

Satellite Earth Observation (EO) and Disaster Risk Management (DRM)

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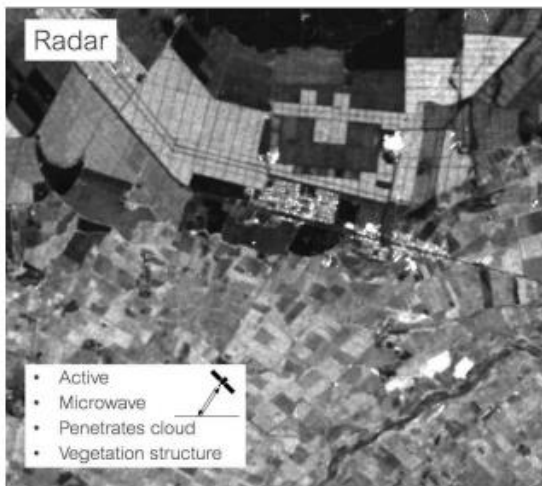
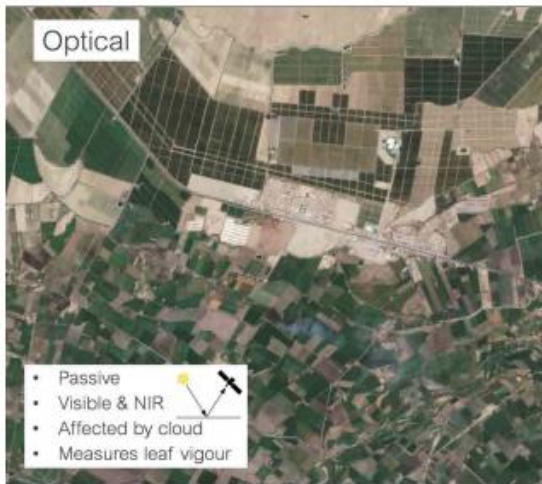
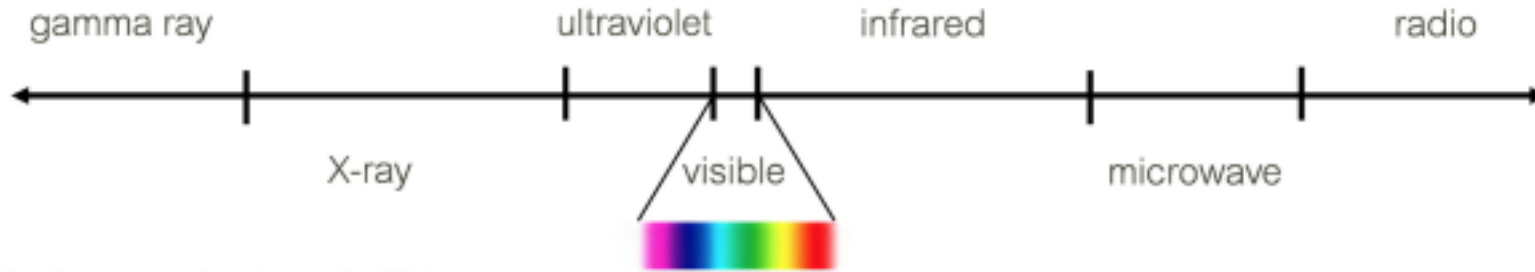
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Take-home Messages

- Satellite Earth Observation (EO) can provide **key environmental information** in all phases of Disaster Risk Management (DRM) : *risk assessment, prevention, preparedness, response & recovery*
- This information is being delivered in the event of **natural disasters** under operational conditions to end-Users (Civil Protection) both inside **Europe and Globally**,
- ESA has **strategic collaborations** on-going with the main International Financing Institutions (eg. World Bank) to demonstrate the benefits if **EO for Sustainable Development**. DRM is one theme; opportunities exist for Users (You?) to be involved (2018-21).

