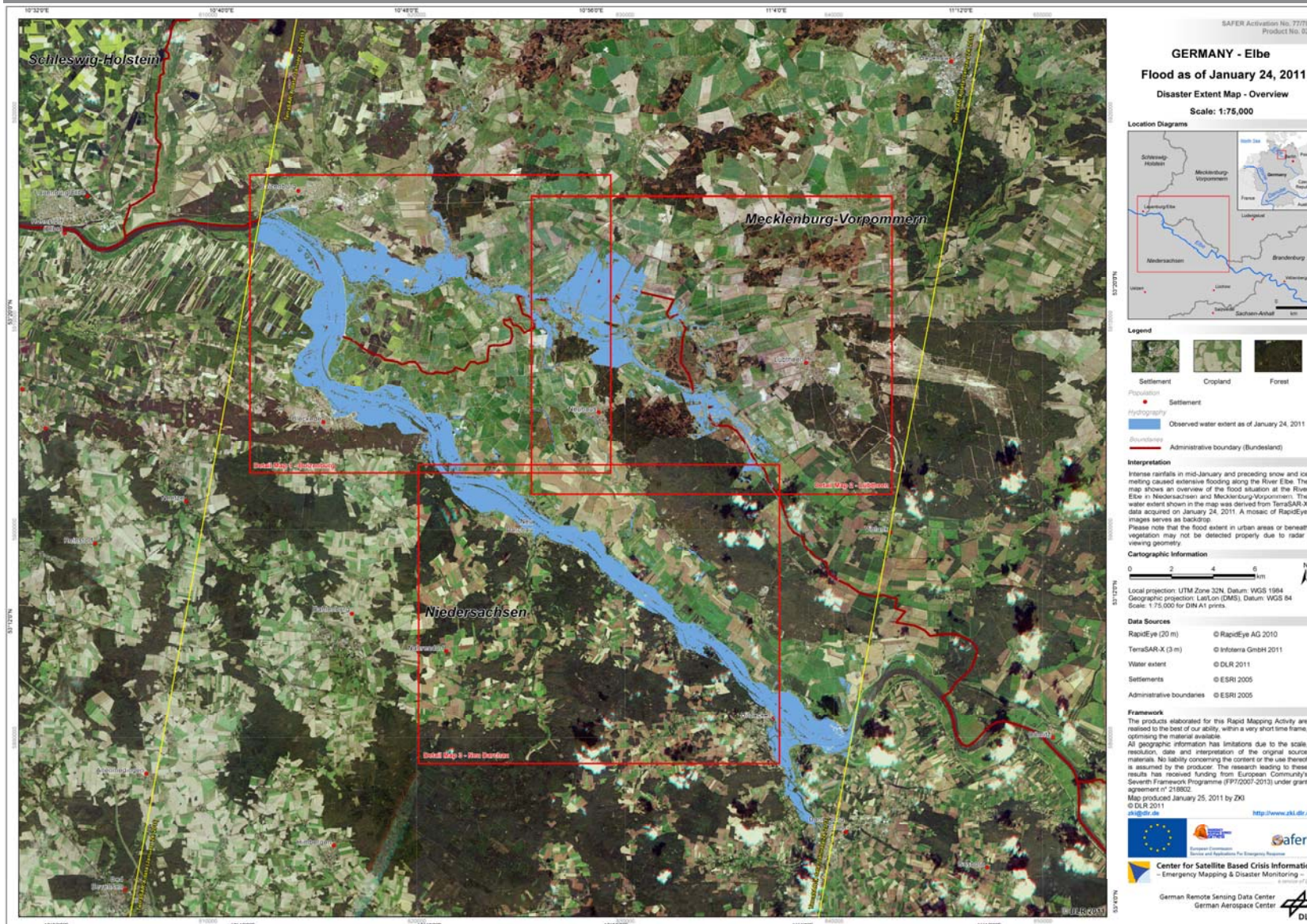


Example of Climate Change monitoring service



05 Oct 2010

Example of Emergency management response service



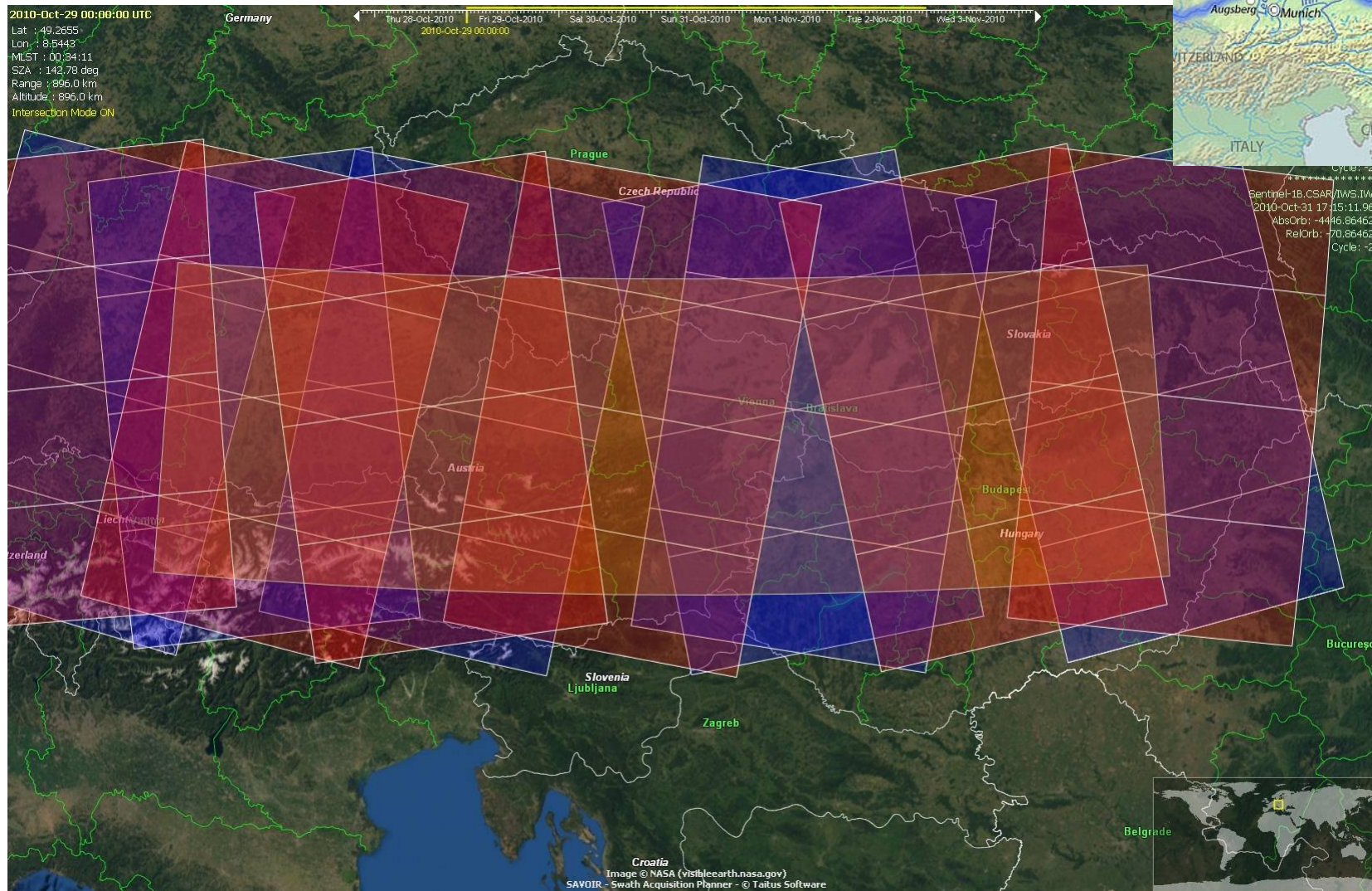
Flooding management of the Elbe river in Germany – 24 January 2011

Data:
TerraSAR-X,
RapidEye

Credits:
DLR/SAFER



Envisat/Sentinel-1 Coverage of an area prone to flooding: Danube River Basin (within 5 days period)



Until 2013:
ENVISAT

2013:
ENVISAT &
Sentinel 1A

2015+:
Sentinel
1A+B



GMES dedicated missions: Sentinels



Sentinel 1 – SAR imaging

All weather, day/night applications, interferometry

2013 / 2015



Sentinel 2 – Multi-spectral imaging

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

2013 / 2016



Sentinel 3 – Ocean and global land monitoring

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

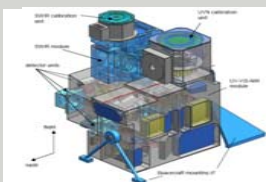
2013 / 2017



Sentinel 4 – Geostationary atmospheric

Atmospheric composition monitoring, trans-
boundary pollution

2019



Sentinel 5 – Low-orbit atmospheric

Atmospheric composition monitoring
(S5 Precursor launch in 2014)

