



# Netherlands Space Office



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- ▶ Established in 2009
- ▶ Space agency of the Netherlands government
- ▶ Reporting to:
  - > Ministry of Economic Affairs
  - > Ministry of Education, Culture and Science
  - > Ministry of Infrastructure and Environment
  - > Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO)
- ▶ Task:  
**Develop the Netherlands space policy and implement it**





# NSO: responsibilities and activities

- ▶ Represent Netherlands government to space agencies (ESA) and space industry
- ▶ National programmes:
  - TROPOMI-instrument
  - Satellite data portal
  - Geodata for Agriculture & Water (G4AW)
  - ESA Business Incubation Centre
- ▶ Stimulate international cooperation with Dutch industry
- ▶ Invest in the future's space pioneers (students and young entrepreneurs)





# Vision: a change in space

- ▶ From driven by technology to driven by demand
- ▶ Added value of space technology and satellite data is the key to global solutions, scientific breakthroughs and new markets
- ▶ Needs of society and opportunities on the market give direction to the development of space technology and applications
- ▶ This gives opportunities for commercial markets
- ▶ This asks for:
  - More synergy space and non-space
  - More and broader international cooperation

A satellite image of a coastal region. The top-left corner shows a patchwork of green and brown agricultural fields. The bottom-right corner shows a coastal town with buildings and roads. The central part of the image is a large body of dark blue water. A small red dot is located in the water, slightly to the right of the center. The text is overlaid on the water area.

## Satellite Data

*ESA Earth Explorers  
Copernicus  
NL Satellite Data Portal*

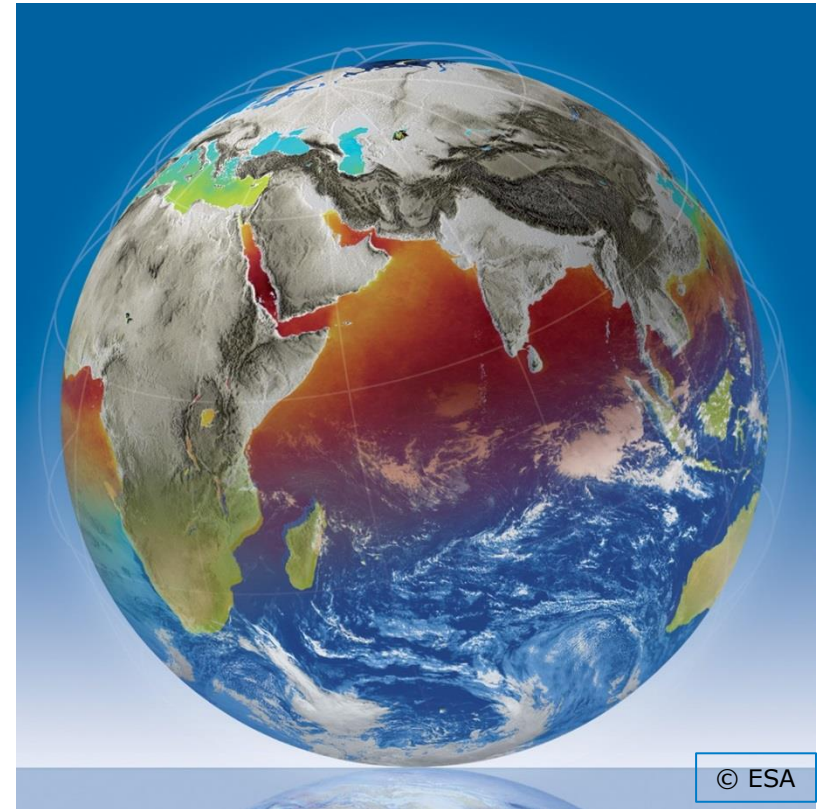
**Radboud Koop (NSO)**



# ESA – Earth Explorers

## “Satellites to understand our changing Earth”

- science and research element of ESA's Living Planet Programme
- focus on:
  - atmosphere, biosphere, hydrosphere, cryosphere, Earth's interior
  - interactions between these components
  - impact that human activity is having on natural Earth processes
- Core and Opportunity missions





# Gravity

## GOCE – Gravity Field and Steady-State Ocean Circulation Explorer

**Launch:** 17 March 2009

End: 11 November 2013

### Instruments:

Gravity Gradiometer

High-accuracy GPS-receiver

Laser Retro-Reflector (LRR)

### Orbit:

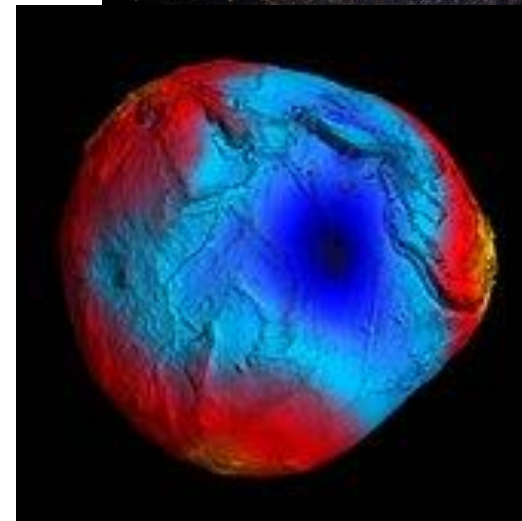
about 260 km altitude, polar, Sun-synchronous

### Objectives:

- gravity-field anomalies, accuracy 1 mGal
- geoid, accuracy 1-2 cm.
- both at a spatial resolution better than 100 km

### Applications:

- Ocean circulation
- Solid Earth
- Geodesy
- Sea-level change



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# Magnetic Field

## SWARM

**Launch:** 22 November 2013

**Mission duration:** 4 years

**Orbit:**

2 sats at 460 → 300 km; 3<sup>rd</sup> sat at 530 km

**Constellation:** 3 identical satellites

**Instruments:**

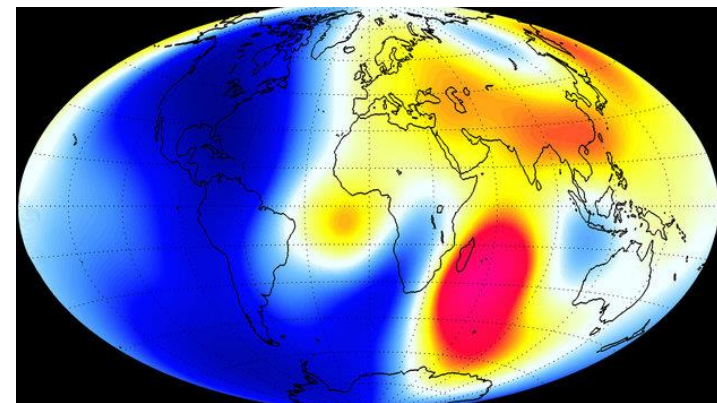
vector field magnetometer,  
absolute scalar magnetometer,  
electric field instrument,  
accelerometer, GPS receiver,  
startrackers, laser retroreflector

**Objectives:**

- core dynamics, geodynamo processes, core–mantle interaction;
- magnetism of the lithosphere and its geological context;
- 3D electrical conductivity of the mantle related to composition;
- magnetic signature related to ocean circulation;
- Sun's influence on Earth system (electric currents in magnetosphere and ionosphere; impact of solar wind on dynamics of upper atmosphere)



