

The future of European Space Policy

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ESA is Europe's gateway to space

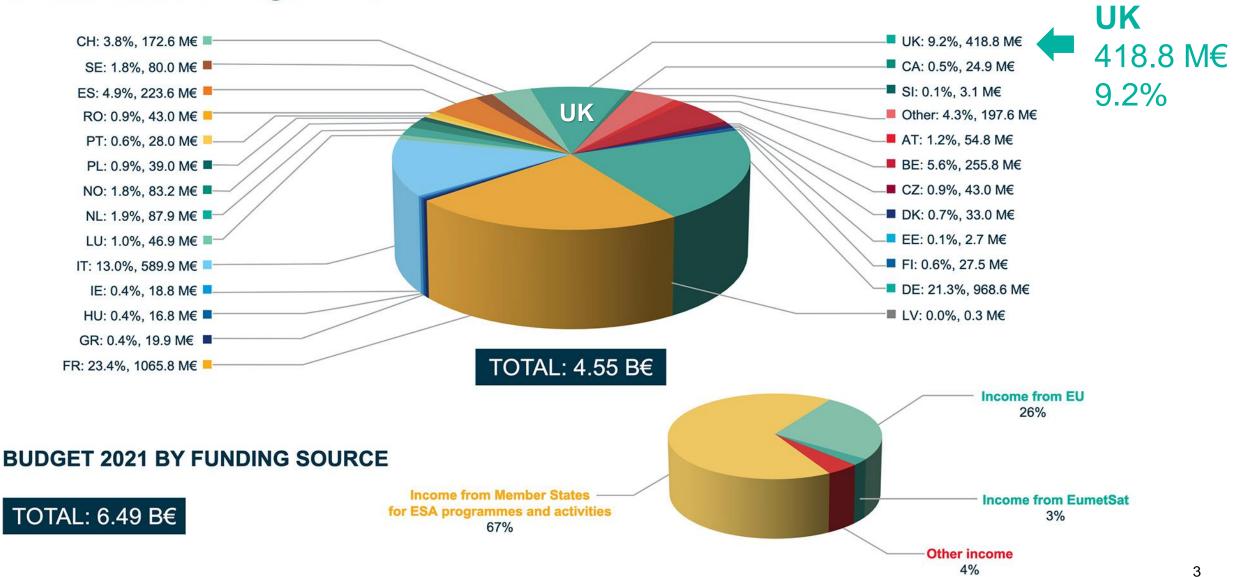




BUDGET 2021

ESA Activities and Programmes



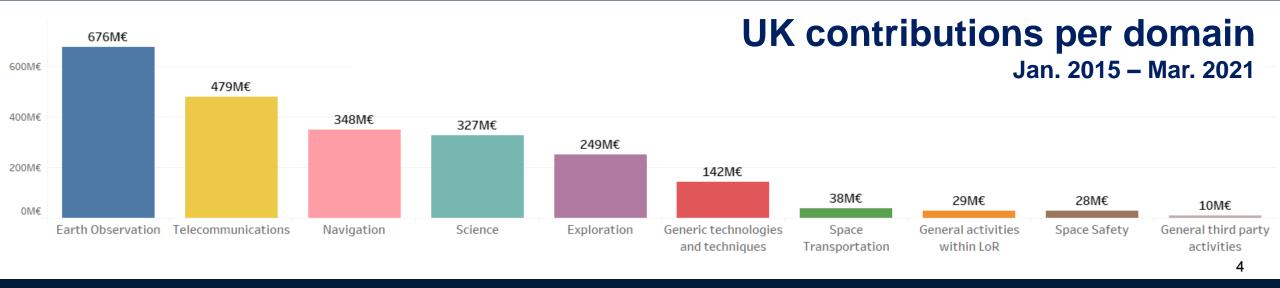


The United Kingdom and ESA



- 4th largest ESA contributor
- UK subscribed 1.66 B€ at Space19+
- ESA facilitates UK reaching out to global opportunities









