

# BEYOND, The European EO Center of Excellence in N. Africa, Middle East, Balkans (BAMENA)



*Building a Centre of Excellence for  
EO-based monitoring of Natural Disasters*

[www.beyond-eocenter.eu](http://www.beyond-eocenter.eu)

*Funded under FP7-REGPOT-2012-2013-1*

*Activity: 4.1 Unlocking and developing the research potential of  
research entities established in the EU's Convergence regions and  
Outermost regions*



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**BEYOND** gathers information about the Earth's **physical, chemical and biological systems**. It monitors and assess the status of, and changes in, the natural environment and the built environment

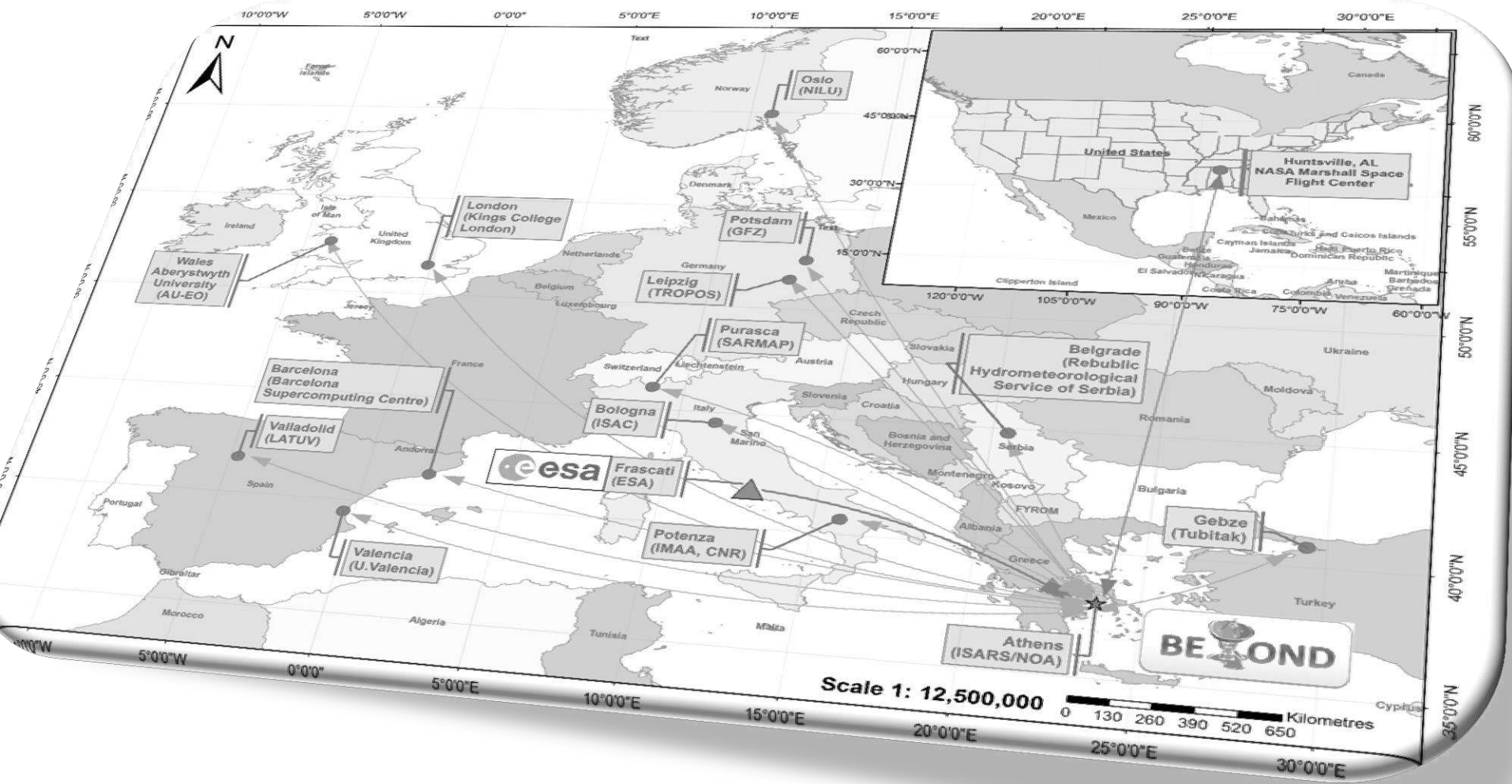
➤ **BEYOND** sets up innovative solutions for EO, allowing to a multitude of monitoring networks (space borne and in-situ) available over the region to operate in a complementary, unified, and coordinated manner

➤ **BEYOND** builds innovative research and skills capacity in the domain of EO through scientific exchange with European and regional partnering organisations

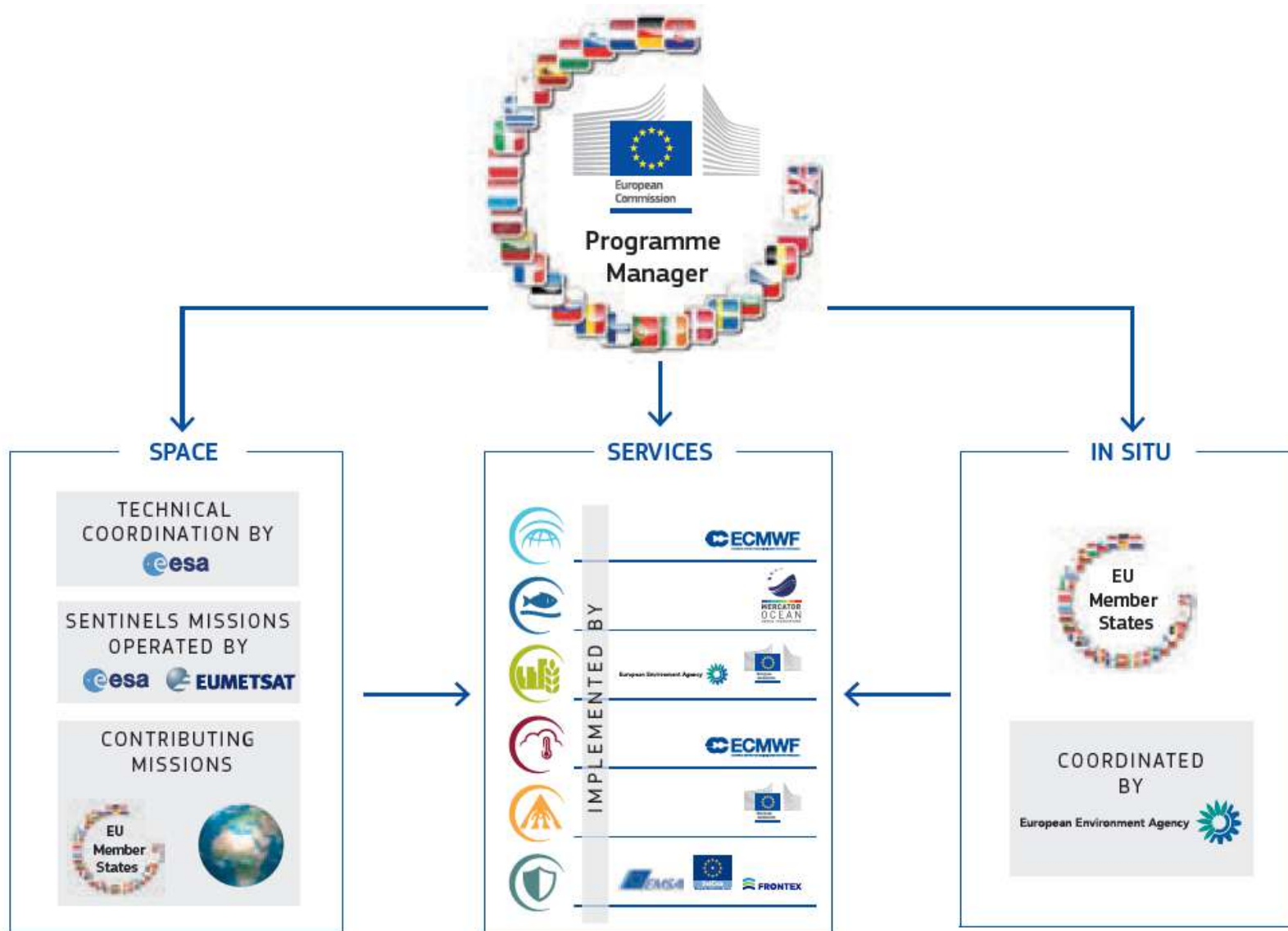
➤ **BEYOND** transforms the observations to added value products ready for downstreaming to specific societal needs in the domain of environmental monitoring and Natural Disasters

➤ **BEYOND** delivers online observations and higher level EO products and services to stakeholders, and international scientific and End User communities

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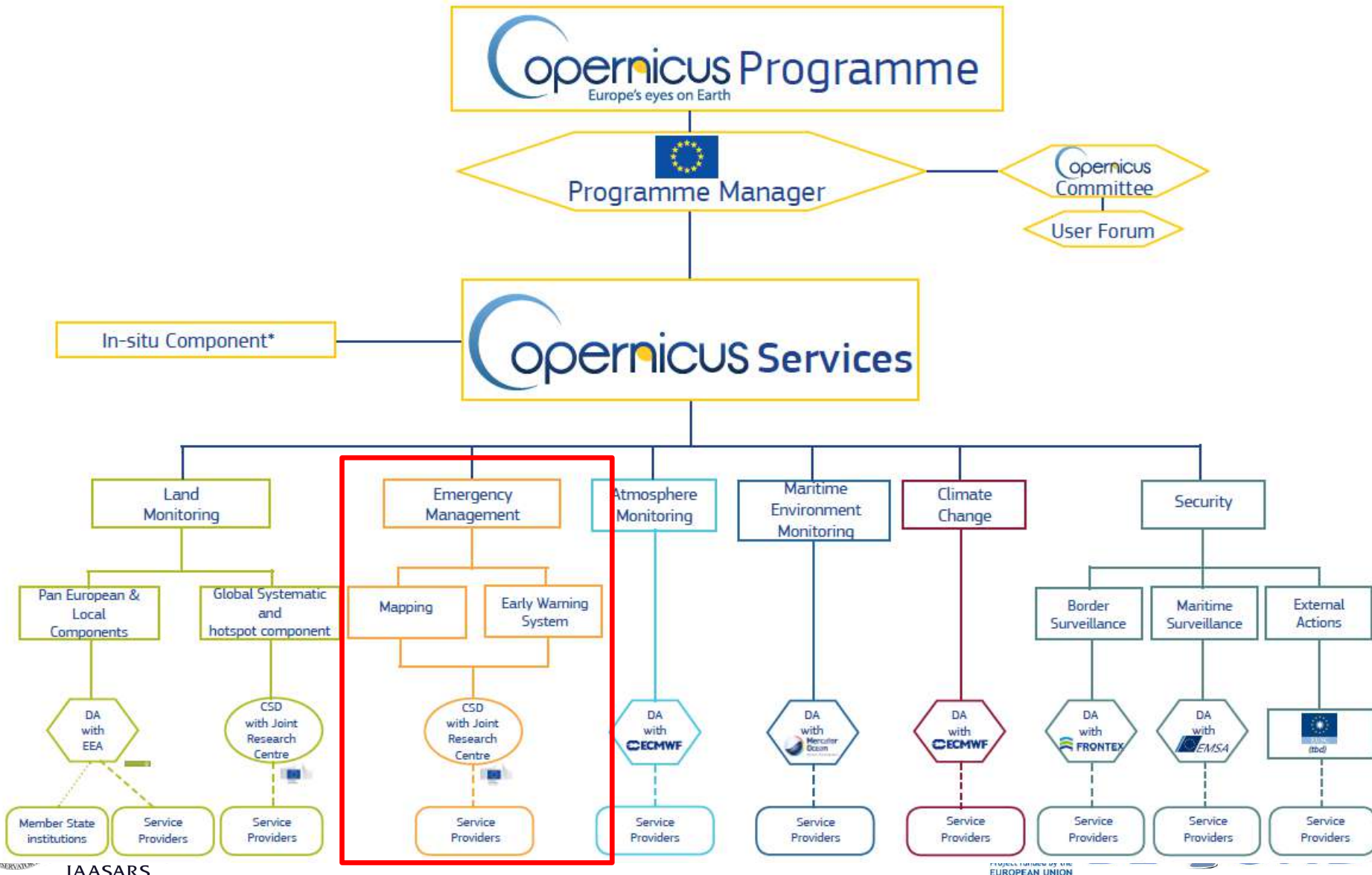