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# Ice

## CryoSat

**Launch:** 8 April 2010

**Mission duration:** > 3 years

**Instruments:**

SAR Interferometric Radar Altimeter (SIRAL),  
DORIS (positioning)  
Laser Retro-Reflector (LRR)

**Orbit:**

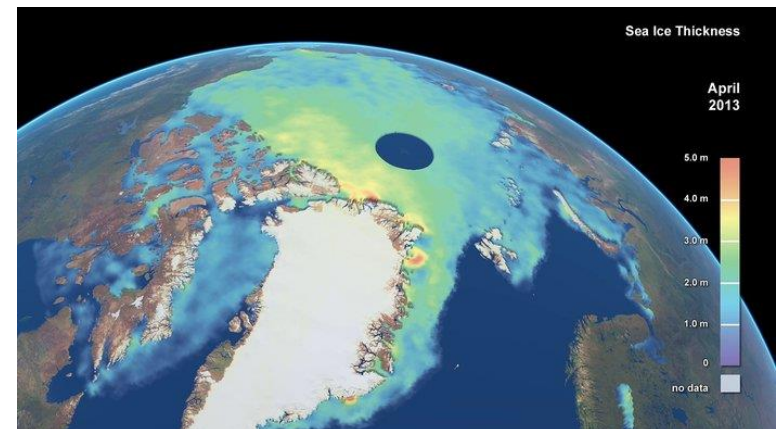
mean altitude 717 km, inclination 92°,  
non-Sun-synchronous

**Objectives:**

- changes in ice thickness to an accuracy of about 10% of the expected interannual variation,
- over sea ice this is about 1.5 cm/year, over small areas of ice sheet this is about 3 cm/year,
- integrated over the whole of Greenland, the required accuracy is 0.7 cm/year



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# Water

## SMOS – Soil Moisture and Ocean Salinity Mission

**Launch:** 2 November 2009

**Mission duration:** > 3 years

**Instruments:**

Microwave Imaging Radiometer using Aperture Synthesis (MIRAS)

2D interferometric L-band radiometer at 1.4 GHz (21 cm wavelength)

**Orbit:**

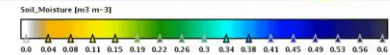
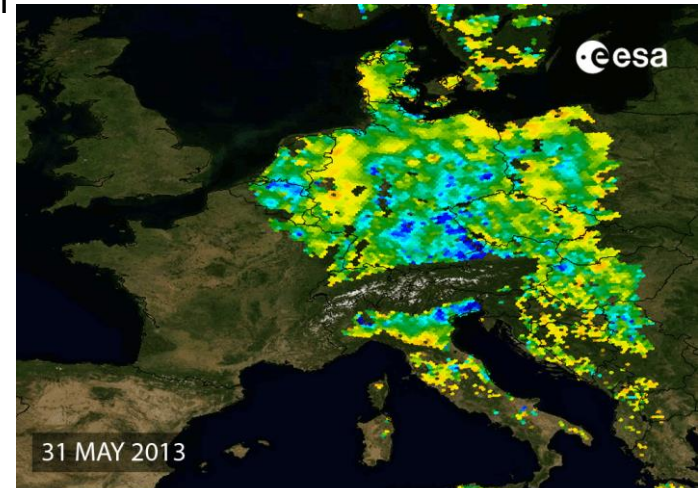
mean altitude 758 km, inclination 98.44°,  
Sun-synchronous, quasi-circular, dusk-dawn,  
23-day repeat cycle, 3-day sub-cycle

**Objectives:**

- Soil moisture over land
- Salinity over oceans
- Water cycle, atmosphere-surface exchange
- Weather and climate models



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# Wind

## ADM-Aeolus

**Launch:** 2017

**Mission Duration:** > 3 years

**Orbit:**

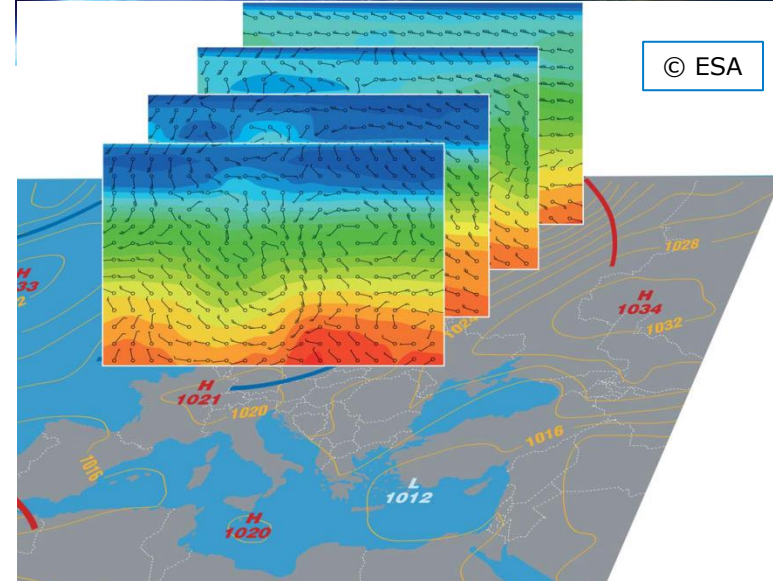
Sun-synchronous, 408 km, inclination 97°

**Instruments:**

atmospheric Laser Doppler Instrument 'Aladin'

**Objectives:**

- global wind profiles up to an altitude of 30 km
- wind to an accuracy of 1 m/s in the planetary boundary layer (up to an altitude of 2 km)
- wind to an accuracy of 2 m/s in the free troposphere (up to an altitude of 16 km)
- average wind velocity over 100 km tracks
- 100 wind profiles per hour





# Clouds and aerosols

## EarthCare

**Launch:** 2018

**Mission duration:** > 3 years

**Instruments:**

active: high-resolution atmospheric lidar

active: radar

passive: multispectral imager

passive: broadband radiometer

**Objectives:**

global observations of  
clouds,  
aerosols and  
radiation



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# Forest

## BIOMASS

**Launch:** >2020

**Mission duration:** > 5 years

**Orbit:**

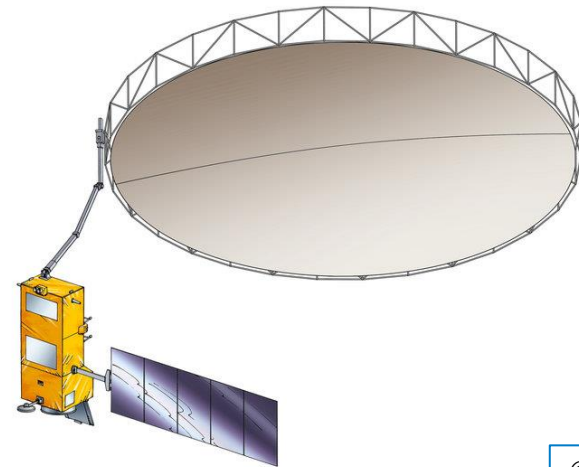
660 km, Sun-synchronous

**Instruments:**

synthetic aperture radar P-band (435 MHz);  
fully polarimetric

**Objectives:**

- information about the state of our forests and how they are changing
- carbon cycle
- maps of forest biomass and forest height at 200 m resolution
- experimental 'tomographic' phase to provide 3D views of forests