European Astronauts



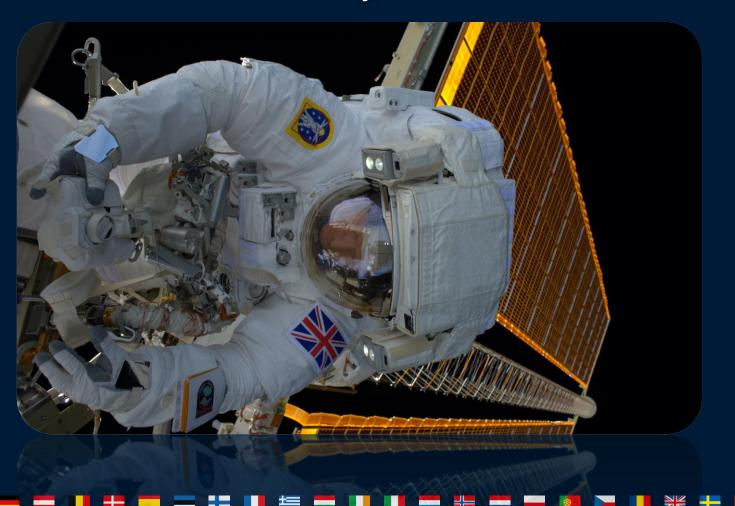




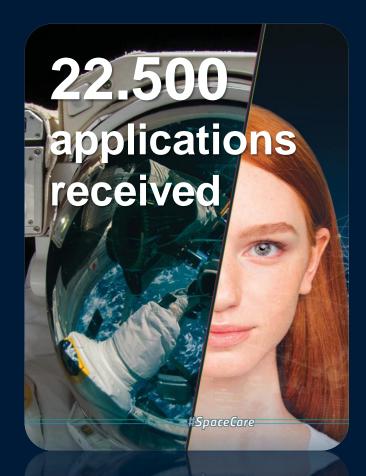




Tim Peake's mission to the ISS January 2016



ESA astronaut selection 2021



ESA AGENDA 2025



Common European Space Vision for 2035+ 5 priorities with targets for 2025



- Commercialisation
- Safety & security
- Programme challenges
- ESA transformation
- ESA-EU relations

Boost Green & Digital Commercialisation



ESA is launching 3 lines of action:

Speed

Capital

Talent

Key Actions

- ESA as first buyer / anchor customer
- ESA as technical adviser in VC setting
- Simplified access to ESA programmes
- Use of prizes and grants
- Faster time-to-contract <1M€
- Network of φ-labs across Europe
- More spending and faster development of game-changing tech.

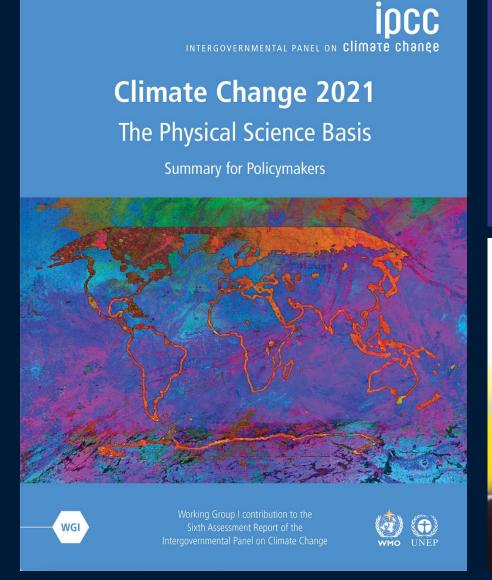
Green digitalisation: new Eurostar Neo product line