2020+



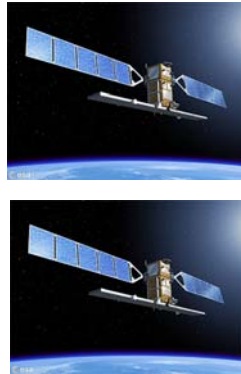
Earth surface coverage Sentinel-1 compared to Envisat ASAR



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**Sentinel-1
(A+B)**

IWS mode with
250 km swath
and 5*20 m res

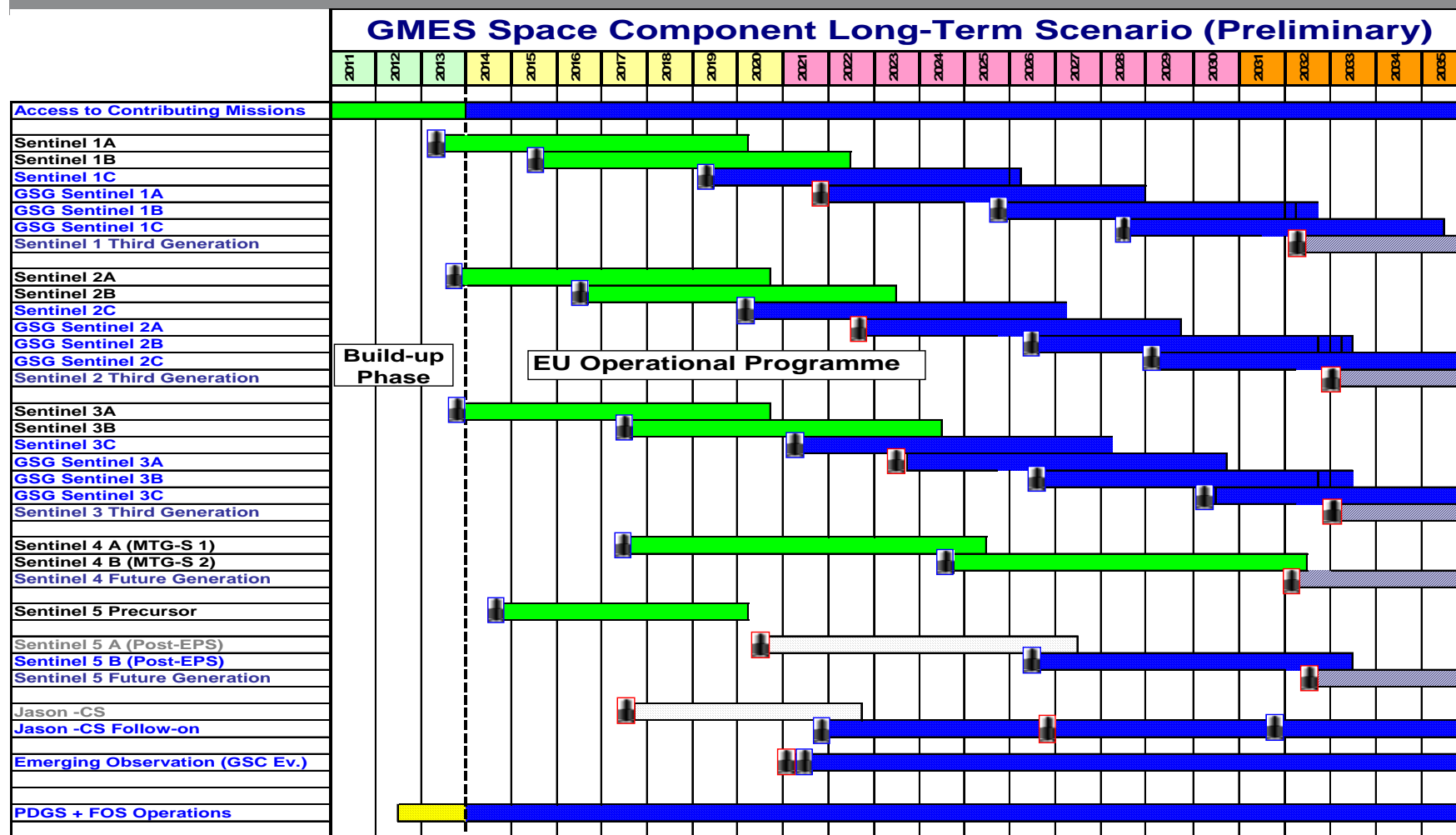


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**Envisat
ASAR**

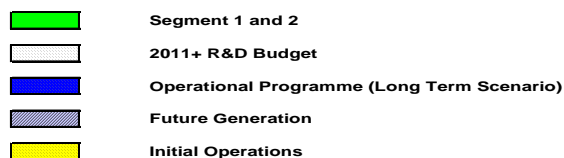
StripMap mode with
100 km swath
and 30*30 m res