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# Vegetation

## FLEX

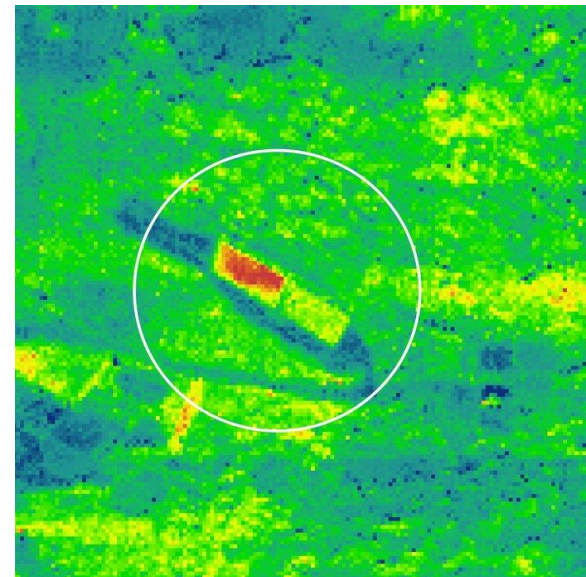
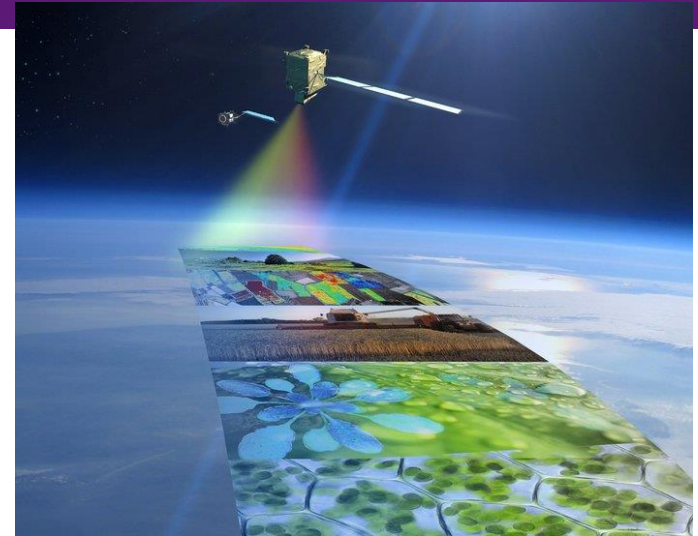
**Launch:** >2022

**Instrument:**

High-resolution imaging grating spectrometer (FLORIS),  
500 – 780 nm, sampling 0.1 nm

**Objectives:**

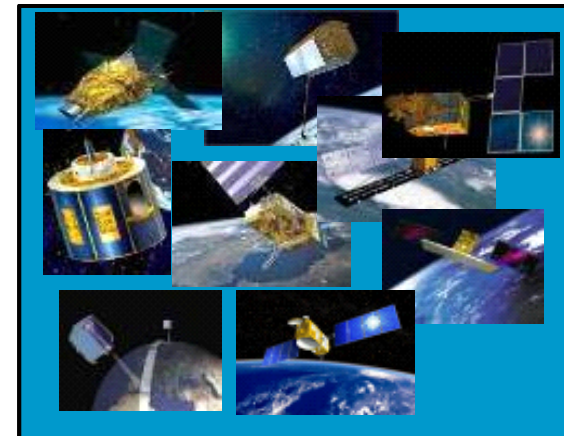
- Observe fluorescence emission spectra
- Leaf chlorophyll content, leaf area index
- Global terrestrial vegetation monitoring
- Functioning and photosynthetic efficiency of vegetation



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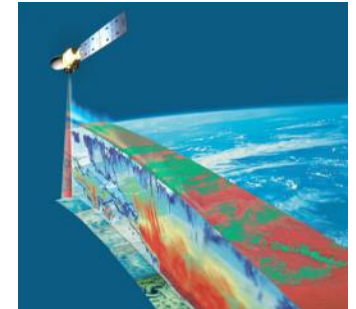



**Copernicus**  
The European Earth Observation Programme



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Earth Observation services



Sentinel-1	RADAR	(land and marine applications)	✓
Sentinel-2	Multispectral	(land / river applications)	✓
Sentinel-3	Hyperspectral, altimetry	(land and marine applications)	✓
Sentinel-4	Multispectral	(atmosphere, geostationary)	2021
Sentinel-5P 	Multispectral	(atmosphere, polar)	2016
Sentinel-5	Multispectral	(atmosphere, polar)	2021
Sentinel-6	Altimetry	(marine applications)	2020

**Free and open data, guaranteed stream of data**





# Sentinel 1

## Launch Sentinel1A:

3 April 2014 from Kourou, French Guyana

## Orbit:

Polar, Sun-synchronous, altitude 693 km

## Revisit time:

Six days from two-satellite constellation

## Life:

Minimum of 7 years

## Instrument:

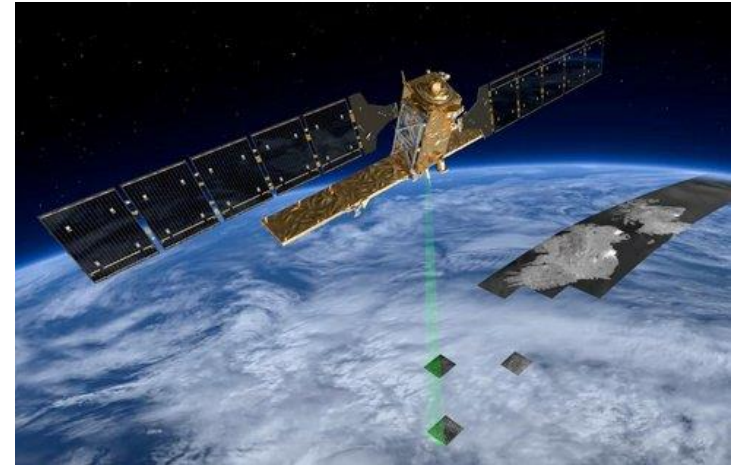
C-band synthetic aperture radar (SAR) at 5.405 GHz

## Operational modes:

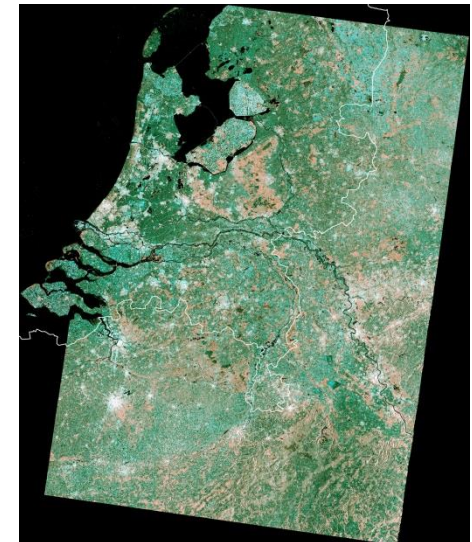
- Interferometric wide-swath mode at 250 km and 5×20 m resolution
- Wave-mode images of 20×20 km and 5×5 m resolution (at 100 km intervals)
- Strip map mode at 80 km swath and 5×5 m resolution
- Extra wide-swath mode of 400 km and 20×40 m resolution