Climate change is widespread, rapid and intensifying



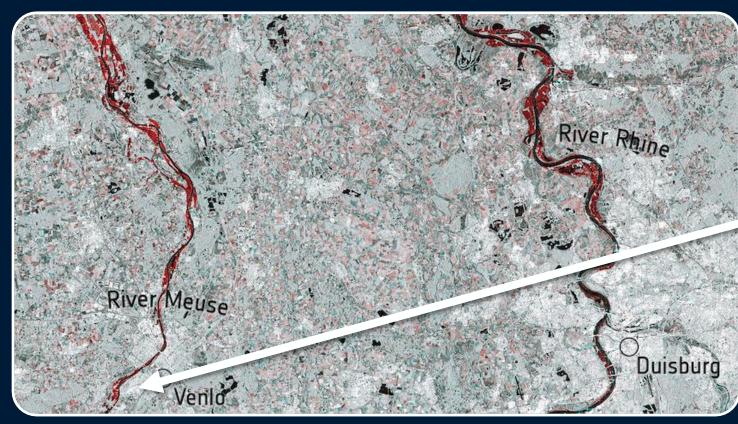




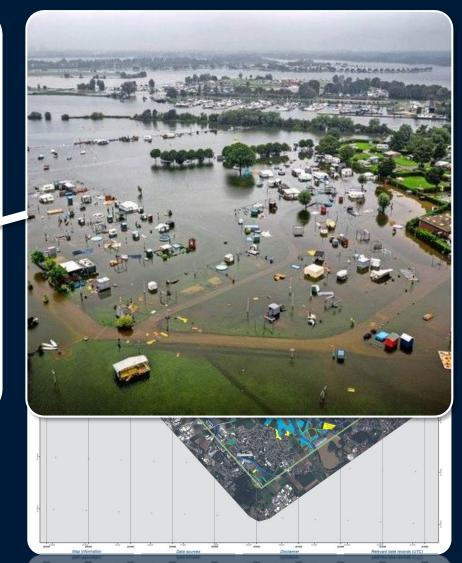


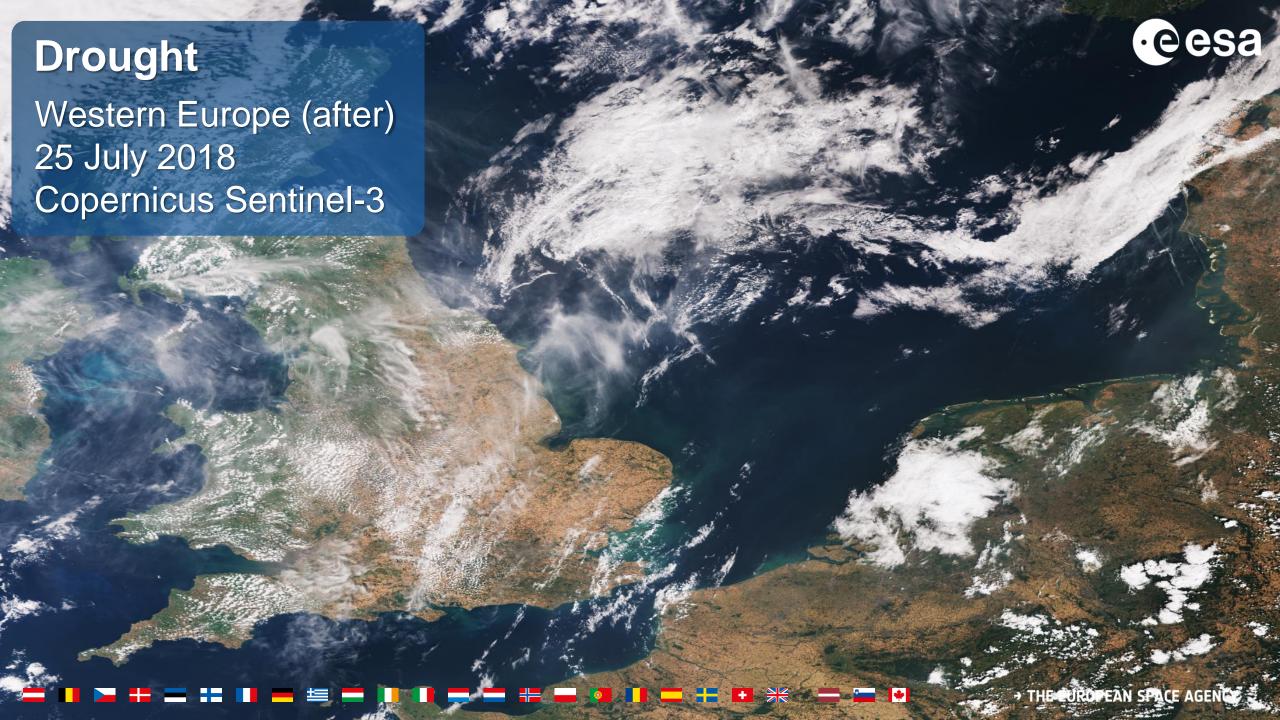
ESA sees Climate Change in action: floods in Europe