## What is Copernicus? An overview



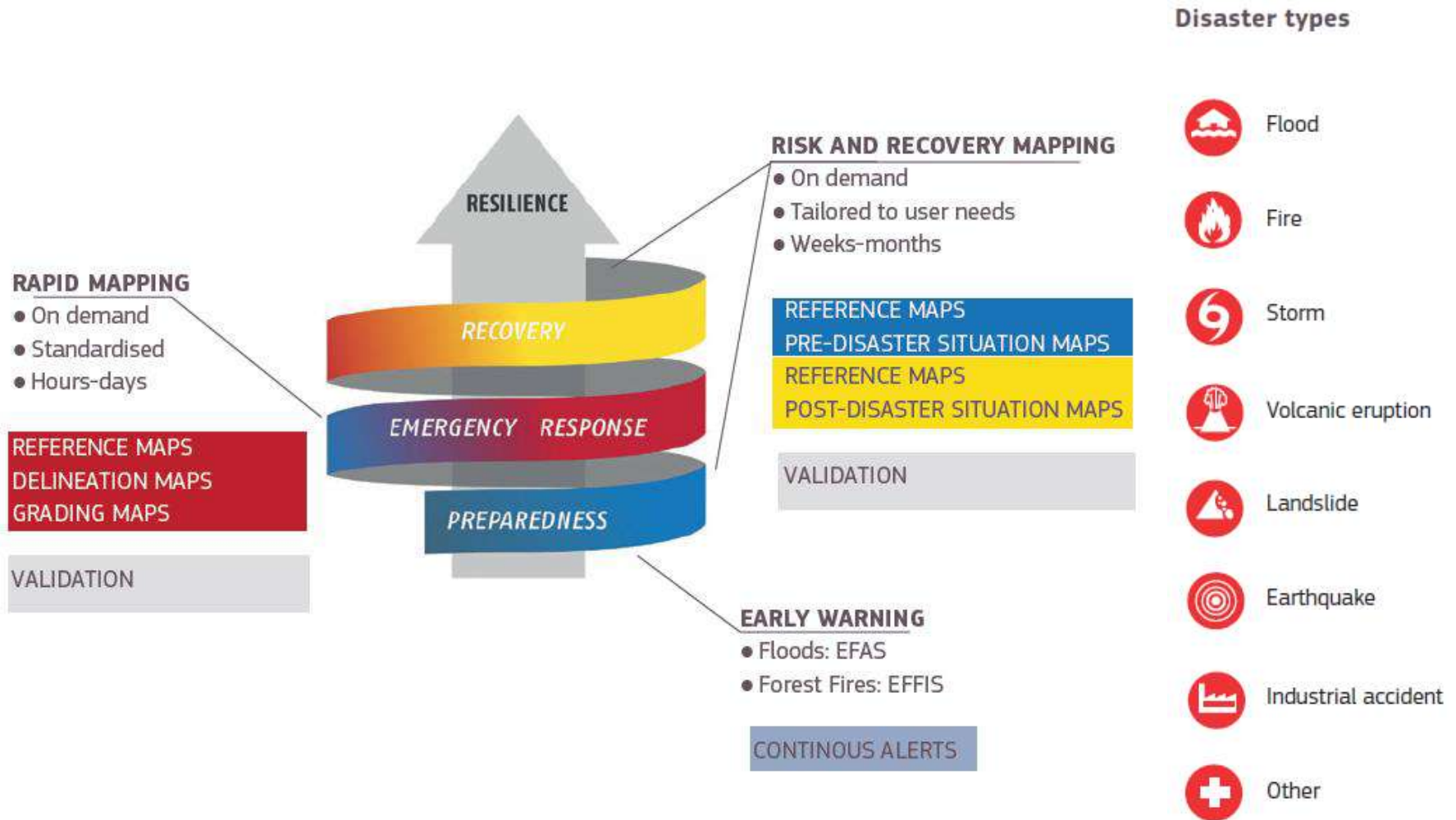
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## Copernicus EMS BEYOND's involvement

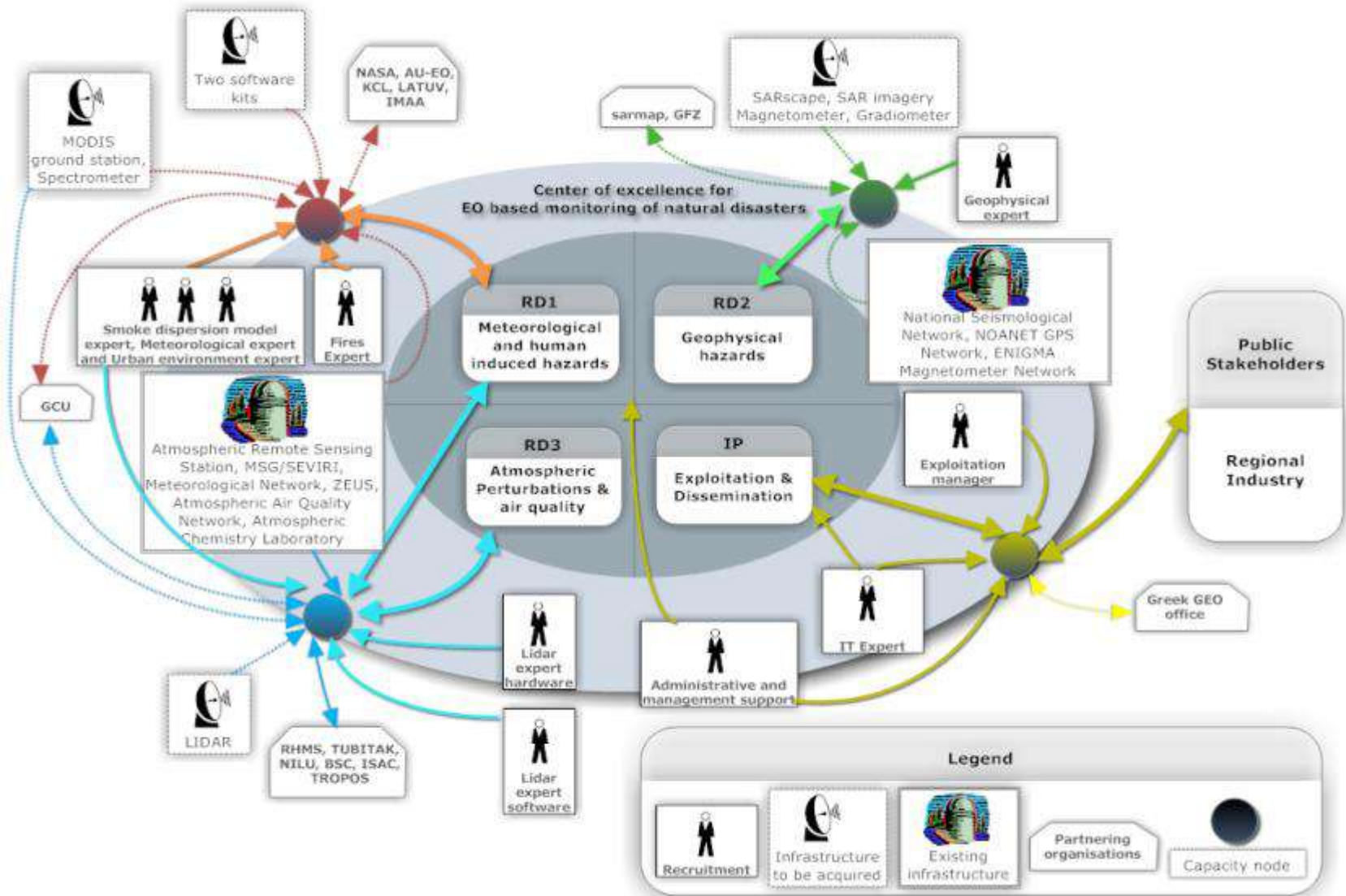


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## Copernicus EMS The three pillars

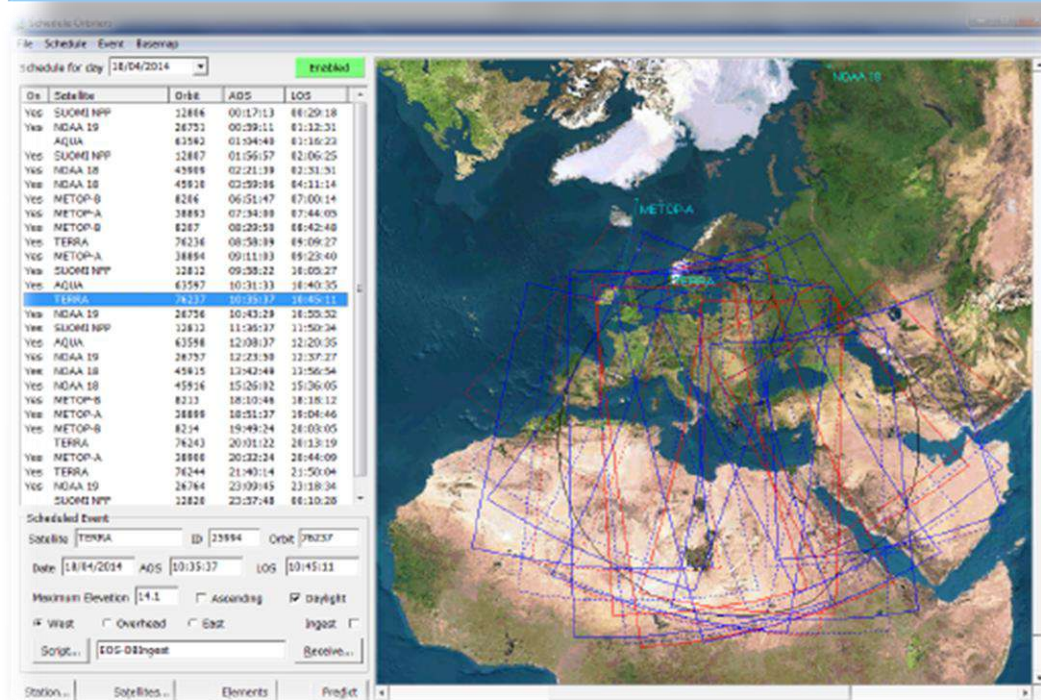


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Operate a Region-wide **X-/L-band multi-mission** station:  
EOS Aqua and Terra, SUOMI NPP, JPSS, NOAA, Met Op, FengYun)  
part of the DB network



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Operate two **MSG acquisition stations of DVB-S & DVB-S2 systems**

Exploit high throughput provided with the new  
EUMETCast Europe service, based on using the  
EUTELSAT 10A

part of EUMETSAT's network



MSG1



MSG2

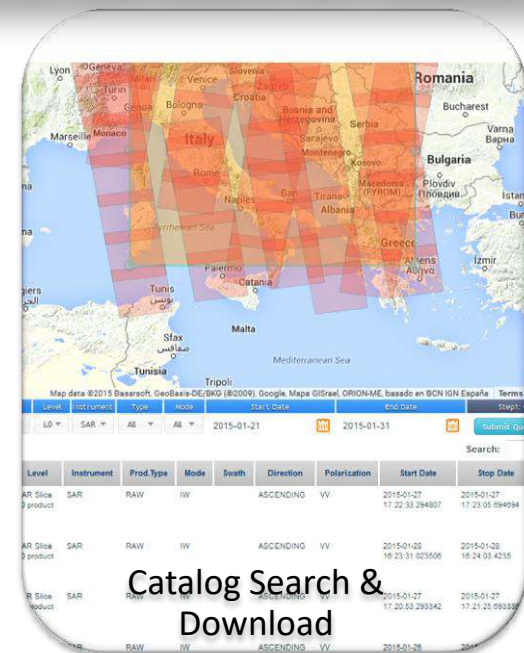
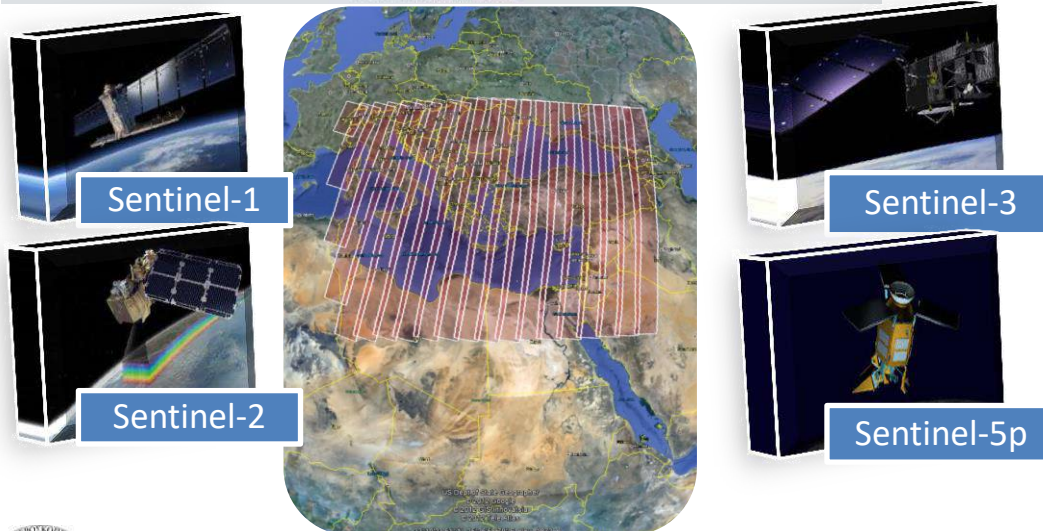


MSG3

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Operate the 1<sup>st</sup> Collaborative Ground Segment (**Hellenic Sentinel Data Hub- Mirror Site**), allowing near real time acquisition of S-1, S-2, S3, and future S5P satellite missions



<http://Sentinels.space.noa.gr>

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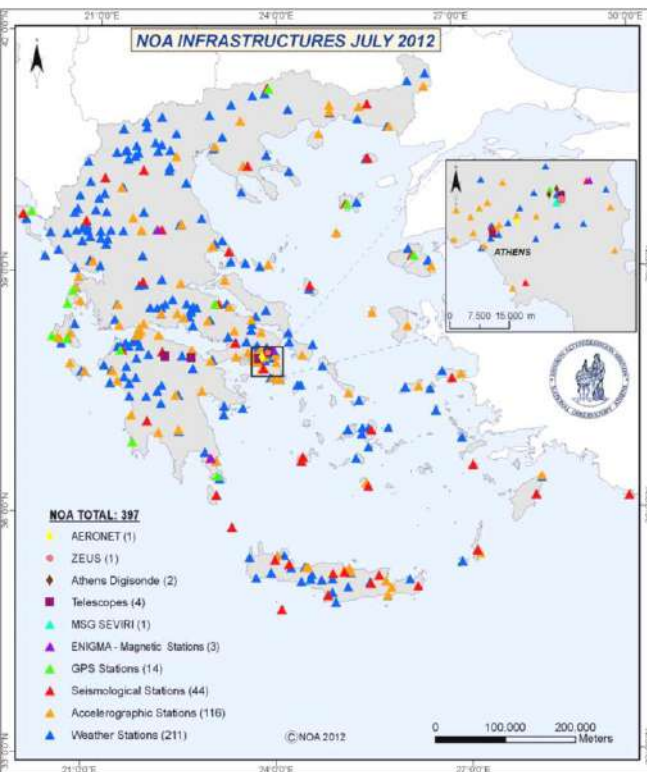
Sentinel-1A/2A passes in IWS mode (250 km swath)

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF  
HELLENIC MIRROR SITE  
ATHENS SPACE EXPO:  
28 MARCH – 5 APRIL

[HTTP://SENTINELS.SPACE.NOA.GR](http://sentinels.space.noa.gr)

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Map of the deployed in-situ monitoring networks (meteo, GPS, geomagnetic, air, seismological)