## Main applications:

- sea ice, oil spills, marine winds & waves,
- land-use change, land deformation among others,
- floods and earthquakes emergency response



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# Sentinel 2

## Launch Sentinel2A:

23 June 2015 from Kourou, French Guyana

## Orbit:

Polar, Sun-synchronous, altitude 786 km

## Revisit time:

Five days from two-satellite constellation (at equator)

## Coverage:

Land and coastal areas between 84°N and 56°S

**Life:** Minimum of 7 years

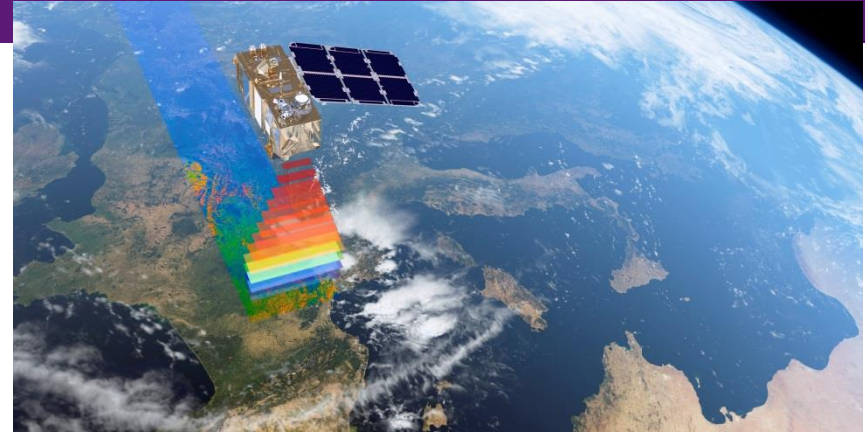
## Instrument:

multispectral imager (MSI), 13 spectral bands (443 nm–2190 nm),  
swath width 290 km

spatial resolutions: 10 m (vis/NIR bands),  
20 m (red-edge/SWIR bands)  
60 m (3 atmospheric correction bands)

## Main applications:

- agriculture, forests, land-use change, land-cover change;
- biophysical variables e.g. leaf chlorophyll content, leaf water content, leaf area index;
- monitoring coastal and inland waters;
- risk mapping and disaster mapping



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# Sentinel 3

## Launch Sentinel3A:

16 February 2016 from Plesetsk, Russia

## Orbit:

Polar, Sun-synchronous, altitude 815 km

## Revisit time (ocean)

SLSTR ~1 day, OLCI ~2 days, SRAL 27 days

**Life:** Planned for 7 years (consumables for 12 years)

## Instruments:

- Ocean and Land Colour Instrument (OLCI), 21 spectral bands (400–1020 nm) swath width of 1270 km
- Sea and Land Surface Temperature Radiometer (SLSTR), 9 spectral bands (550–12 000 nm), swath widths of 1420 km (nadir) and 750 km (backwards)
- Synthetic Aperture Radar Altimeter (SRAL) Ku-band and C-band
- Microwave Radiometer (MWR) dual frequency at 23.8 & 36.5 GHz

## Main applications:

- Sea-level change & sea-surface temperature, water quality
- sea-ice extent and thickness, numerical ocean prediction
- land-cover, vegetation health
- glaciers; water resources
- wildfire detection, numerical weather prediction





# Sentinel 4

## Goal:

continuous monitoring from a geostationary orbit of the atmospheric chemistry in order to support air quality monitoring and forecast over the skies of Europe



## Satellite:

2 instruments on 2 Meteosat Third Generation-Sounder satellites (MTG-S1 and MTG-S2)

## Coverage:

Europe and North Africa (Sahara)  
(scanning  $8.8^\circ$  East-West x  $16.6^\circ$  North-South, with a repeat cycle of about 60 minutes)

## Instrument:

UVN high resolution spectrometer  
Spectral bands: UV (305-400 nm), VIS (400-500 nm), NIR (750-775 nm)  
Spatial resolution: 8 km  
Spectral resolution: between 0.12 and 0.50 nm



# Sentinel 5 Precursor

## Goal:

- atmospheric chemistry at high temporal & spatial resolution
- increase frequency of cloud-free observations for the study of troposphere variability
- measurements of ozone, NO<sub>2</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>, CO and aerosol

Sentinel 5P will bridge gap between  
Envisat/EOS Aura and Sentinel-5 (expected launch 2020)

**Lifetime:** 7 years

**Orbit:** sun-synchronous, altitude 830 km

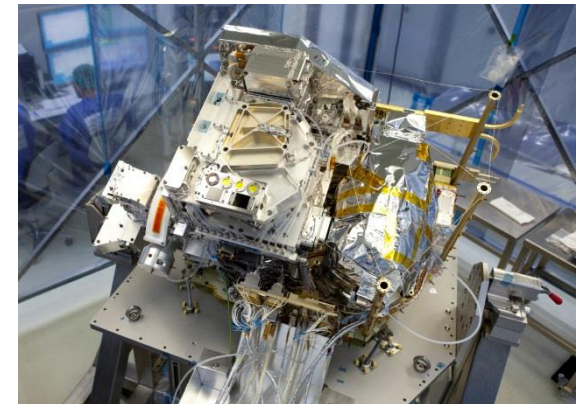
**Repeat cycle:** 17 days

## Instrument: **TROPOMI**

- UV-VIS-NIR-SWIR push-broom grating spectrometer
- UVN module provided as a national contribution by NL
- 4 channels
- spectral range: 270-495 nm, 710-775 nm, 2305-2385 nm



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# Access to Sentinel data



## Access for Copernicus Services

(Consortia members only)



## Open data for everyone

(slow access, will be improved in 2017)

<https://scihub.copernicus.eu>



## National initiatives

(mirror sites, ground stations)

# Satellietdataportaal

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## Registreren

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### Gegevens van de aanvrager

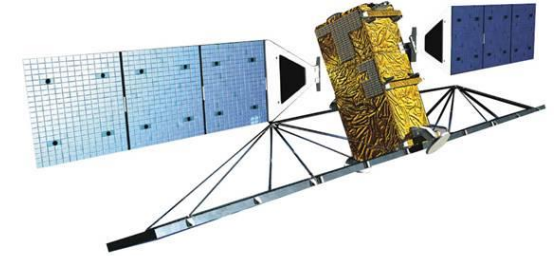
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De aanvrager verklaart Nederlandse rechtspersoon, Nederlandse instelling of Nederlandse ingezetene te zijn.

### Beoogd gebruik



# Data portfolio



## Preparation for Sentinel-1:

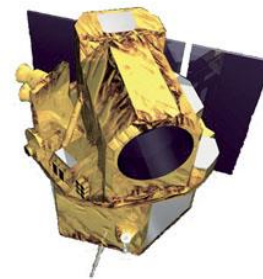
- Radarsat-2 (radar) : 5 meter, 1x per 24 days(VV, VH)  
: 25 meter, 1x per 24 days (HH, HV)

## Preparation for Sentinel-2:

- DMC-satellites (MS) : 22 meter, 2x per week, 3 bands
- SPOT-6/7 (MS) : 6 meter, 1x per month, 4 bands
- SPOT-6/7 (PAN) : 1,5 meter, 1x per month, 1 band



Period:  
March 2012 – March 2017  
Extended till 2020







[www.satellietdataportaal.nl](http://www.satellietdataportaal.nl)  
**'Raw' data**

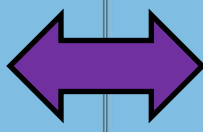
The screenshot shows the 'National Satellite Data Portal' interface. On the left, a search results table lists various satellite images with columns for 'Product', 'Resolution (m)', 'Cloud', and 'Date'. The main area features a map with several satellite images overlaid, showing a grid of data points. The interface includes navigation tools like 'Zoom In', 'Zoom Out', and 'Full Screen'.