Flooded areas (red) in the Netherlands and Germany Copernicus Sentinel-1 16 July 2021





UK is strong in ESA Earth Observation





Strengthen Space for Safety & Security



IN SPACE

- Space traffic management
- Debris removal& mitigation
- Space weather monitoring
- Space logistics
- Planetary defence
- Cyber security



FROM SPACE

Smallsats and HAPS

Secure

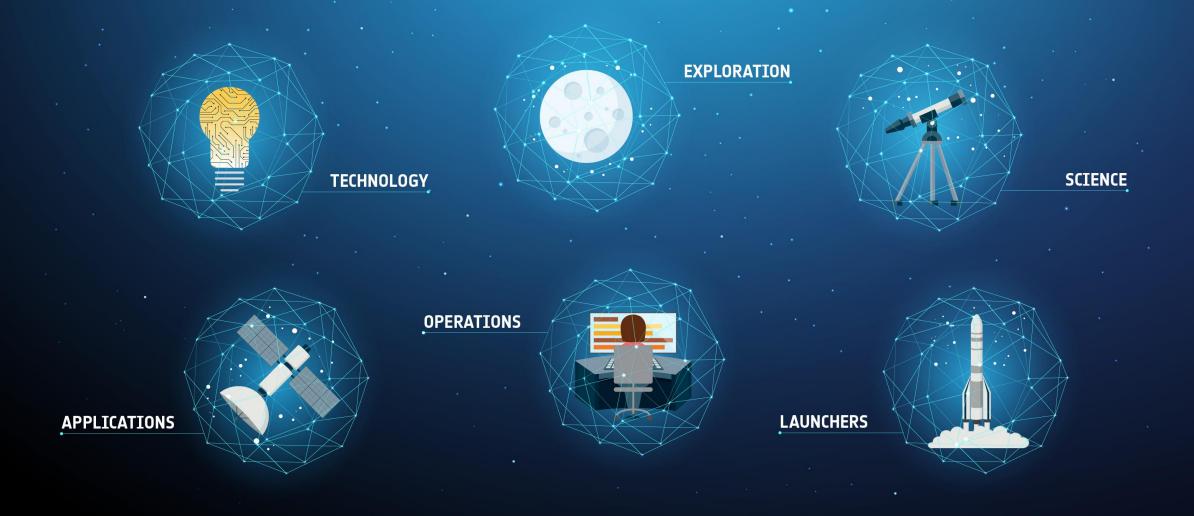
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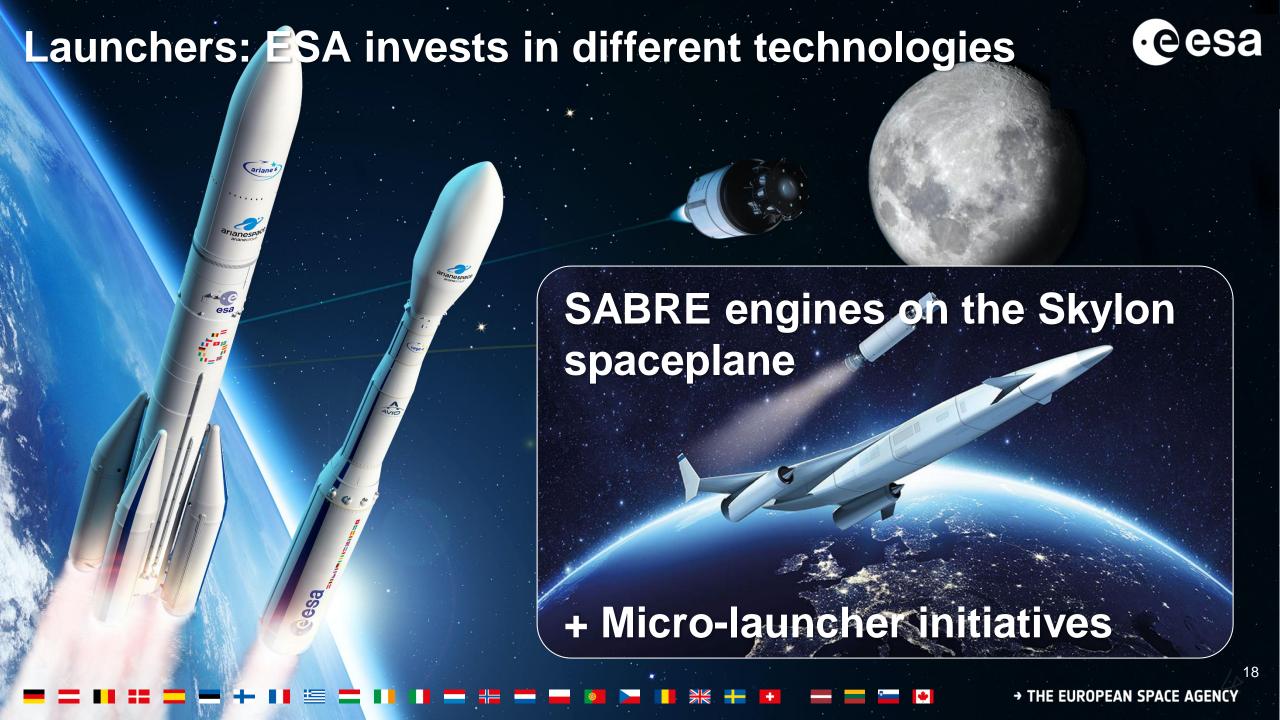
Rapid response EO