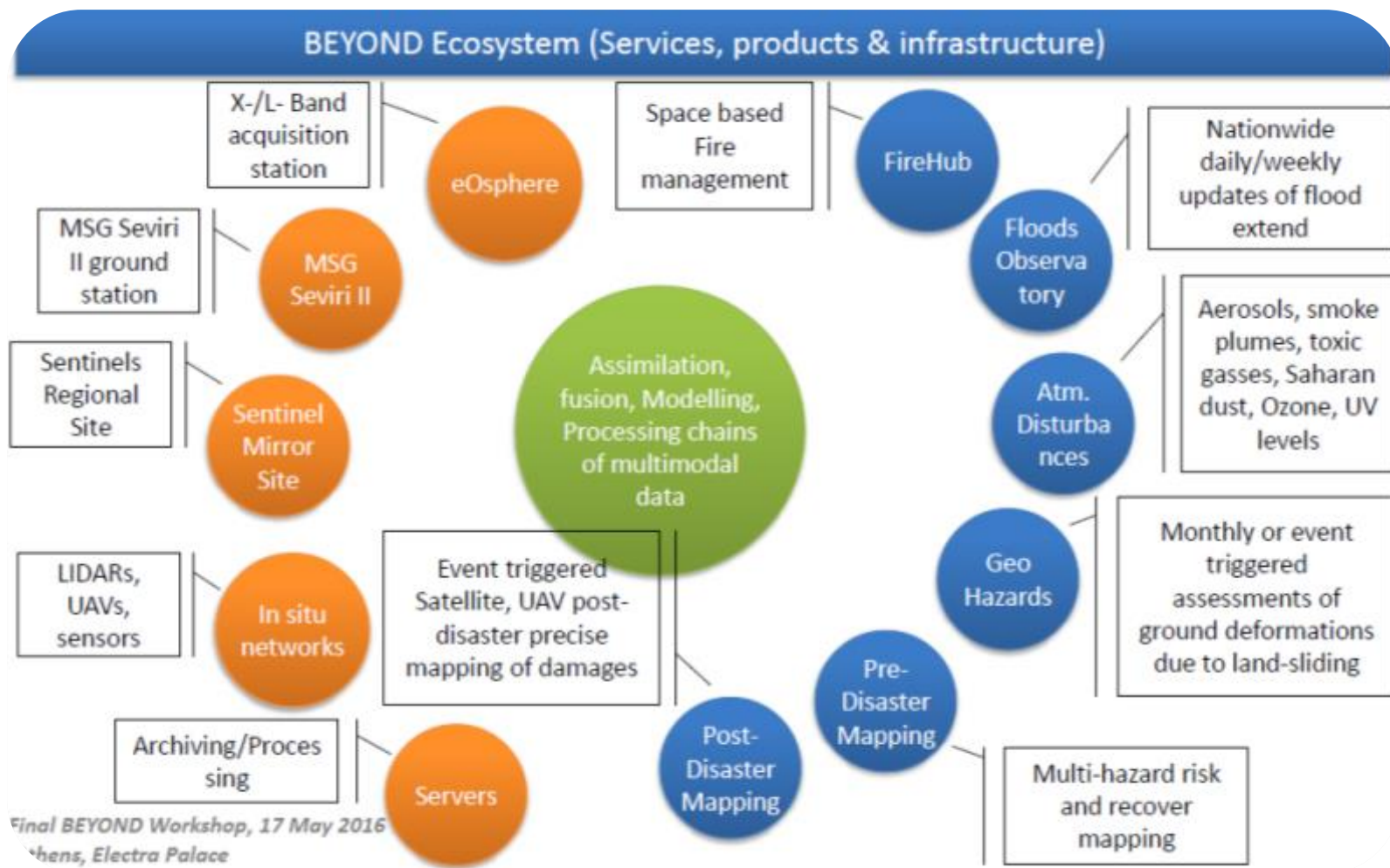
Operate Ground Lidar Stations, part of the ACTRIS Research Infrastructure



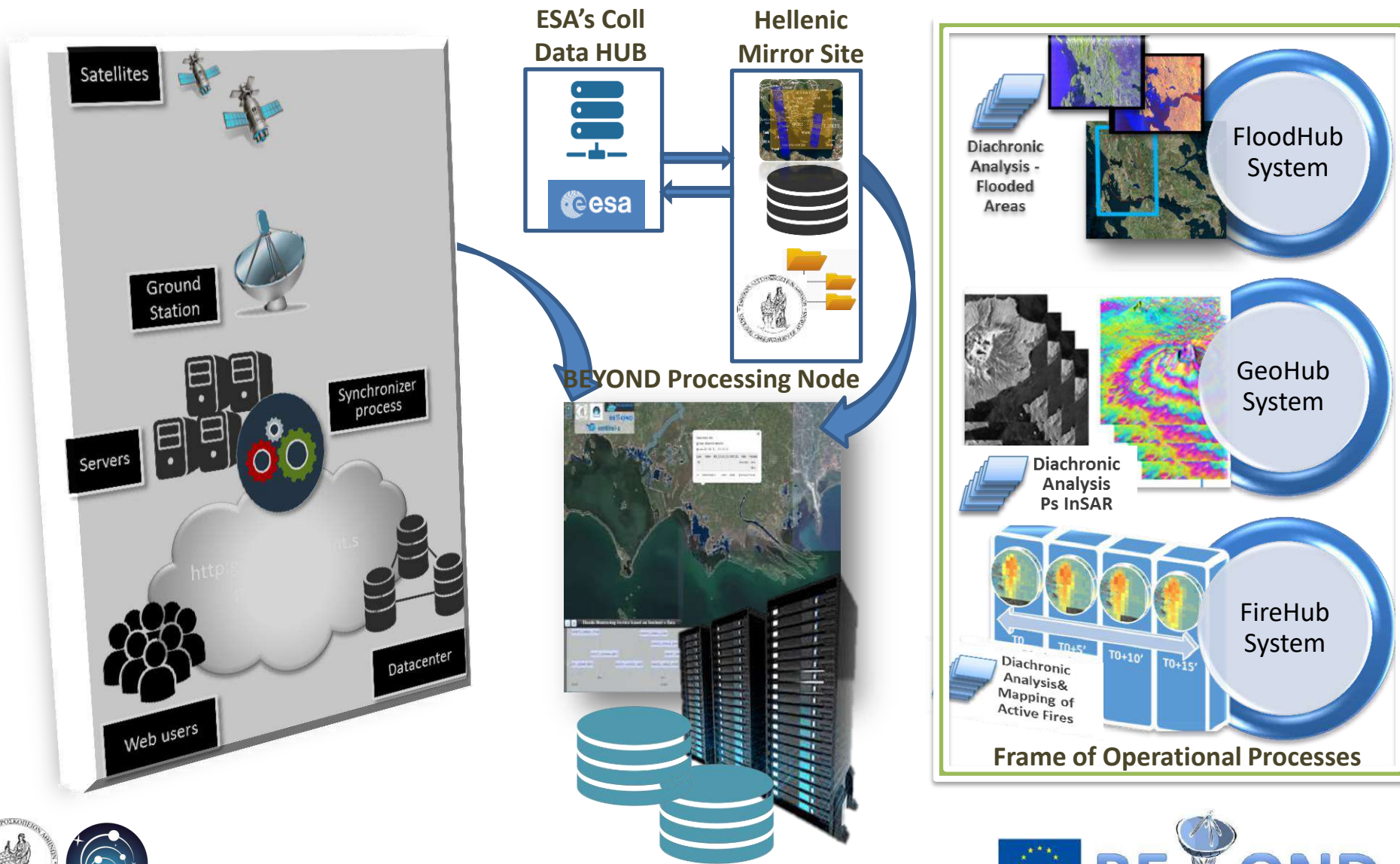
EARLINET  
Lidar  
Network



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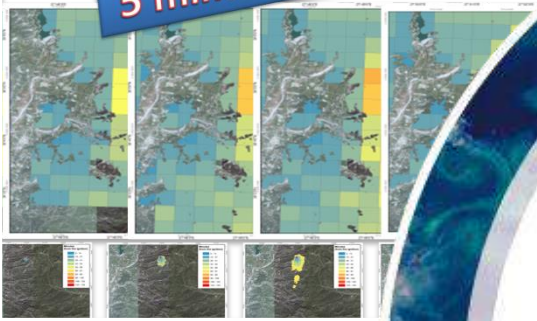
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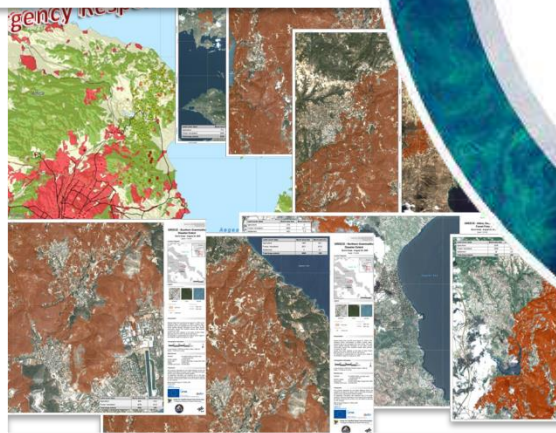
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Active Fire Mapping: 5' - 500 m - 24/7

5 minutes basis



Burnt Area Mapping:  
daily/weekly/seasonal



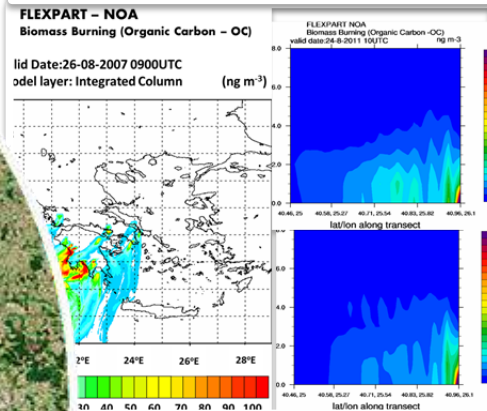
The Earth Monitoring Competition

copernicus  
masters

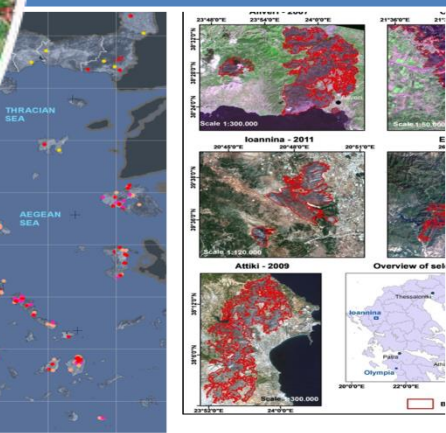
WINNER  
BEST SERVICE CHALLENGE  
2014



Hourly Fire Smoke dispersion



Burnt Area Mapping



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## Regional Real Time Fire Monitoring - NOA's MSG SEVIRI Station



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Results @ 150 minutes after fire ignition

+30'

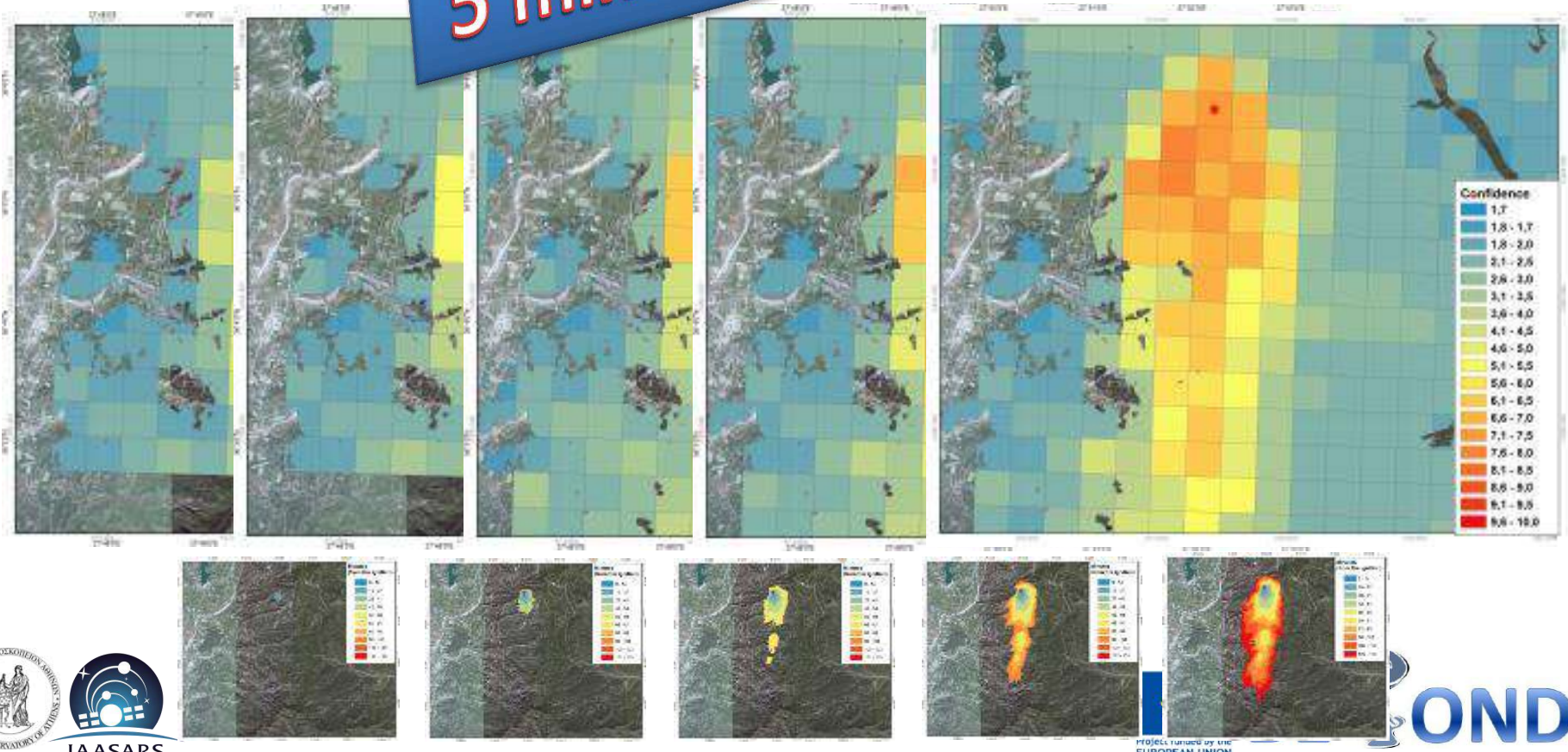
+35'

+40'

+45'

+50'