Product	Resolution (m)	Cloud	Date
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**'Pre-processed' data:**  
1.5 m, 'GIS-ready' (WMS)  
[www.satellietbeeld.nl](http://www.satellietbeeld.nl)

The screenshot shows the 'National Satellietdataportaal' interface. The main area displays a detailed satellite image of a city area, with a red box highlighting a specific location. A search overlay is visible, showing a map of the Netherlands and a list of search results. The search overlay includes a search bar, filters, and a list of search results with columns for 'Product', 'Resolution (m)', 'Cloud', and 'Date'.

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FORMOSAT-2 Panchromatic: 1767-0184_0_2012-08-12 2	0	12	12 Aug 2012
FORMOSAT-2 Panchromatic: 1768-0182_0_2012-08-13 2	0	13	13 Aug 2012
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FORMOSAT-2 Panchromatic: 1765-0181_0_2012-08-29 2	0	29	29 Aug 2012
FORMOSAT-2 Panchromatic: 1766-0184_0_2012-09-08 2	0	08	08 Sep 2012
FORMOSAT-2 Panchromatic: 1767-0183_0_2012-09-17 2	0	17	17 Sep 2012
FORMOSAT-2 Panchromatic: 1766-0182_0_2012-09-26 2	0	26	26 Sep 2012
FORMOSAT-2 Panchromatic: 1770-0181_0_2012-03-14 2	0	0	14 Jan 2013



**Navigeren**  
 's-Hertogenbosch, Noord-Brabant

**Filteren**

Locatie:  Heel Nederland  Zoekgebied, namelijk:

Tijd: van:  tot:

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## Navigeren

's-Hertogenbosch, Noord-Brabant

## Filteren

Locatie:  Heel Nederland Zoekgebied, namelijk:

Tijd: van: 01-08-2015 tot: 19-11-2015

Toepassen

Gevonden beelden:



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WMS



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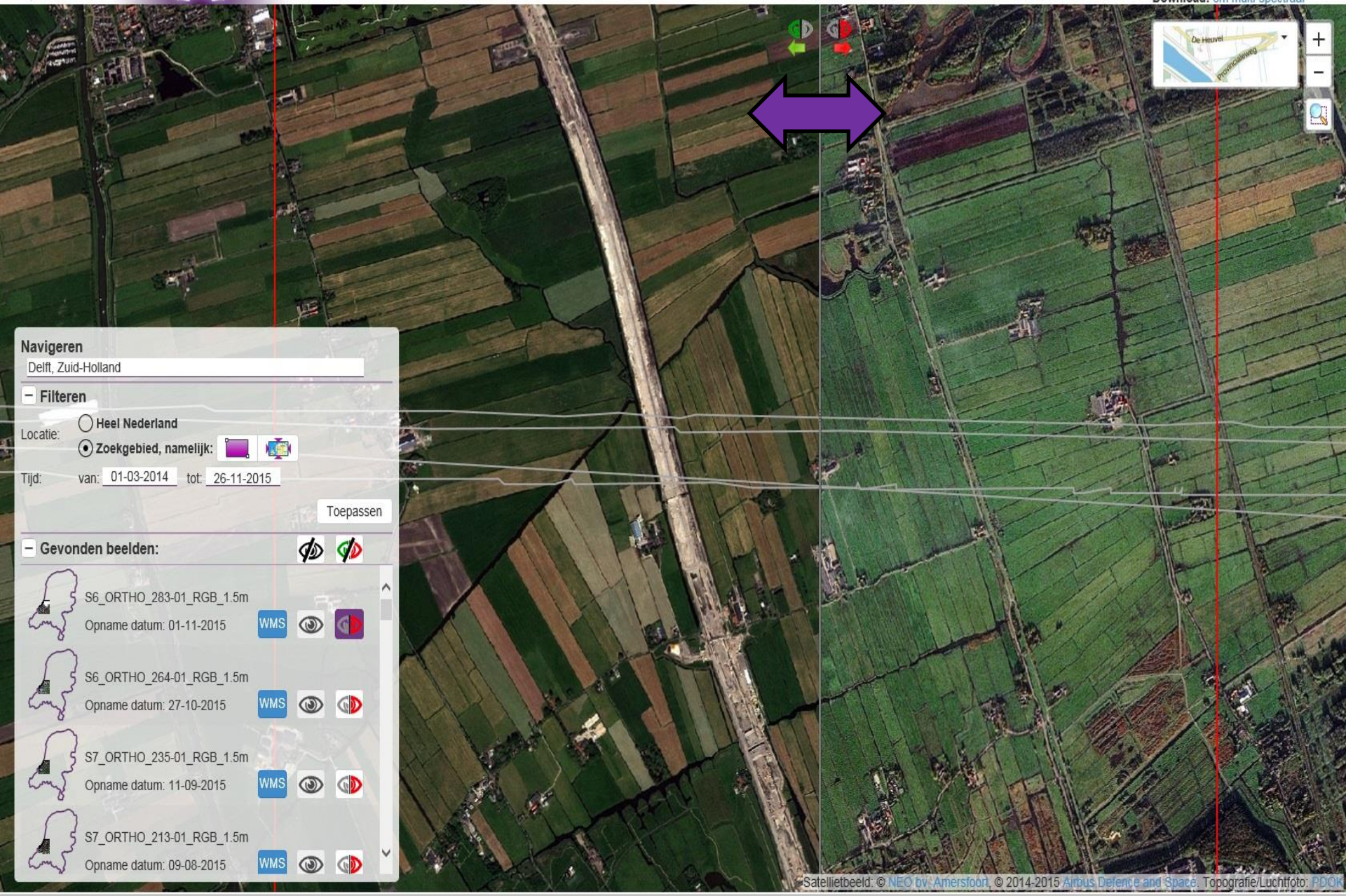


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**Navigeren**  
 Delft, Zuid-Holland