Safety and Security: Space Weather Mission

Solve Critical Programme Challenges

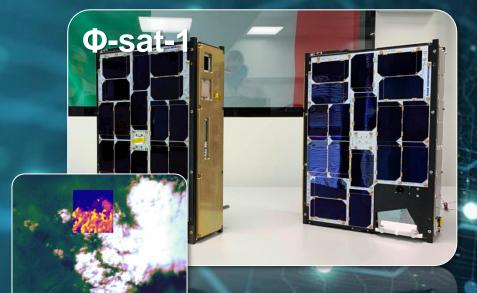






Technology: Artificial Intelligence and Quantum







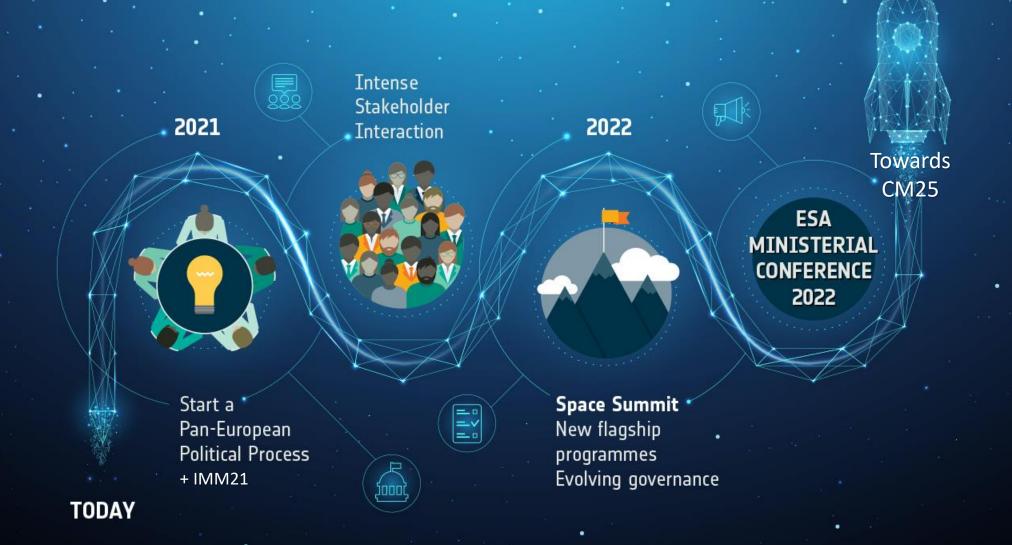


Quantum Gravimetry

Digital Twin
Universe

Common European Space Vision for 2035+





Space Summit 2022



Shaping the future of Europe in space

- New European leadership domains
- STEM excellence
- Sustainability
- Growth & industrial competitiveness
- Autonomy and non-dependence
- European diplomacy & status
- Security/defence gaps