5 minutes basis



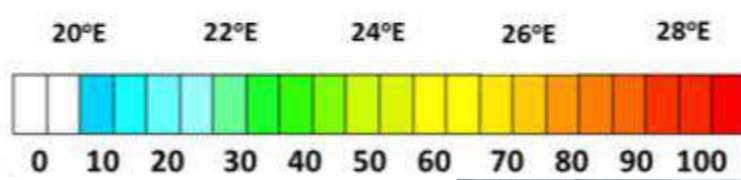
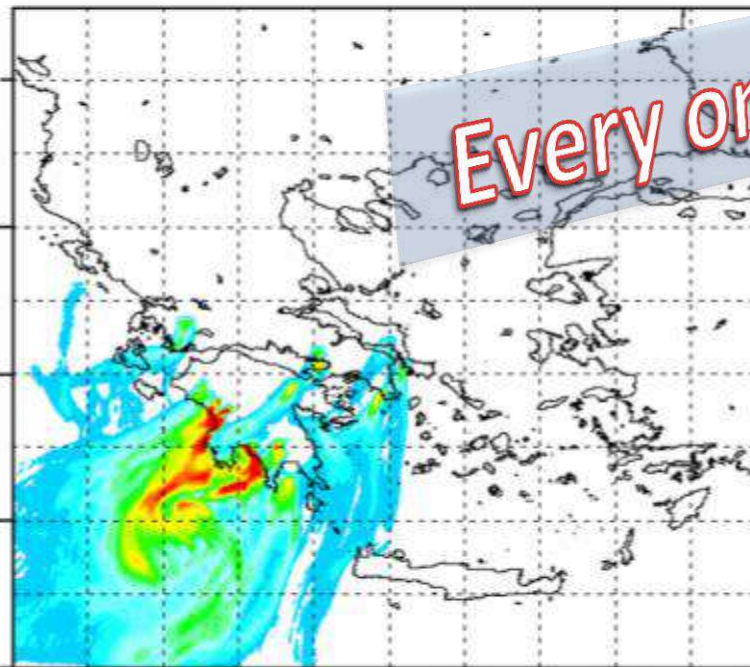
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## FLEXPART - NOA

Biomass Burning (Organic Carbon - OC)

Valid Date: 26-08-2007 0900UTC

Model layer: Integrated Column (ng m<sup>-3</sup>)

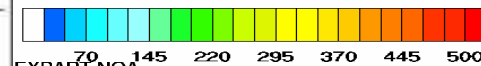
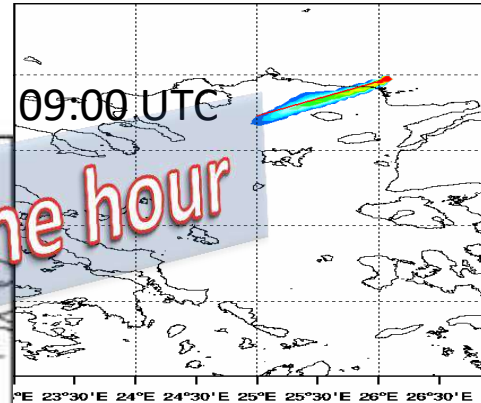


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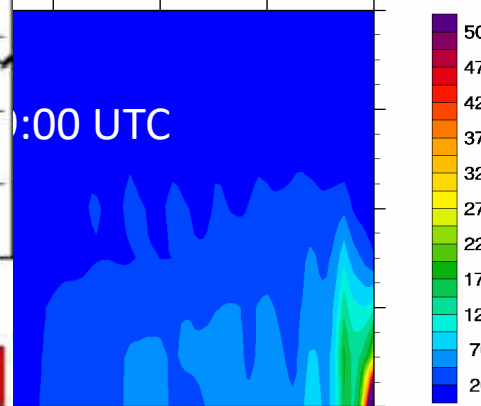
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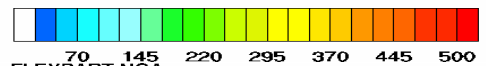
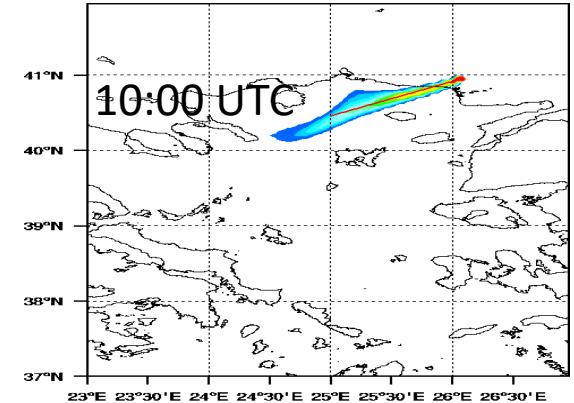
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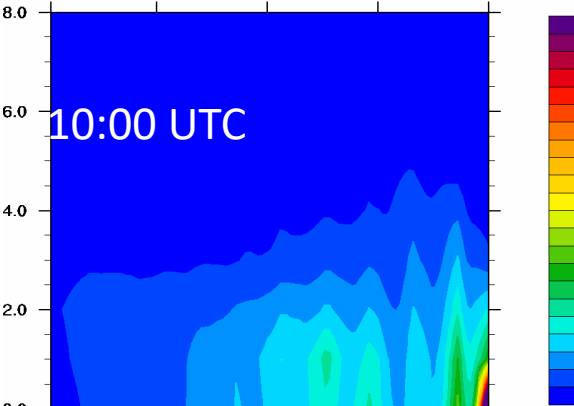
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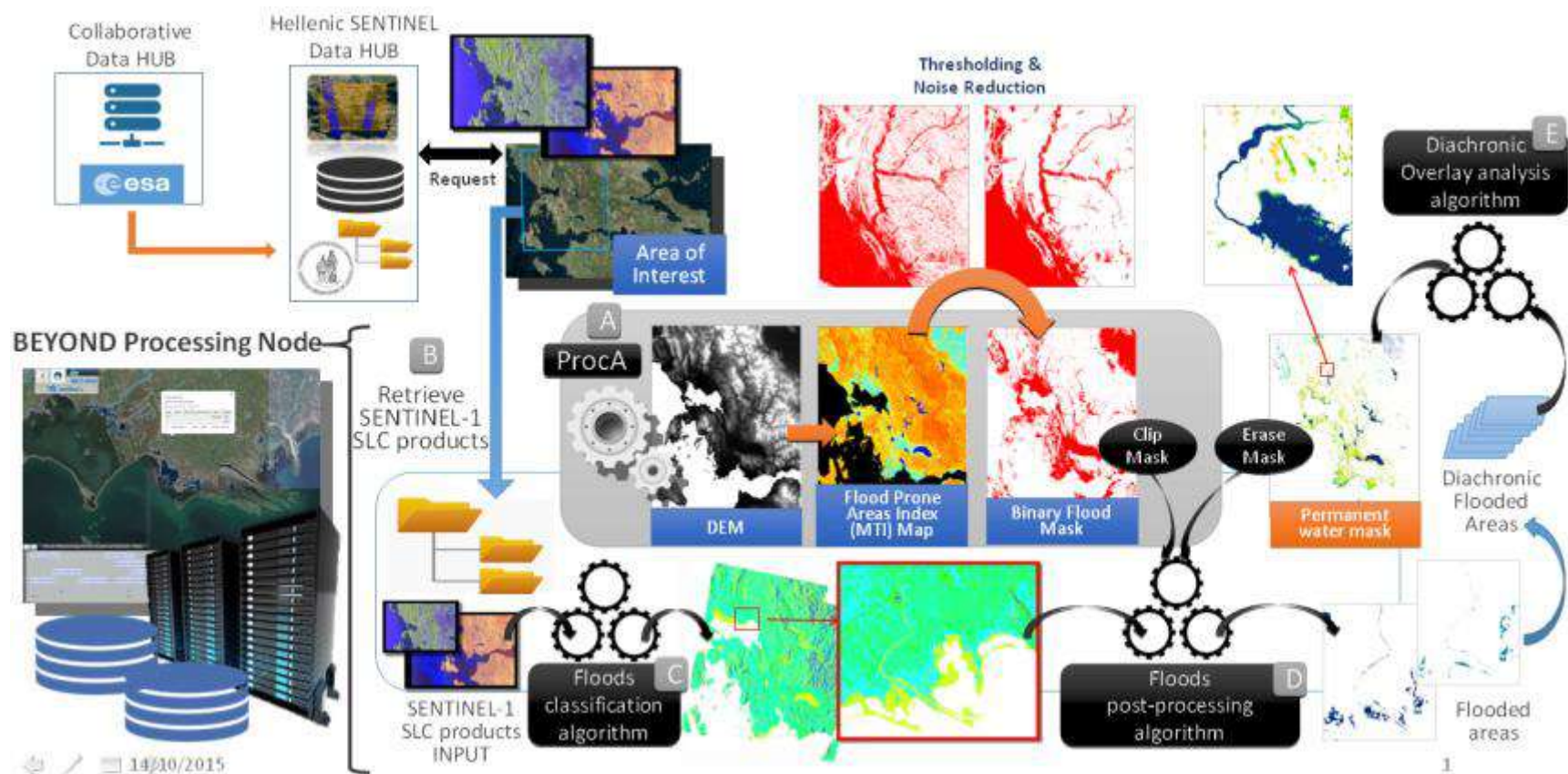
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## FloodHub: BEYOND's Floods Monitoring Service

## Architecture



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## FloodHub: BEYOND's Floods Monitoring Service

## Overview

We monitor all the flood events in Arachthos & Acheloos river basins and we publish the flood mapping results produced following the processing of Sentinel-1 SLC images of IW swath mode from the Hellenic National Sentinel Data Mirror Site (the first fully automated process).