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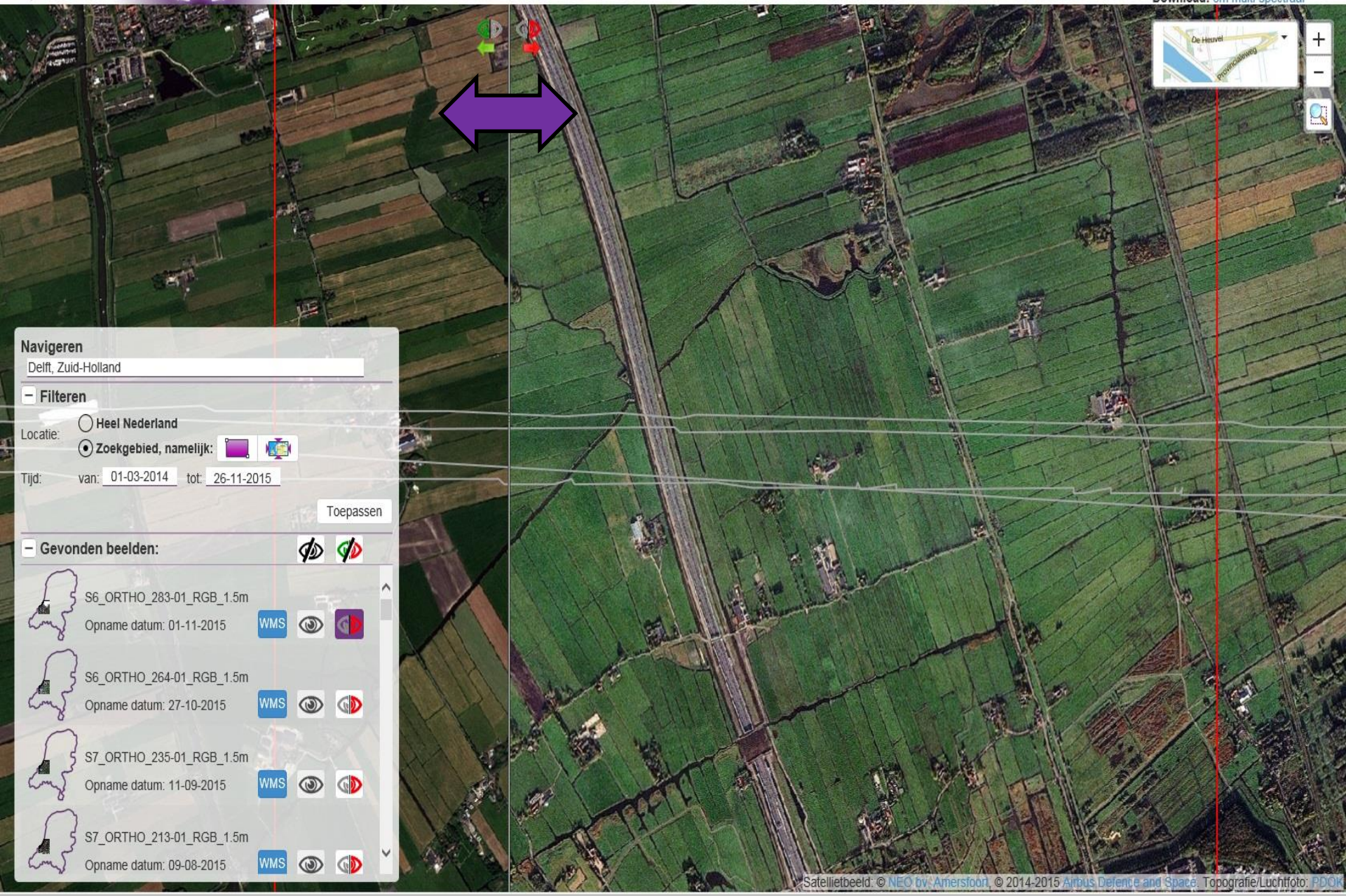
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Tijd: van: 01-03-2014 tot: 26-11-2015

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 S7\_ORTHO\_235-01\_RGB\_1.5m  
 Opname datum: 11-09-2015   
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 S7\_ORTHO\_213-01\_RGB\_1.5m  
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**Navigeren**  
 Delft, Zuid-Holland

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**- Filteren**

Locatie:  Heel Nederland  Zoekgebied, namelijk:

Tijd: van: 01-03-2014 tot: 26-11-2015 Toepassen

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 Opname datum: 09-08-2015 WMS  



## Land Monitoring



## Atmosphere Monitoring



## Emergency Management



## Climate Change



## Marine Environment Monitoring



## Security





# Emergency Management Service

## Goal:

Deliver products to support users who monitor environment, security and the effects of natural and human induced disasters inside and outside Europe

## Components:

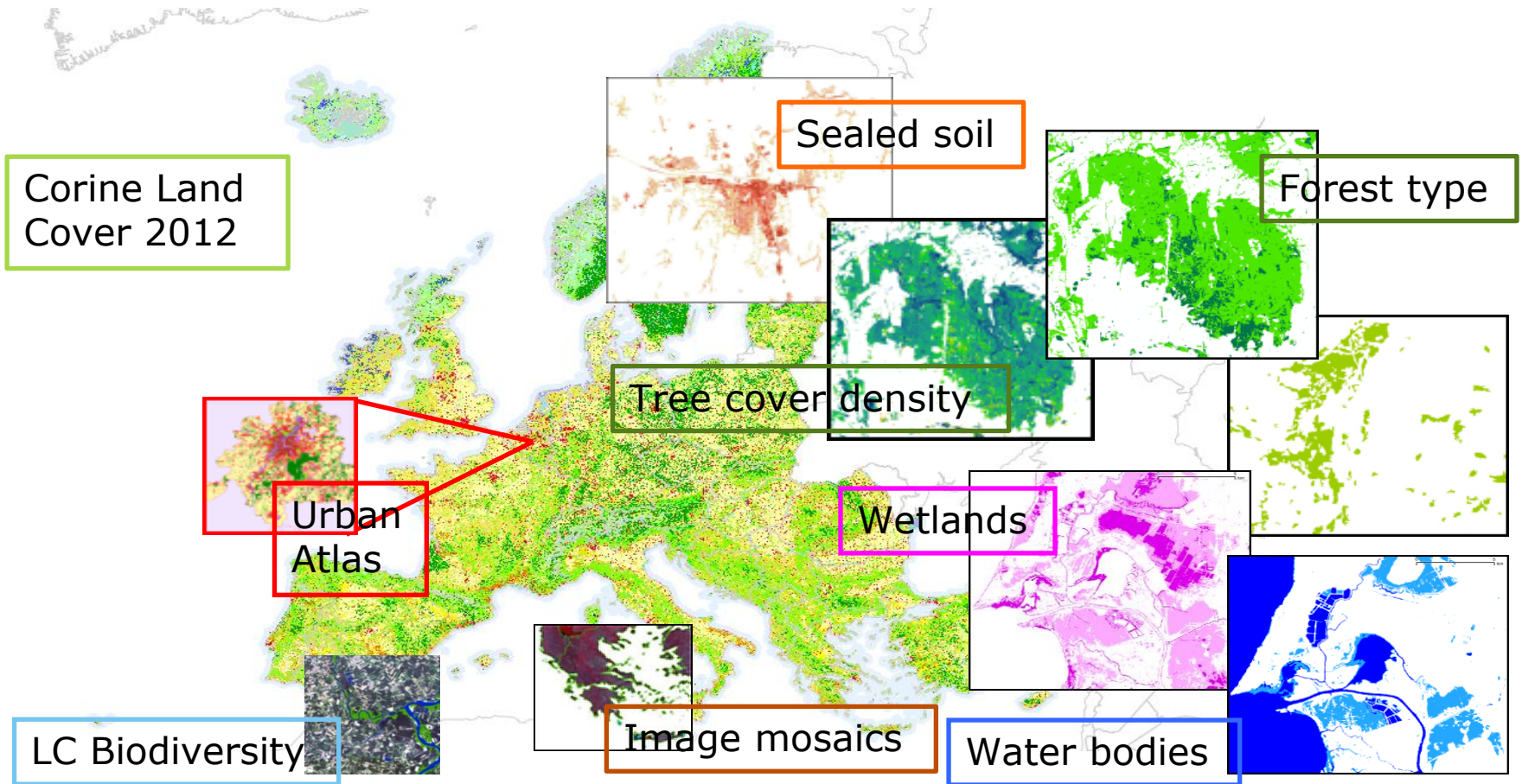
1. EMS mapping service
  - Rush mode: immediate response
  - Non-rush mode:
    - preventive actions
    - disaster risk analysis
    - Recovery
2. EFAS European Flood Awareness System  
First operational warning system for floods and hydrological network