GMES Space Component Long Term Scenario (Launch dates are indicative)



GSC build-up

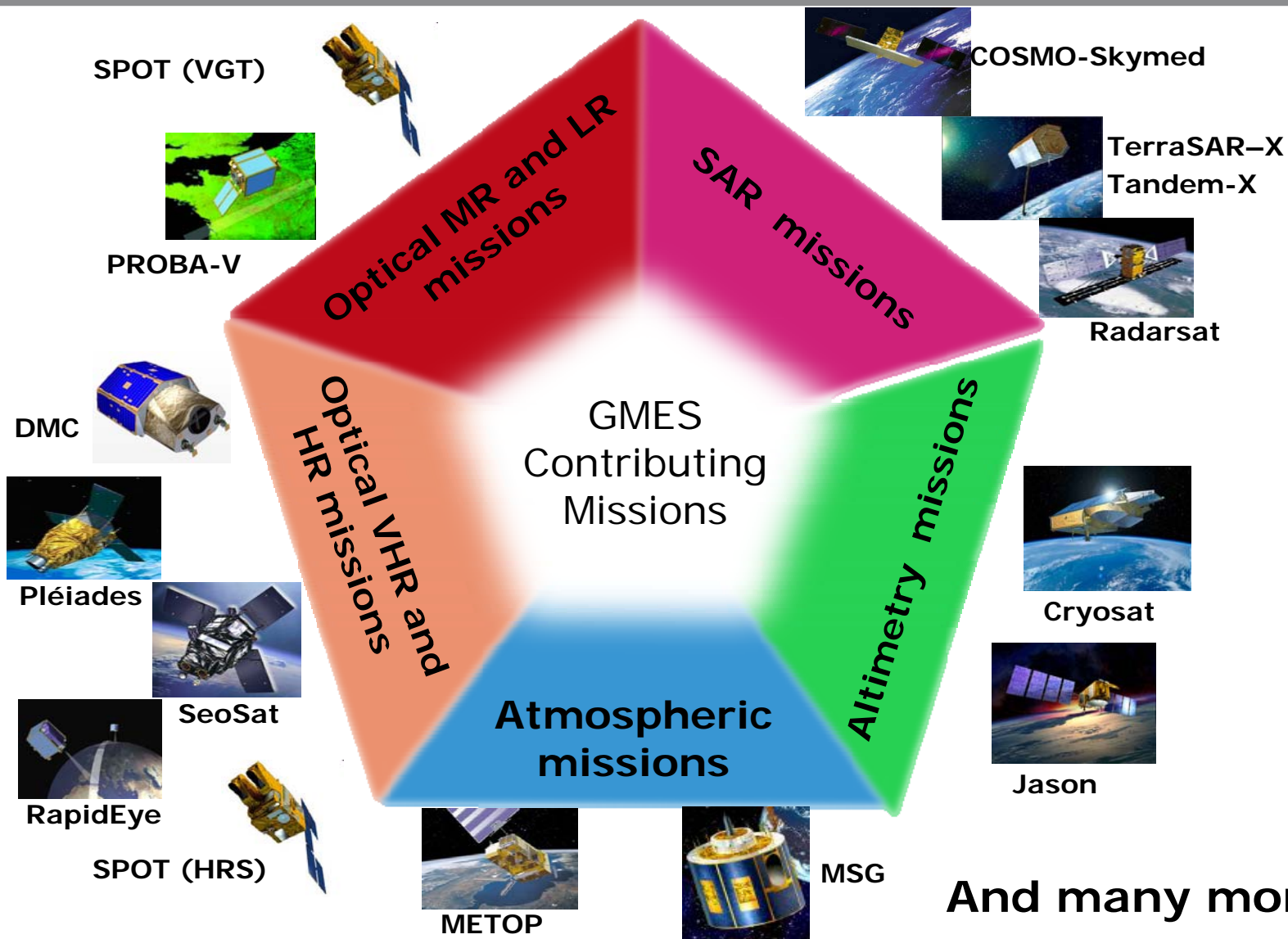
2.3 bn Euro
already
provided
by ESA MSs
and EC