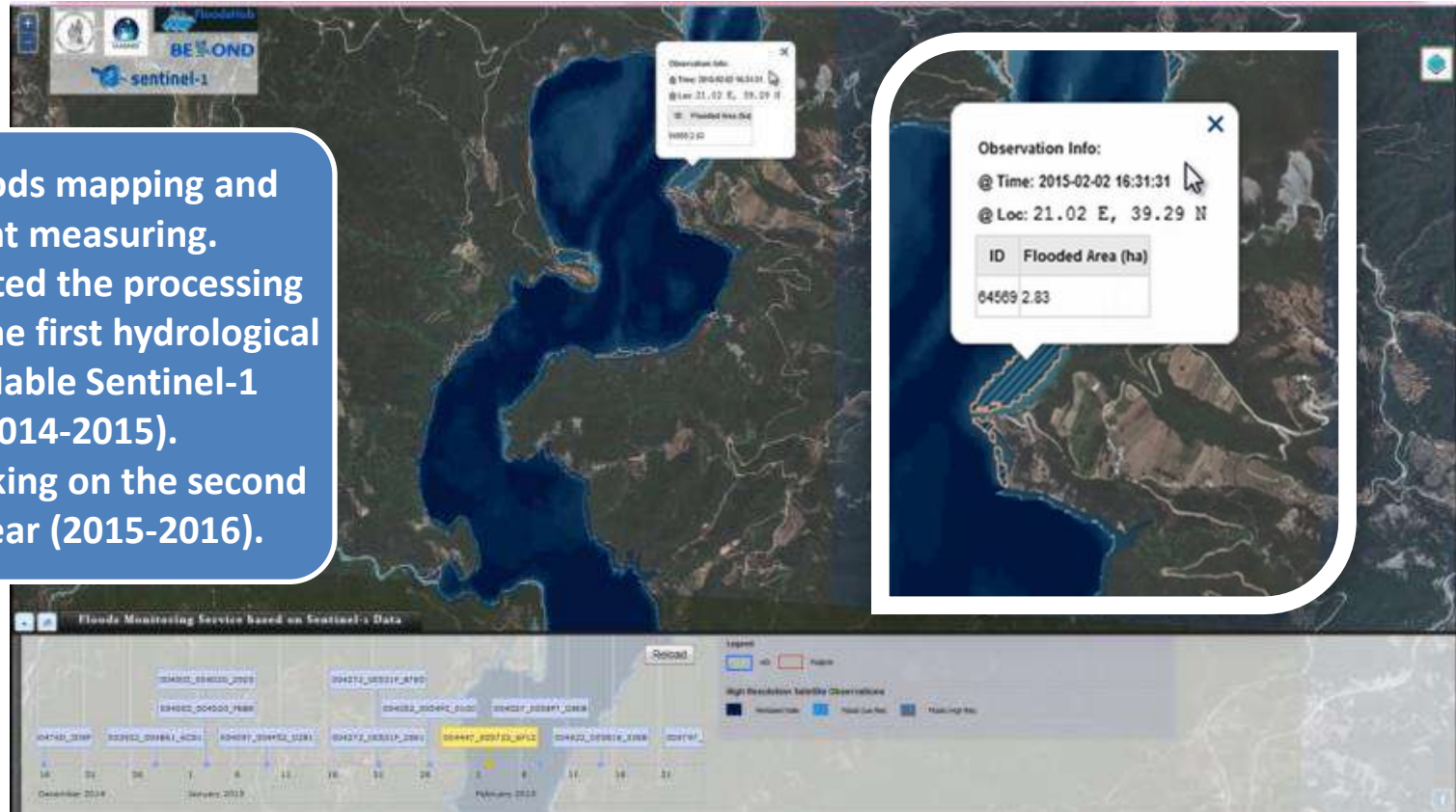


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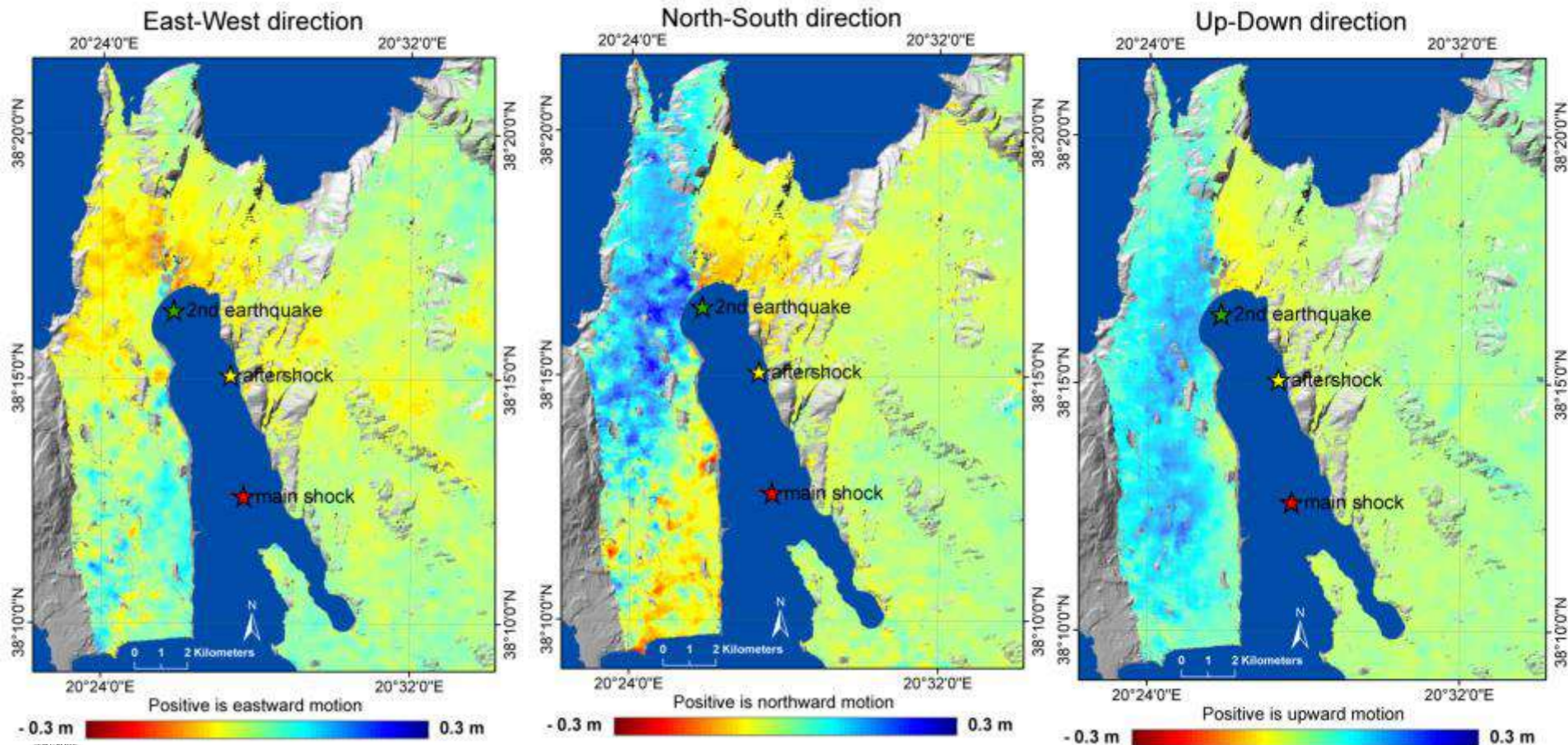
Detail

We provide floods mapping and floods extent measuring.  
We have completed the processing and analysis for the first hydrological year with available Sentinel-1 images (2014-2015).  
We are now working on the second hydrological year (2015-2016).



## Earthquakes – Cephalonia case

- 3D crustal deformation from TerraSAR-X & COSMO-SkyMed data
- Inversion to estimate fault parameters



## Volcanoes – Santorini case

### Data

NSN

NOANET

ENIGMA

In-situ

### Services

Geodesy

Modeling

Hazard Ass.

Large Proc.

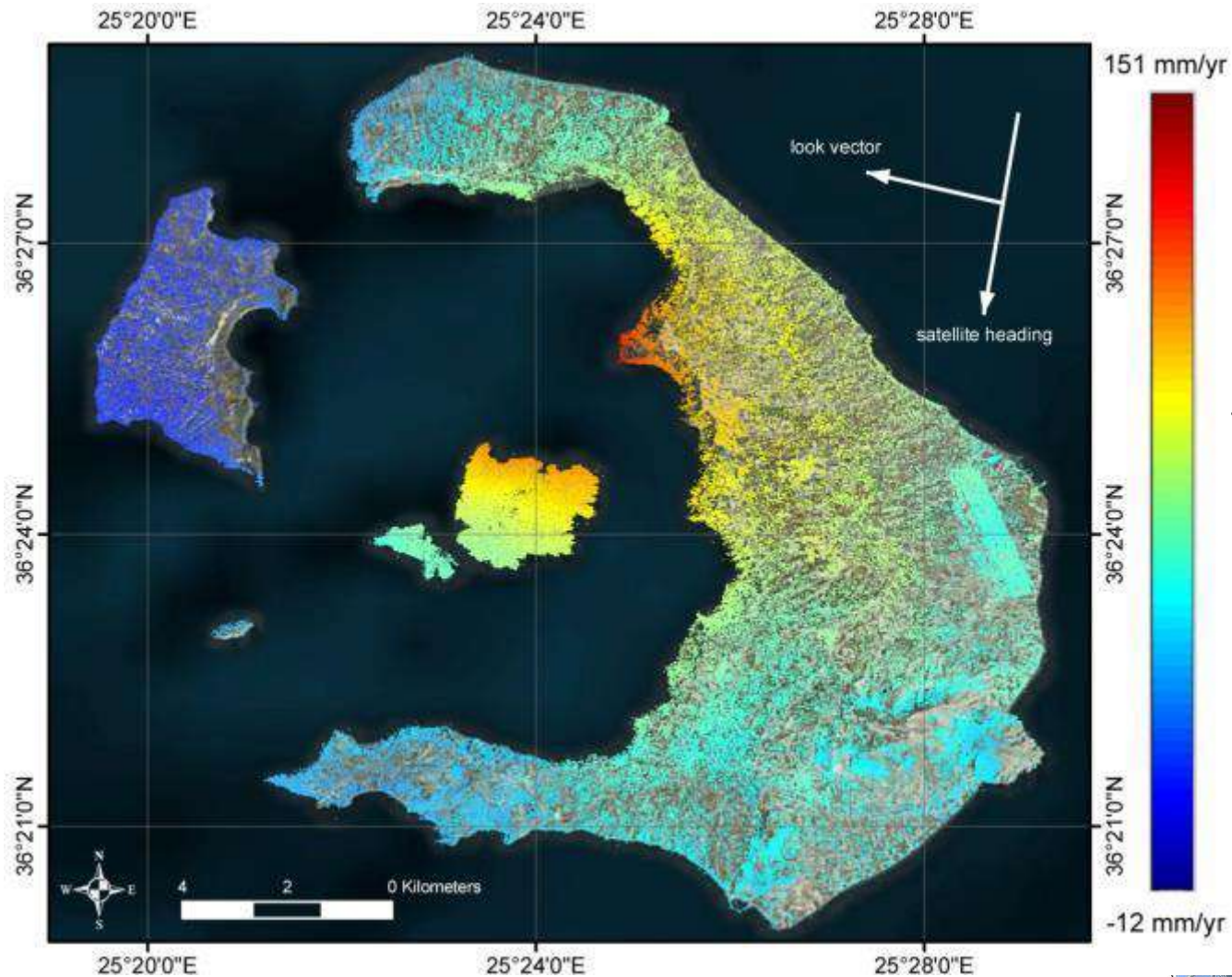
### Applications

Tectonics

Volcanoes

Landslides

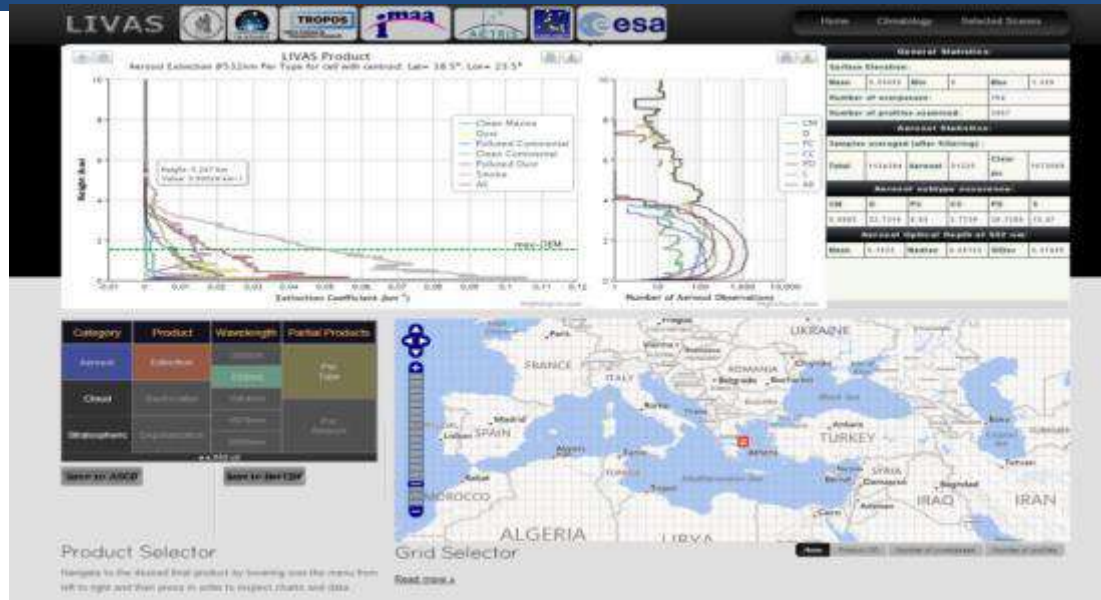
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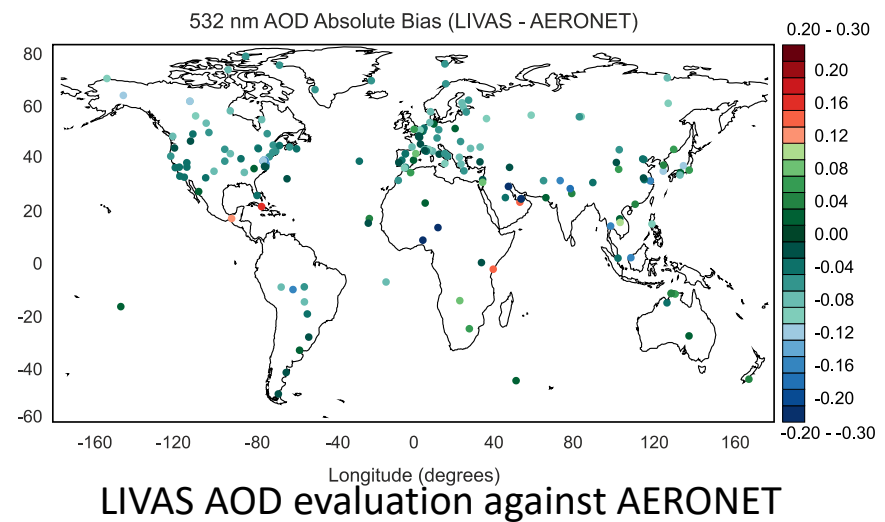
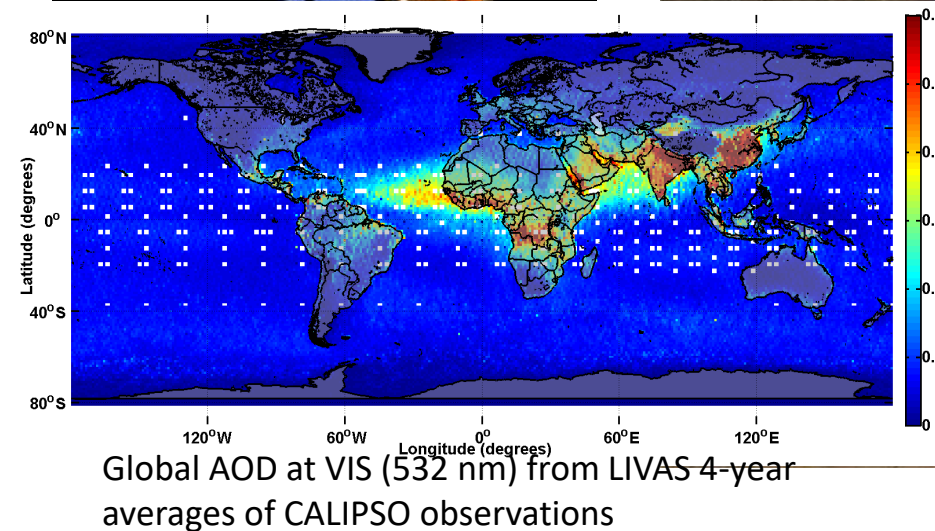
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episode

Papoutsis  
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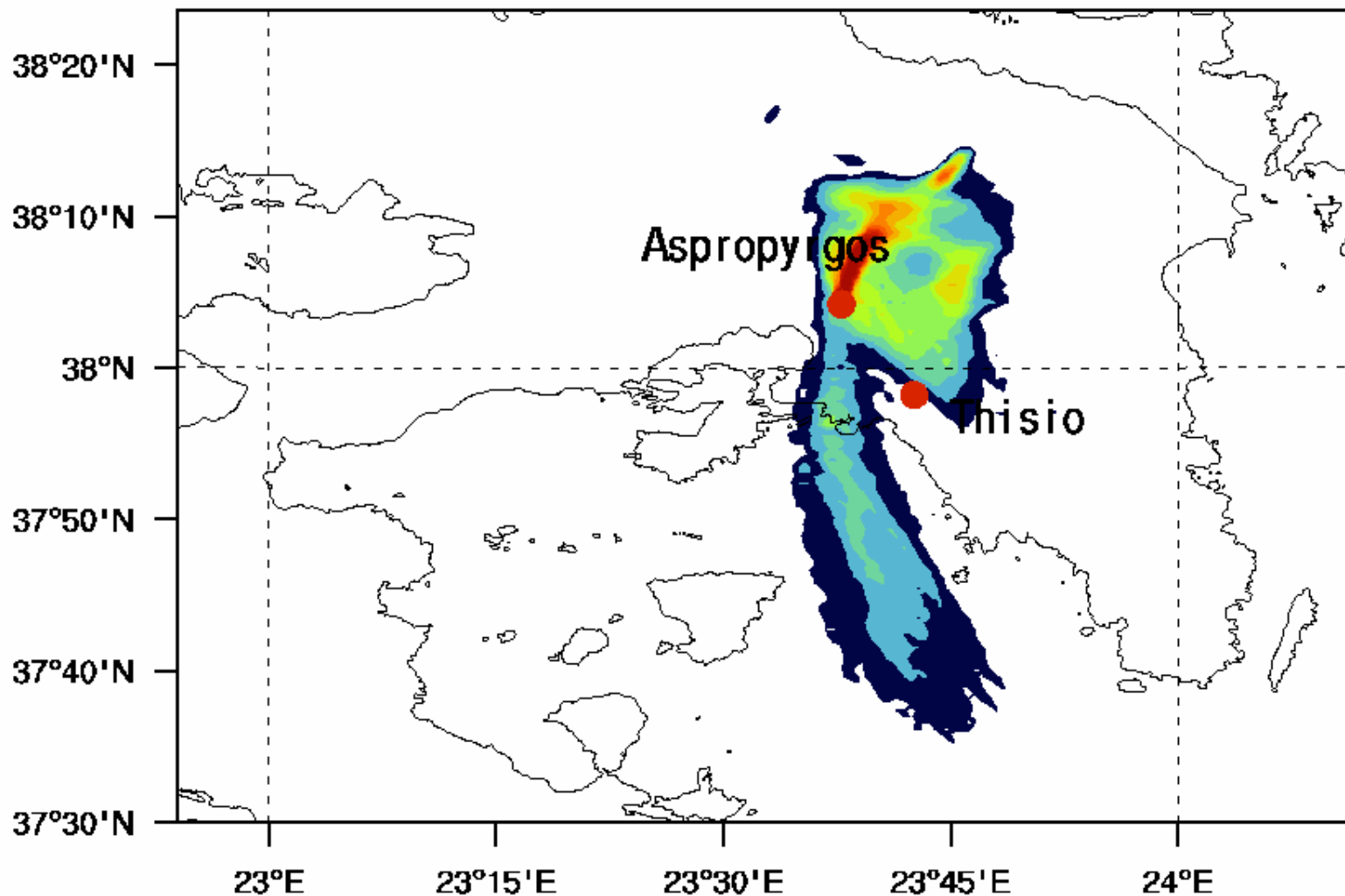