Floods in Marche, Italy, May 2014 – the town of Senigallia



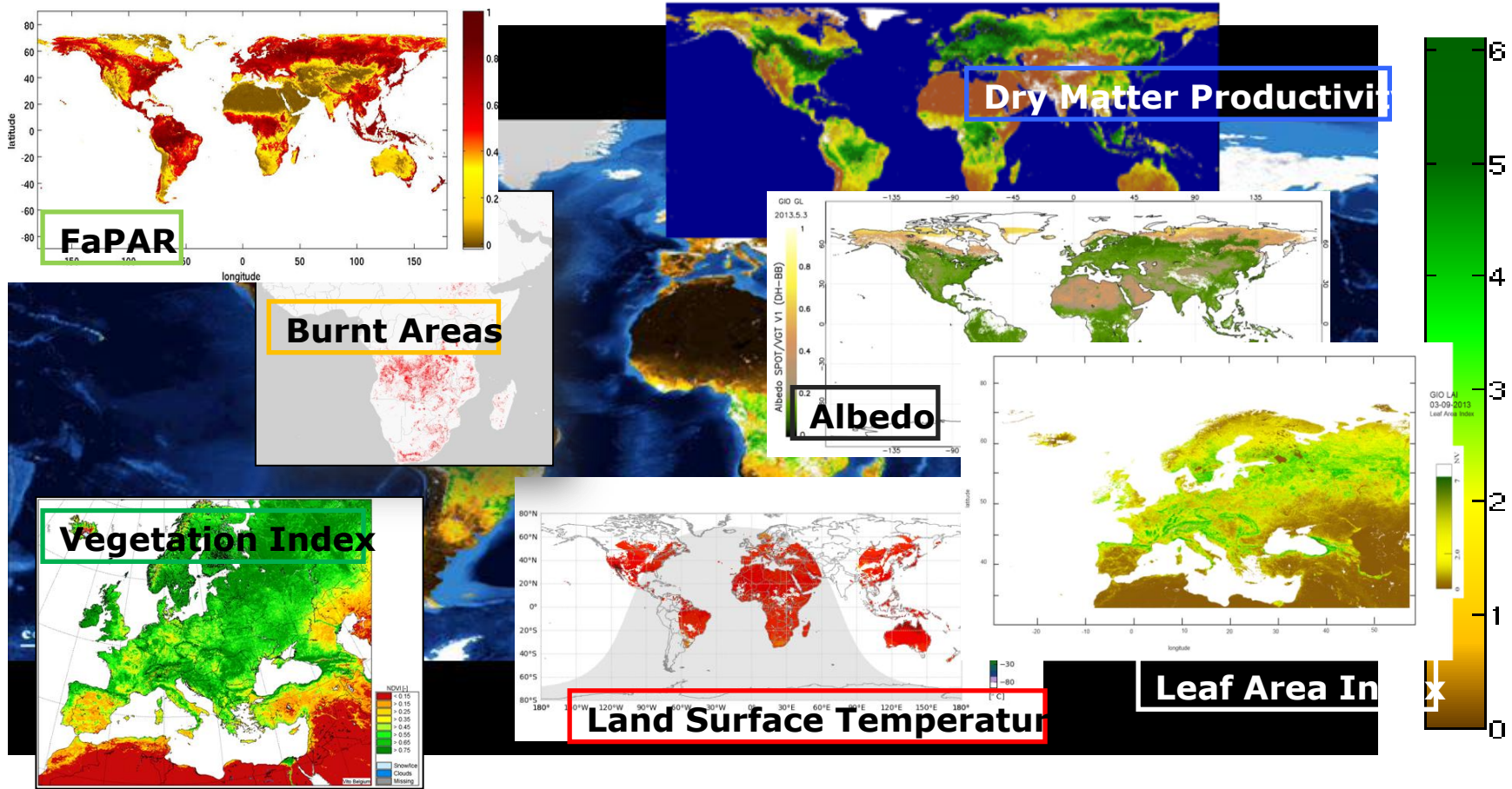
# Land Monitoring Service – EU component







# Land Monitoring Service – Global component





# Atmosphere Monitoring Service

## Goal:

deliver information on

- air quality (EU scale)
- atmospheric chemistry (globally)

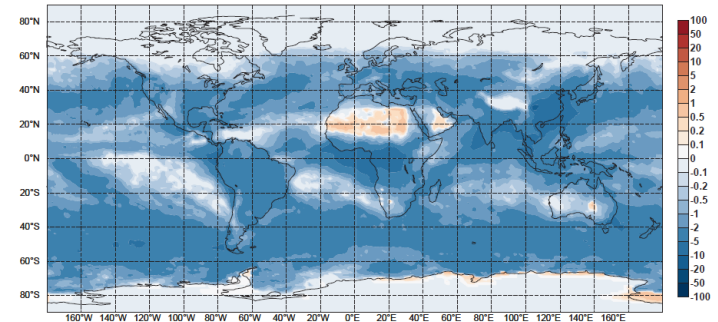
## Input for:

- national/local air quality monitoring systems
- monitoring of atmospheric chemistry climate variable

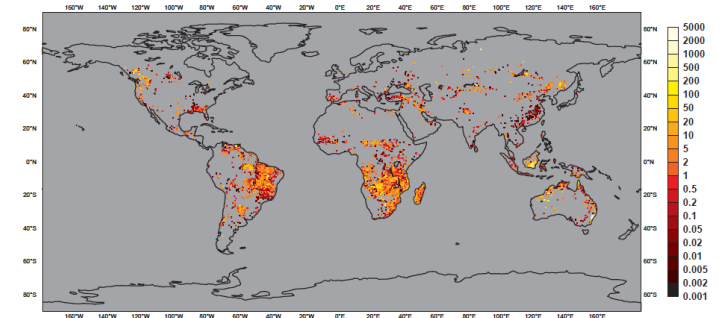
## Service domains:

- Air quality and atmospheric composition
- Green house effect
- Global atmospheric ozone and UV
- Solar radiation
- Emissions and albedo

MACC Aerosol Forcing derived from MACC reanalysis Global Monthly Mean January 2003  
Anthropogenic SW direct forcing at TOA [ Wm<sup>-2</sup> ] min=-13.911 max=1.556 mean=-1.878



MACC Daily Fire Products Thursday 17 October 2013  
Average of Observed Fire Radiative Power Areal Density [mW/m<sup>2</sup>] max value = 7.91 W/m<sup>2</sup>