GSG = GMES Second Generation
EPS = EUTMESAT Polar System
MTG-S = Meteosat Third Generation - Sounder
FOS= Flight Operation Segment
PDGS= Payload Data Ground Segment



Contributing Missions to GMES – Some examples



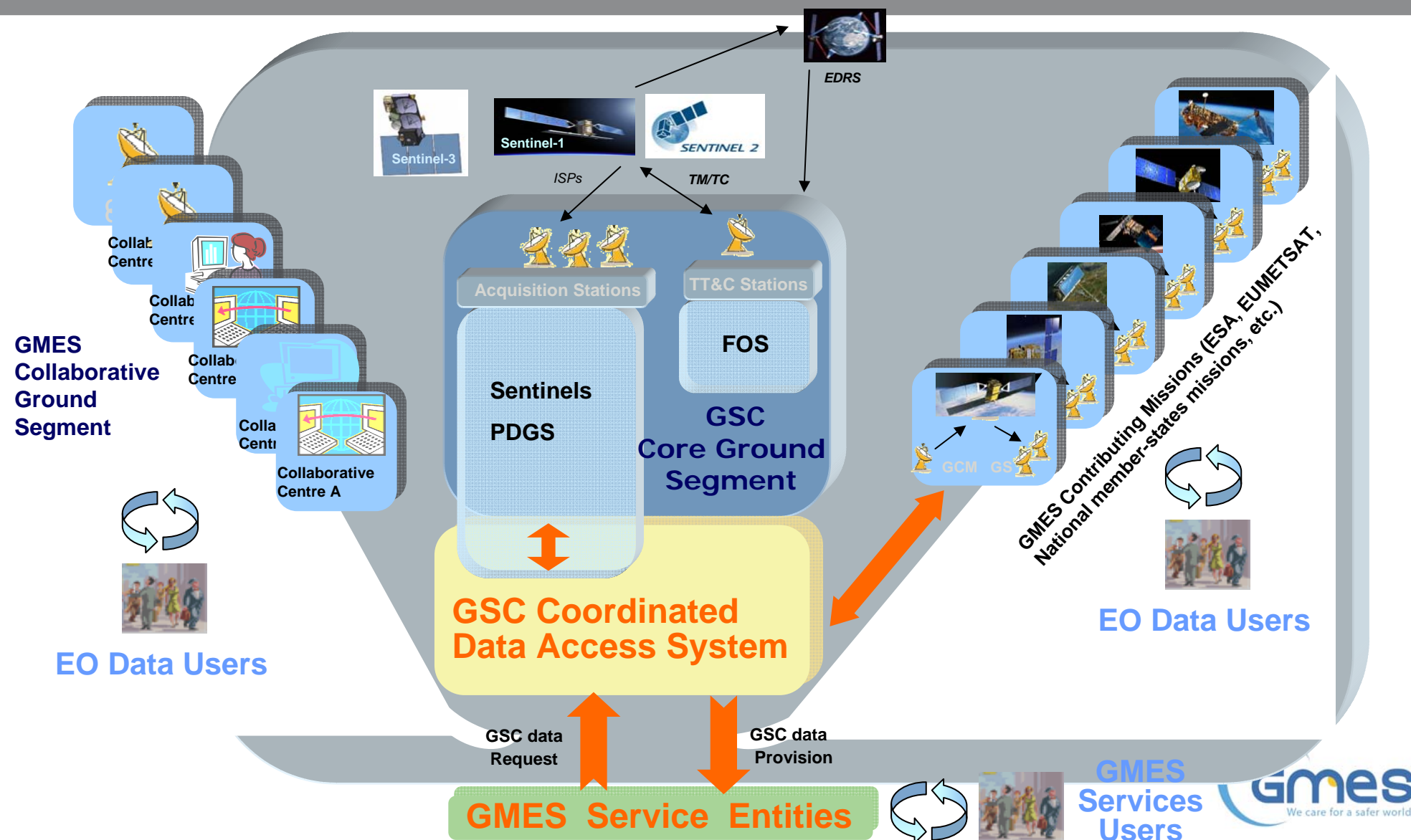
Available today or planned at European, national and international level

Developed for other purposes but making important data available for GMES

And many more ...



GMES Space Component: space and ground infrastructure



FULL and OPEN*

* Joint EU/ESA Data Policy Principles adopted by ESA PBEO in Sep '09, EU approval ongoing

* if not constrained by security or technical restrictions

Further information



For further information please visit:

ESA GMES website
www.esa.int/gmes

EC GMES website
www.ec.europa.eu/gmes