**Global 3D climatology of aerosols and clouds  
LIVAS portal under BEYOND  
(1x1 degree resolution)**



**BEYOND / NOA FLEXPART**  
**Smoke Integrated Column**

**valid:09-06-2015 1300 UTC**  
**(Arbitrary Values)**



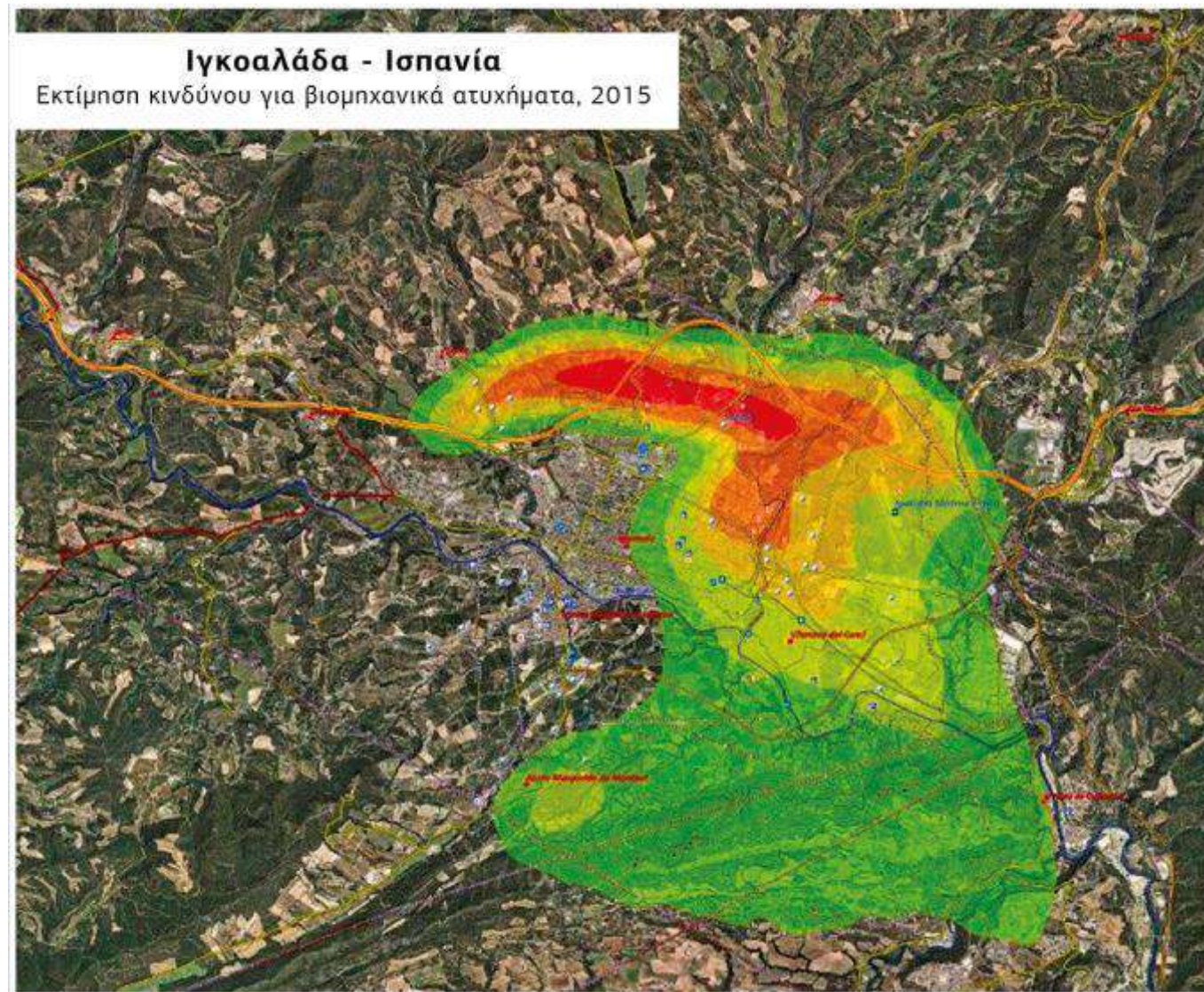
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## Copernicus EMS Risk & Recovery Activations

Catalonia, Spain

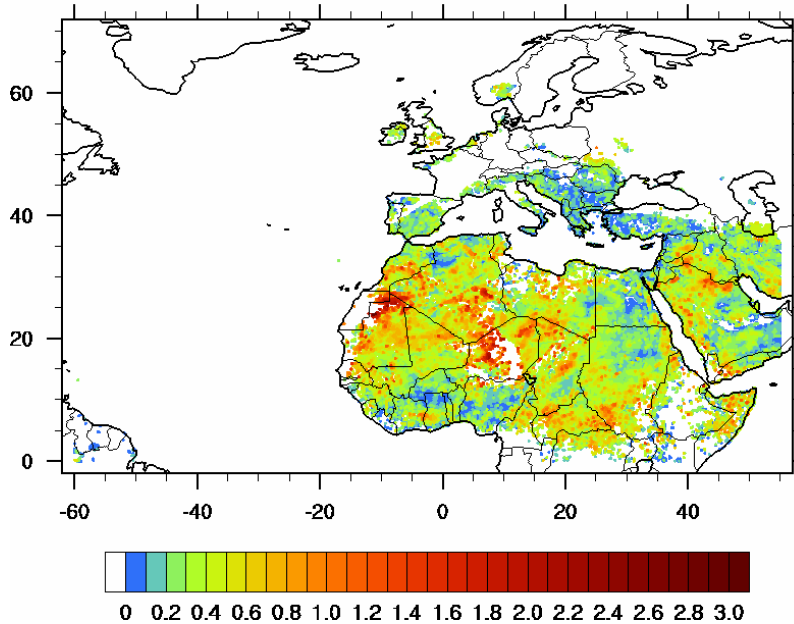
[EMSN026](#)

Toxic cloud after an  
industrial accident



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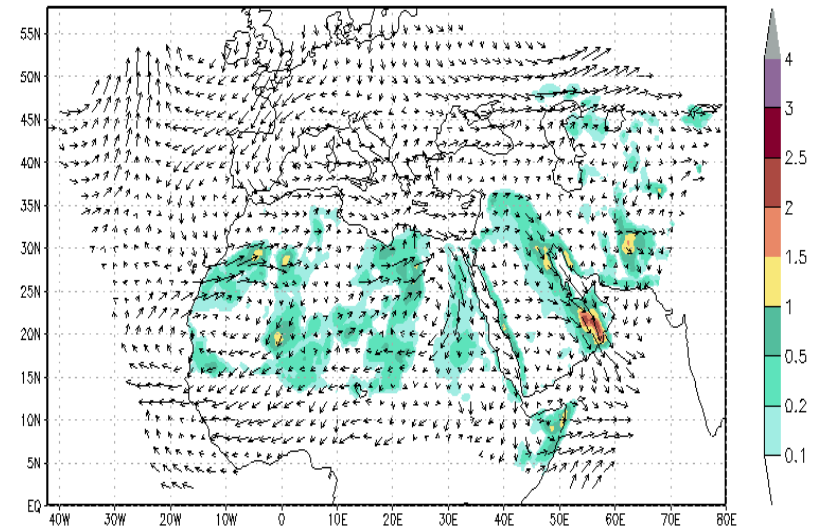
UK MET-OFFICE MSG SEVIRI Dust Optical Depth ( $\tau_{550}$ )  
Valid at 13/11/2015 12 UTC max AOD=2.93833



Dust initial  
field  
assimilation



NMME/DREAM Charadmexp  
Dust Optical Depth (DOD) at 550nm and 2000m Wind  
SEVIRI Assimilation Run ( $k=5 \times 10^{-4}$ ) 15JUN2014 12UTC



GrADS: COLA/IGES

U.K. Met Office MSG dust optical thickness

NMME-DREAM model with dust assimilation



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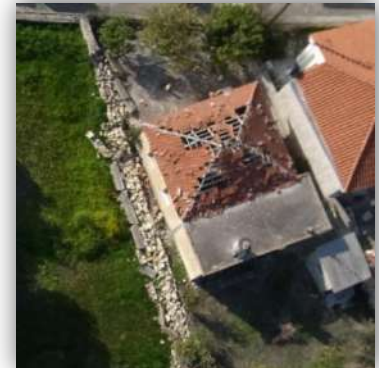
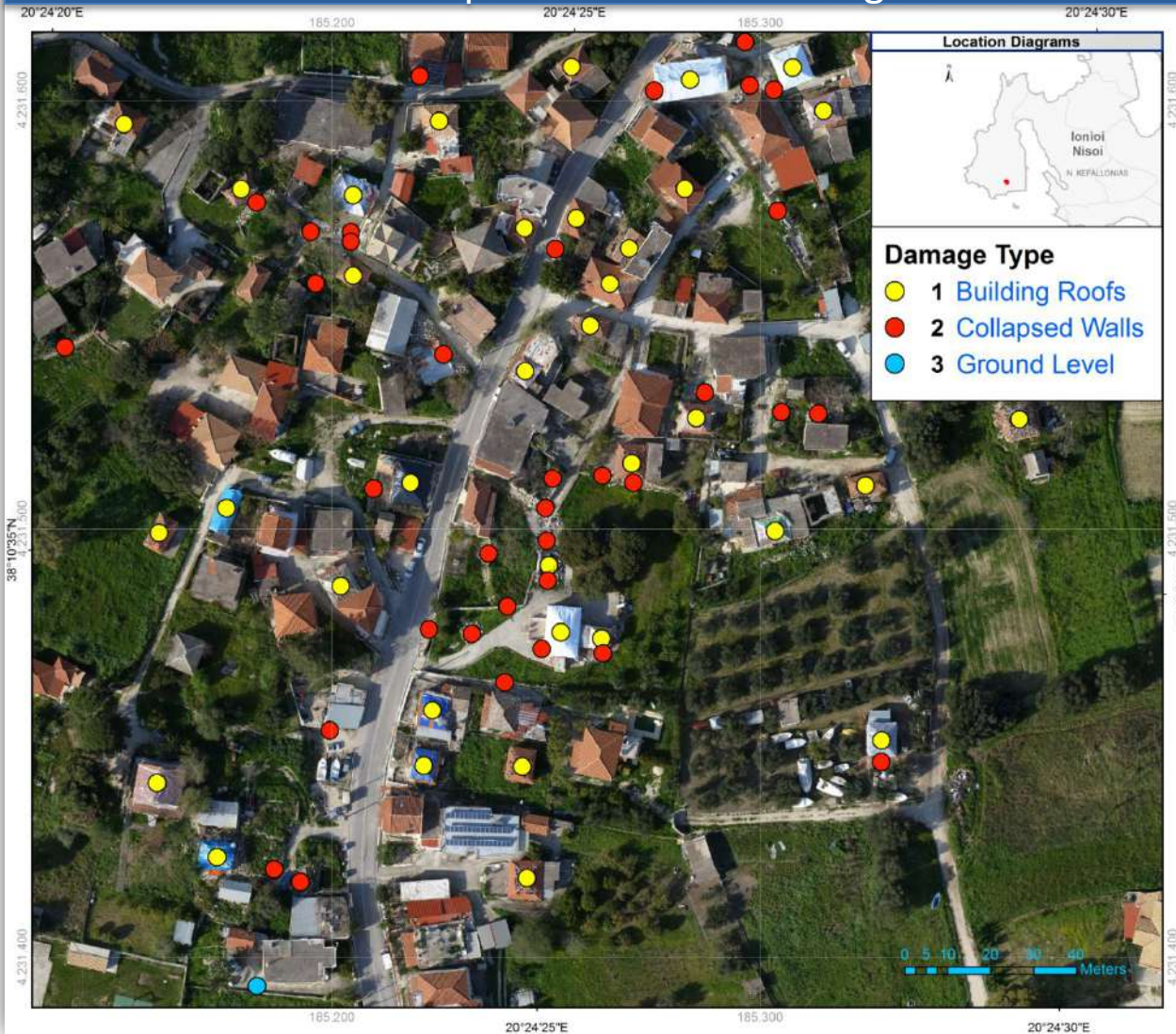
## UAV Assisted Loss Recording

**Cephalonia Earthquake  
Feb 2014**



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## Cephalonia Island – Village of Mantzavinata