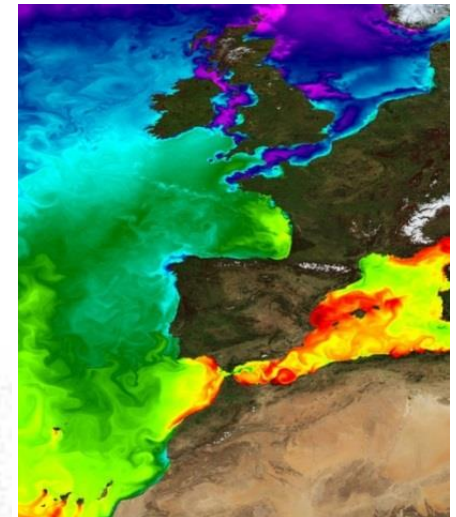
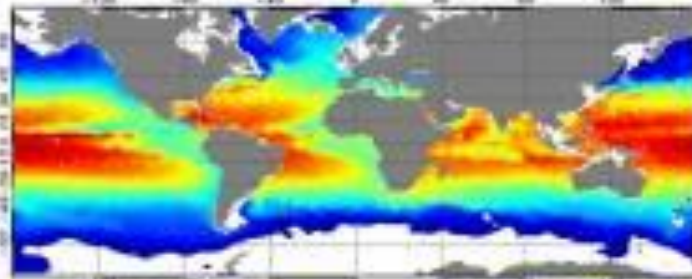
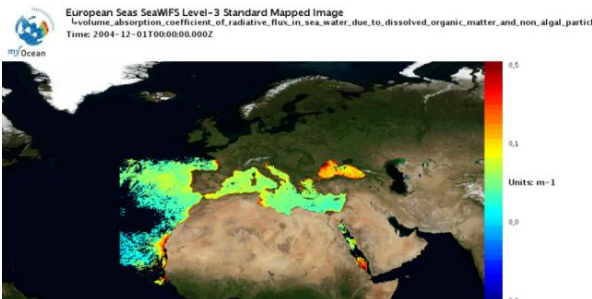
# Marine Environment Monitoring Service

## Goal:

- deliver global and EU-regional information on the state and dynamics of the physical oceans and marine eco-systems
- guarantee European capacity for monitoring, prediction and re-analyses

## Service domains:

- Marine security
- Sea and coastal environment
- Marine resources
- Weather, seasonal forecasts, climate



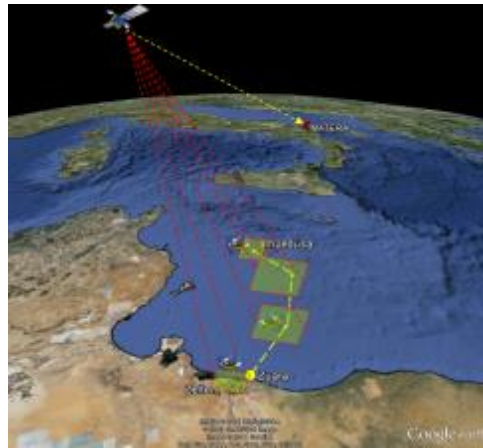


# Security Service

## Goal:

deliver information for:

- border security and control
- maritime surveillance
- support security actions outside Europe





# Climate Change Service

## ESA Climate variables (CCI+):

- |                                    |      |
|------------------------------------|------|
| 1. Clouds                          |      |
| 2. Fire                            |      |
| 3. Land cover                      |      |
| 4. Ocean colour                    |      |
| 5. Ice sheets                      |      |
| 6. Above Ground Biomass            | New? |
| 7. Snow                            | New? |
| 8. High Resolution Land Cover      | New? |
| 9. Land Surface Temperature        | New? |
| 10. Precursors of Ozone en Aerosol | New? |
| 11. Long-lived Greenhouse Gases    | New? |
| 12. Water Vapour                   | New? |
| 13. Ocean Salinity                 | New? |
| 14. Sea State / waves              | New? |
| 15. Lakes                          | New? |



From scientific  
→  
to operational

## EC Climate variables (C3S):

1. Aerosol
2. CO2 en CH4
3. Glaciers
4. Ozone
5. Sea Level
6. Sea Surface Temperature
7. Soil Moisture
8. Sea Ice
9. Albedo, LAI en Fapar





# Applications – agriculture



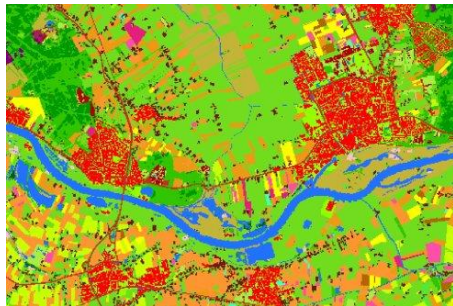
**Subsidy control**



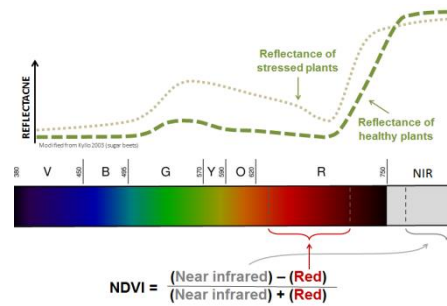
**Fauna damage assessment**



**Precision farming**



**Administration, policy**



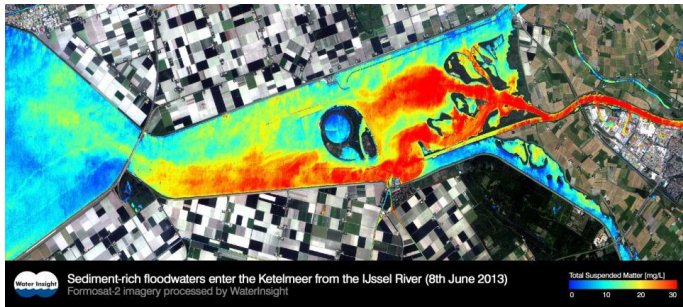
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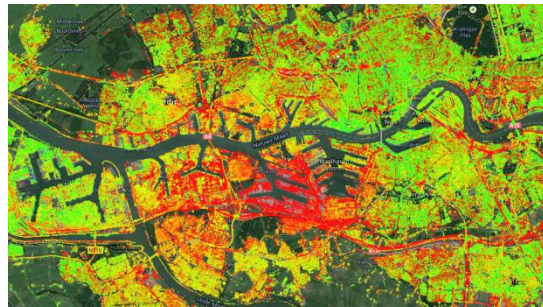
**Market forecasts**



# Other applications



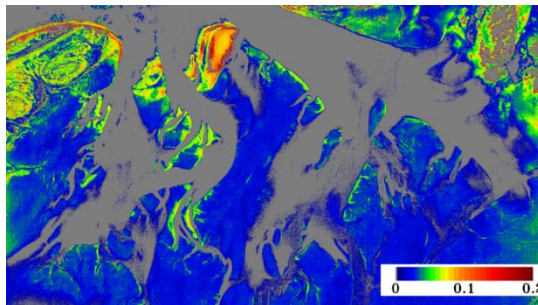
Quality inland waters



Deformation detection



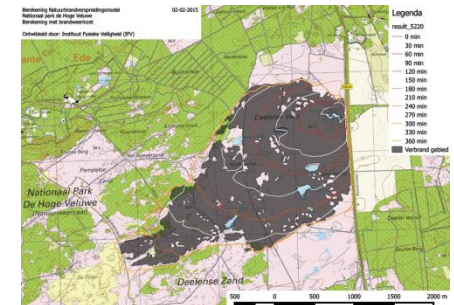
Change detection



Waddenzee research



Water board districts



Fire control



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