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## Activation

Thasos, Greece

Fire



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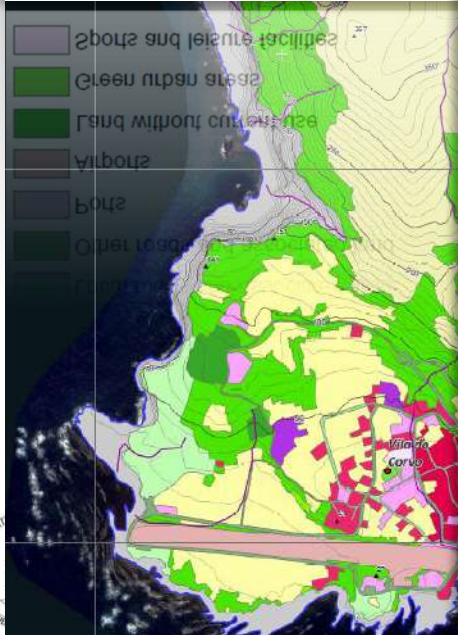
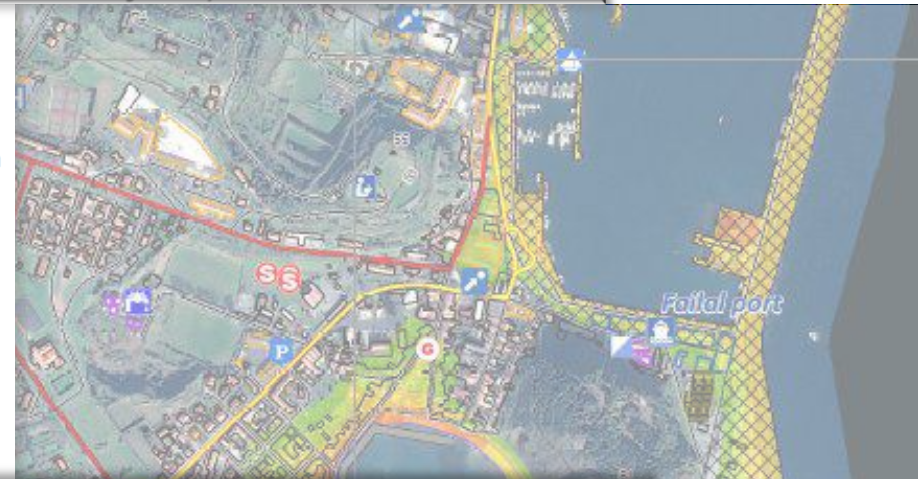
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## Azores activation Reference mapping

### Land Use - Land Cover

Continuous Urban Fabric (P.B.F. > 80%)	Arable land
Isolated Structures	Pastures
Commercial, Public & Private Services	Broad-leaved forest
Industry & Utilities	Coniferous forest
Main roads and associated land	Shrubs and/or herbaceous vegetation
Local roads and associated land	Natural grassland
Other roads and associated land	Bare rock
Ports	Beaches, dunes and sand planes
Airports	Sparsely vegetated areas
Land without current use	Inland wetlands
Green urban areas	Lakes
Sports and leisure facilities	Water reservoirs

### Thematic Layers / nomenclature



### Risk Level

Very Low
Low
Medium
High
Very High

### First Aid Areas

First Aid Areas
Camp location
Shelter
Field hospital
Helicopter landing spot
Gasoline tank

### Mitigation Measures

Breakwaters, seawalls, groynes
Structural reinforcement of assets

### Administrative boundaries

Municipality
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### Populated places

City
Town
Village

### Buildings

Airport
Port
Commercial, Public & Private Services
Industry & Utilities
Place of worship
Other
Unclassified

### Transportation

Airport
Port
Bridge & overpass
Tunnel
Highway
Primary Road
Secondary Road
Local Road
Other

### Physiography

300 - Primary
Secondary
Spot heights

### Hydrography

Rivers & streams
Coastline

### Points of Interest

Hospital
Fire station
Police
Education
Sports
Government Facilities
Industrial facilities
Water infrastructure
Electricity infrastructure
Wave power infrastructure
Power stations
Wind turbines
Oil
Marina
Military

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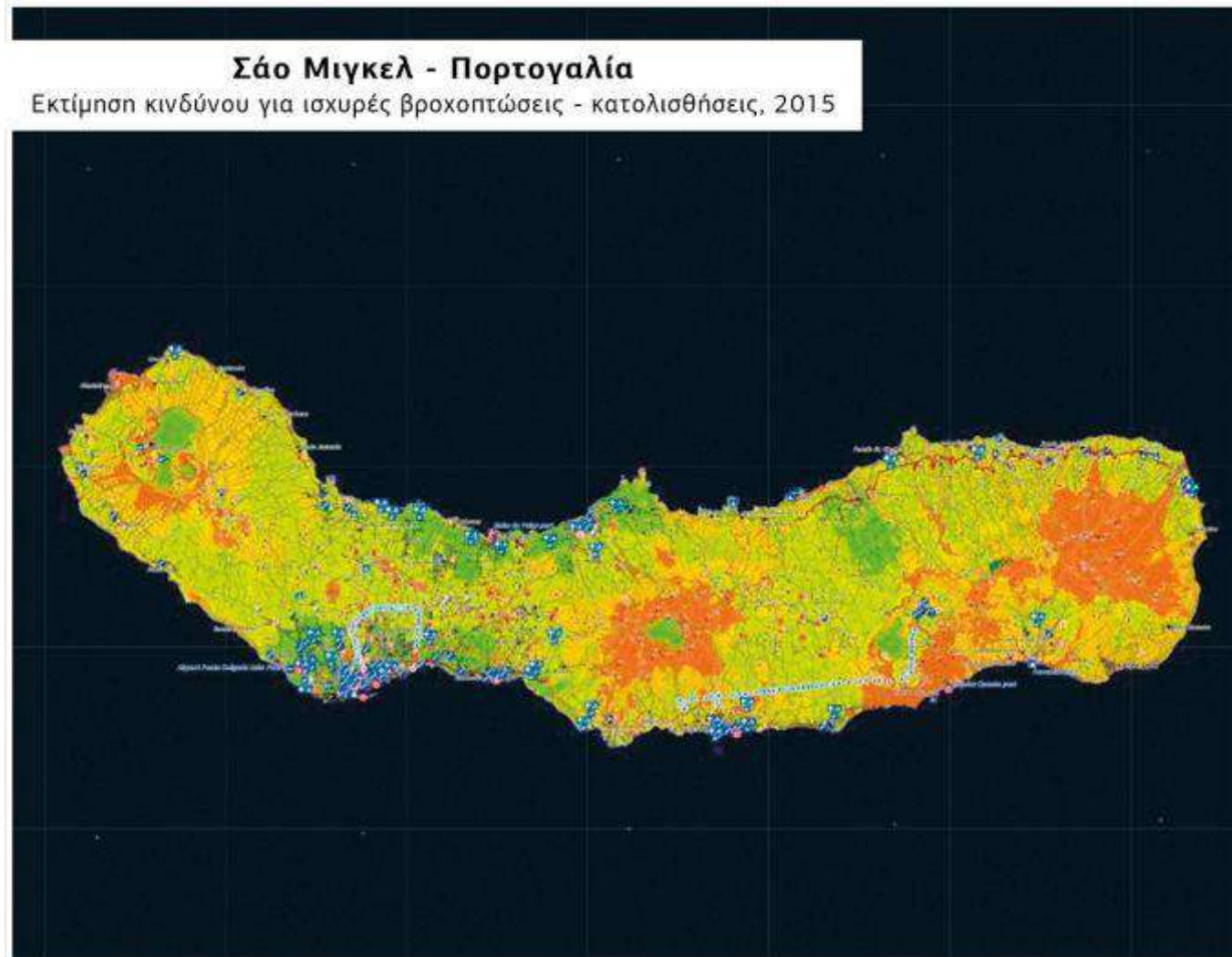
## Copernicus EMS Risk & Recovery Activations

Azores islands, Portugal

[EMSN018](#)

Multiple natural hazards:

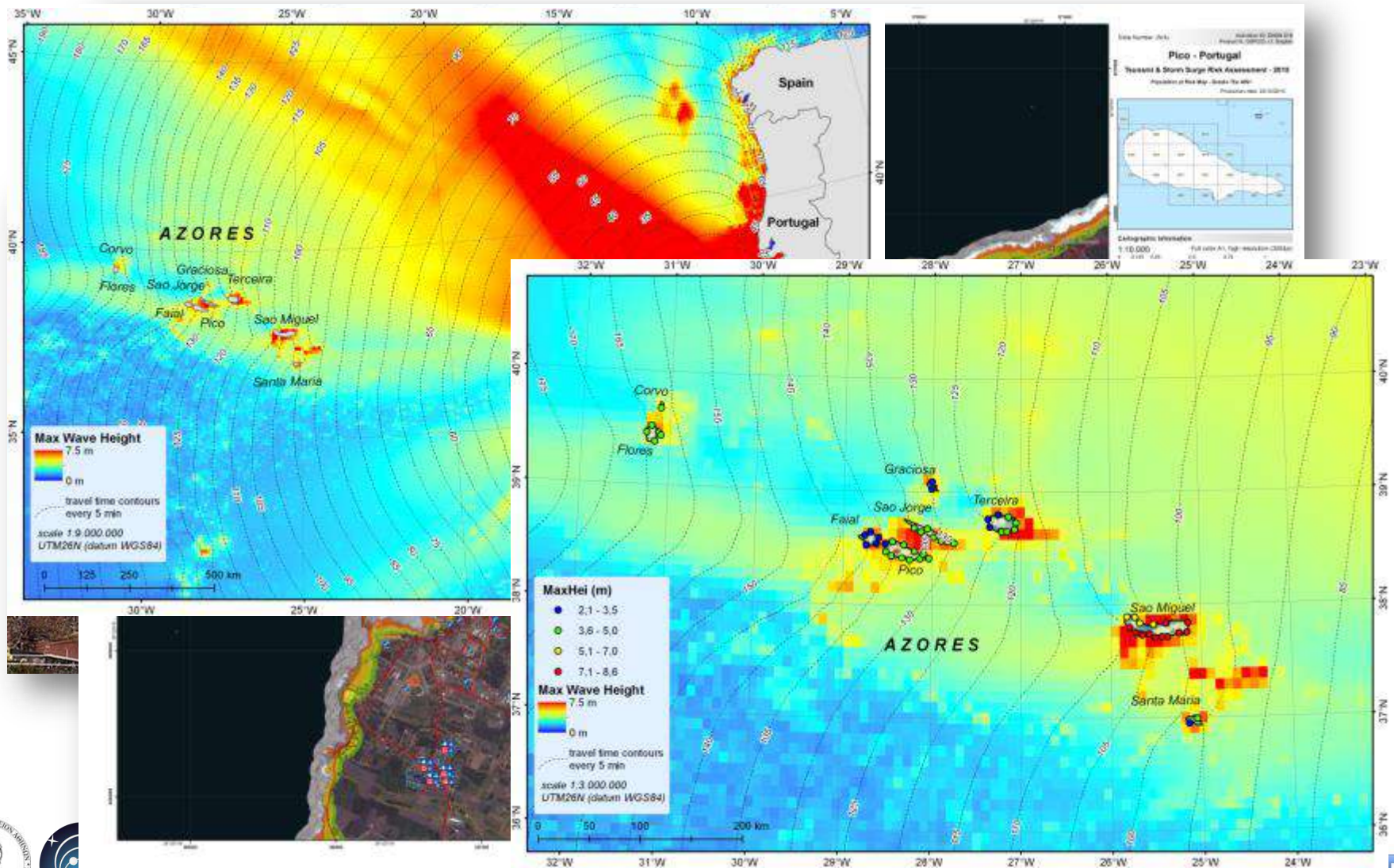
- Seismic
- Flash Flood
- Tsunami & Storm Surges
- Landslide & Erosion
  - Lava Flow
- Coastal Erosion



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## Azores activation

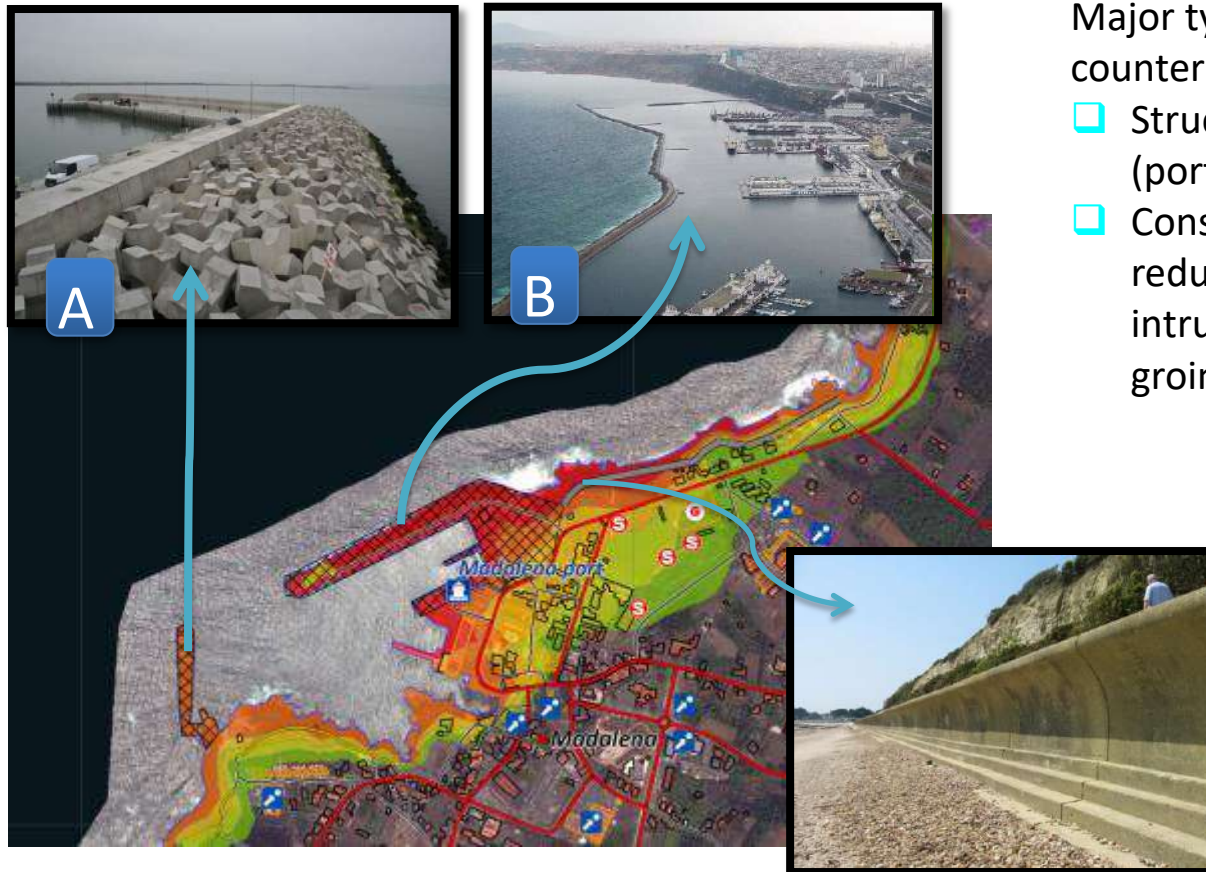
## Tsunami



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## Azores activation

### Tsunami



Major types of structural countermeasures:

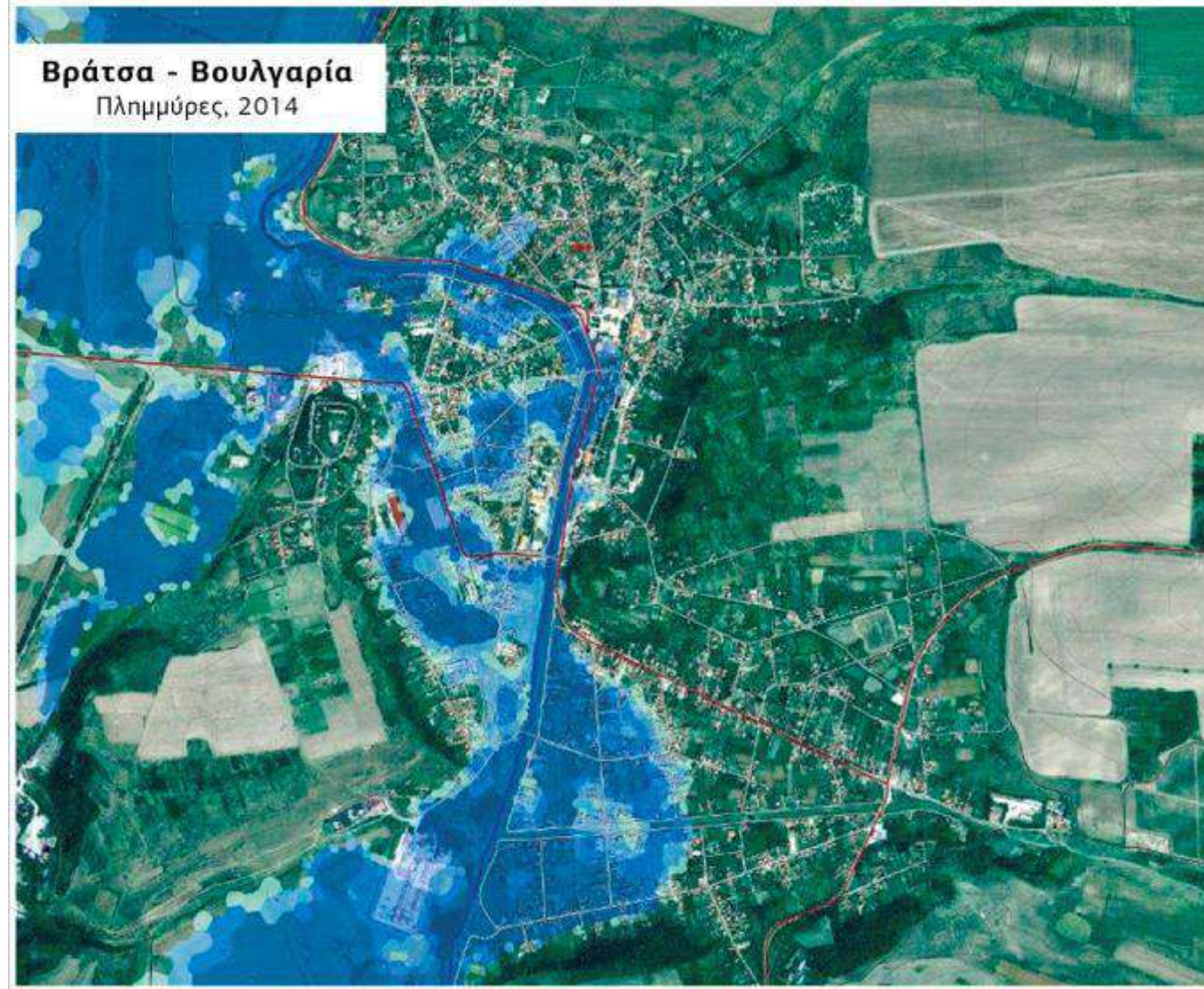
- ❑ Structural reinforcement of assets (ports & other on-land facilities) [A]
- ❑ Construction of defences in order to reduce tsunami & storm surges intrusion (Breakwaters, seawalls, groins, quays, dykes / levees) [B]

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## Copernicus EMS Risk & Recovery Activations

Bulgaria  
[EMSN022](#)

Flood



## GEO-CRADLE:

Fostering regional  
cooperation and roadmap for  
GEO and Copernicus  
implementation in N. Africa,  
Middle East, and the Balkans

*Funded under H2020 - Climate action,  
environment, resource efficiency and raw  
materials*

*ACTIVITY: Developing Comprehensive and  
Sustained Global Environmental  
Observation and Information Systems*

*CALL IDENTIFIER: H2020 SC5-18b-2015  
Integrating North African, Middle East and  
Balkan Earth Observation capacities in  
GEOSS*

**Project GA number: 690133**

**Total Budget: 2,910,800.00 €**



## GEO-CRADLE

... is a unique EU funded Coordination Action running at regional level,  
... is looking at the N. Africa, Middle East, and the Balkan territories;

It seeks to identify common needs, create synergies, and integrate capacities,

Fosters the regional cooperation and integration of monitoring capabilities and networks, and scientific skills

Proposes/sets up large scale regional initiatives based on the Earth Observation (space based and in-situ) for addressing societal priorities in different thematic aspects such as Adaptation to Climate Change, Access to Raw Materials, better exploitation of the renewable Energy resources, and Food Security

### Objectives

- **Promote** the uptake of EO services and data in response to regional needs
- **Support** the effective integration of existing Earth Observation Capacities in the region
- **Facilitate** the engagement of the complete ecosystem of EO stakeholders in the region
- **Enhance** the participation in and contribution to the implementation of **GEOSS** and **Copernicus** in **North Africa, Middle East** and the **Balkans**

## Thematic Areas



*Adaptation to  
Climate  
Change (ACC)*



*Improved  
Food Security  
– Water  
Extremes  
Management  
(IFS)*

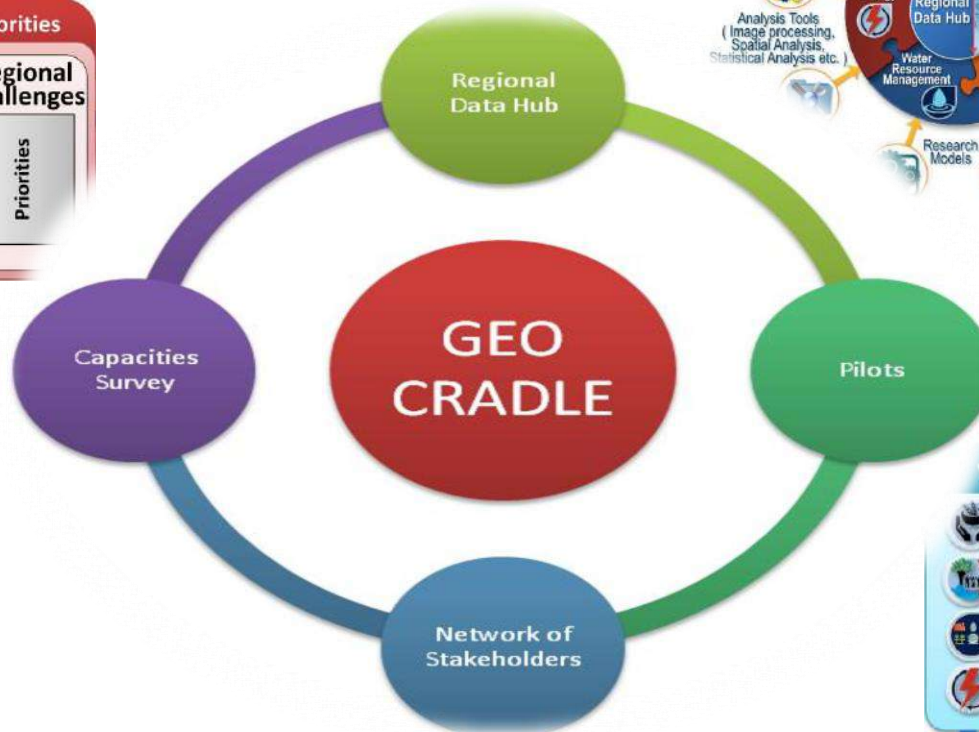
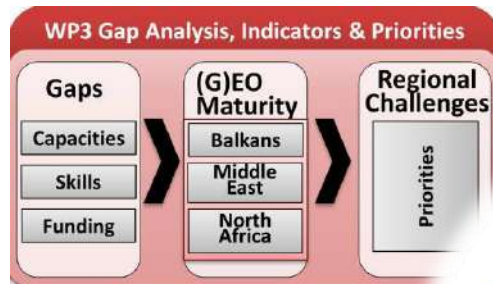


*Access to  
Raw  
Materials  
(ARM)*



*Access to  
Energy  
(SENSE)*

# The Project Pillars



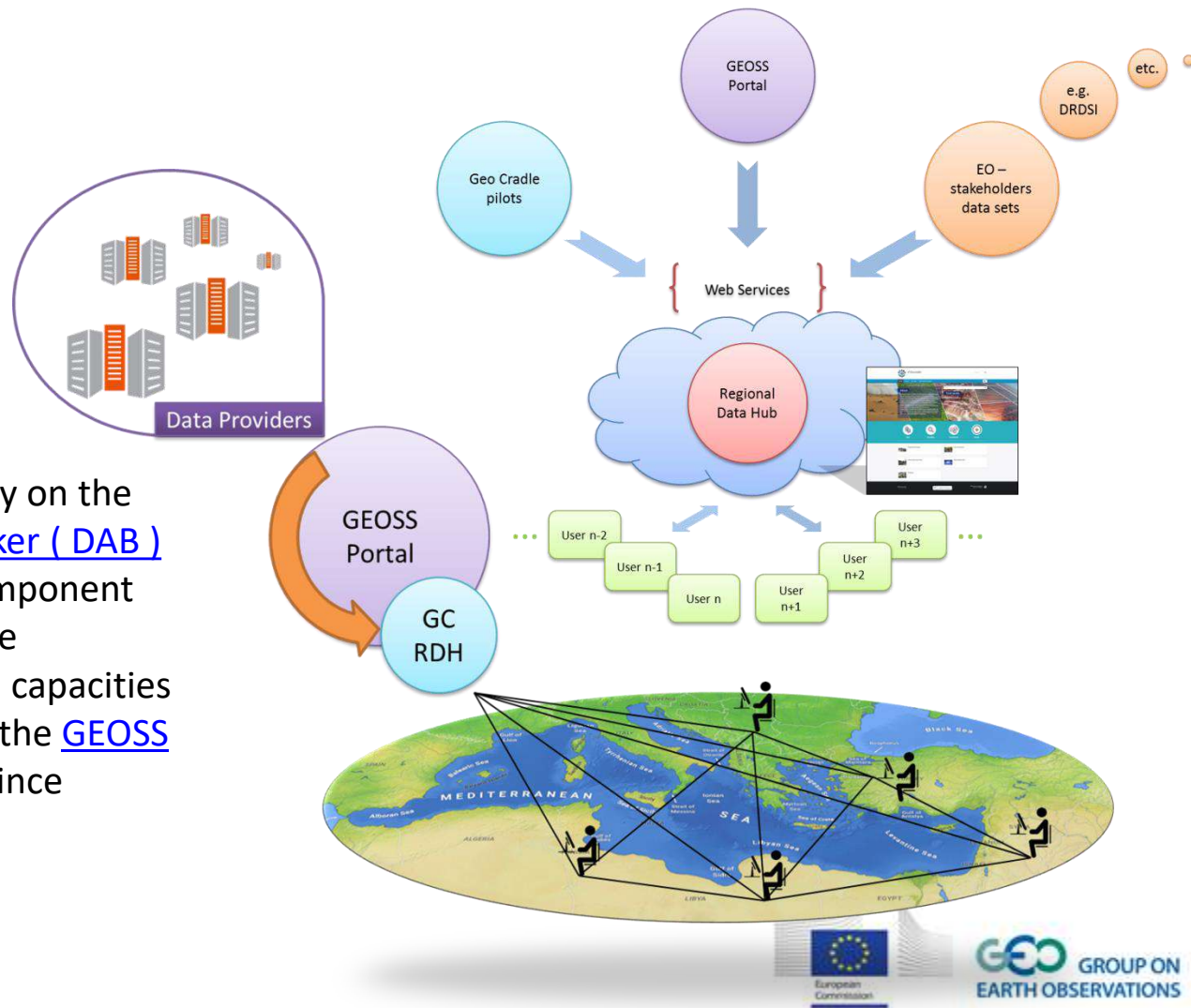
Visit:

<http://195.251.203.238/surveygeocradle/index.php/inventories/capacities/gc-survey1>

## Regional Data Hub – Connection with GEOSS & Regional Portals

- GEO CRADLE Regional Data Hub (GC-RDH) is going to provide its users with a transparent discovery and access mechanism of the [GEOSS portal](#)'s resources, and other regional portals!

- This mechanism will heavily rely on the [GEO Discovery and Access Broker \( DAB \) APIs](#) which is a middleware component in charge of interconnecting the heterogeneous and distributed capacities contributing to GEOSS; part of the [GEOSS Common Infrastructure \(GCI\)](#) since November 2011.



## Roadmap for future Implementation of GEOSS

### **Guides**

the implementation of  
GEOSS and the uptake of  
Copernicus in the RoI

### **Assesses**

the readiness and maturity of  
each country in the RoI

### **Lays out**

the actions for the long-term  
response to major regional  
challenges in the RoI

### **Paves**

the ground for a potential  
regional large initiative



Coordinating and integrating state-of-the-art  
Earth Observation Activities in the regions of  
North Africa, Middle East and Balkans  
and Developing Links with GEO related initiatives  
toward GEOSS



thank you!

**For more information**

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