Satellite Earth Observation (EO) : some basics



↑
EM Spectrum

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**Optical
Vs
Radar**

→
Resolution

WorldView 2 (1.84m)



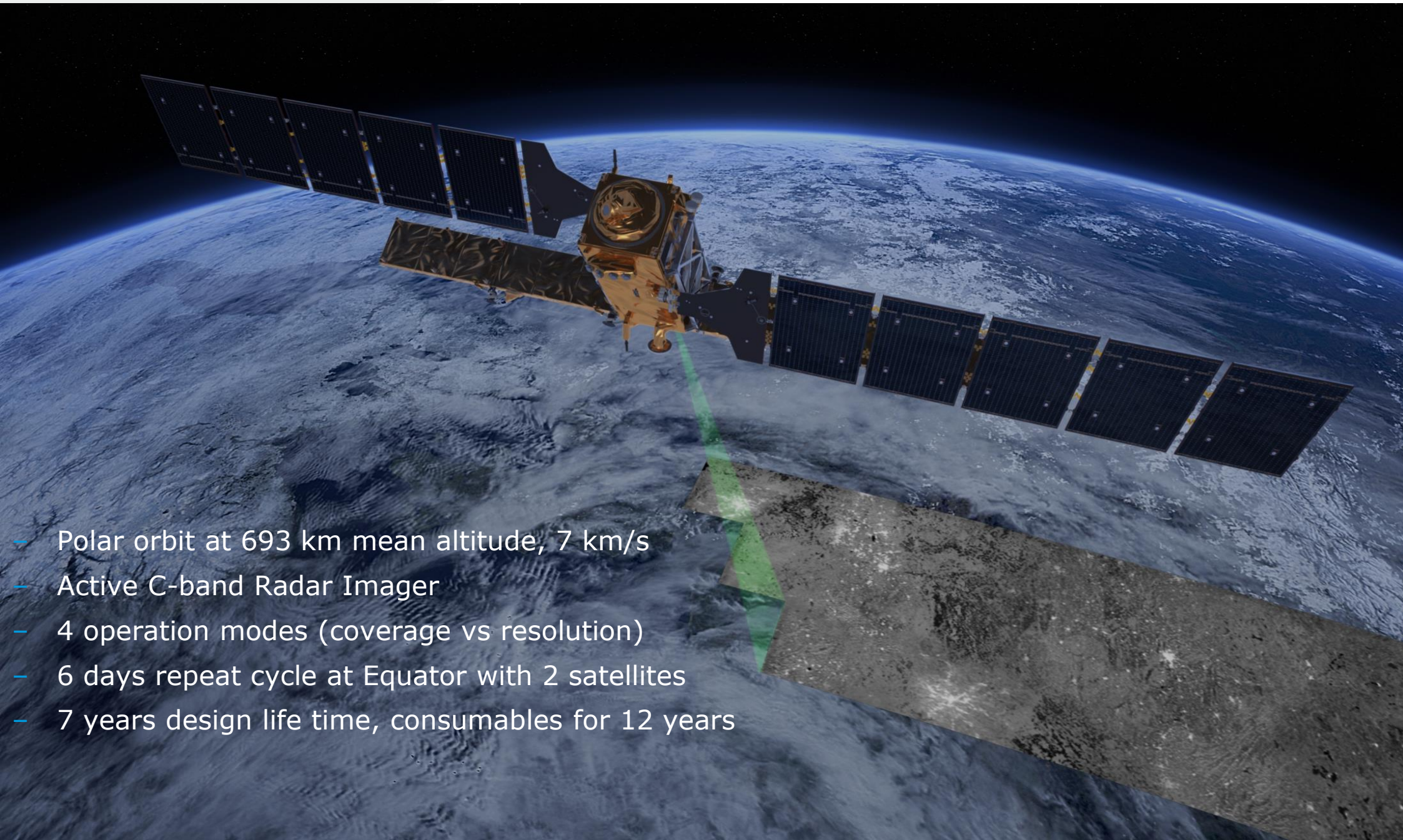
Sentinel 2 (10m)



Landsat 8 (30m)



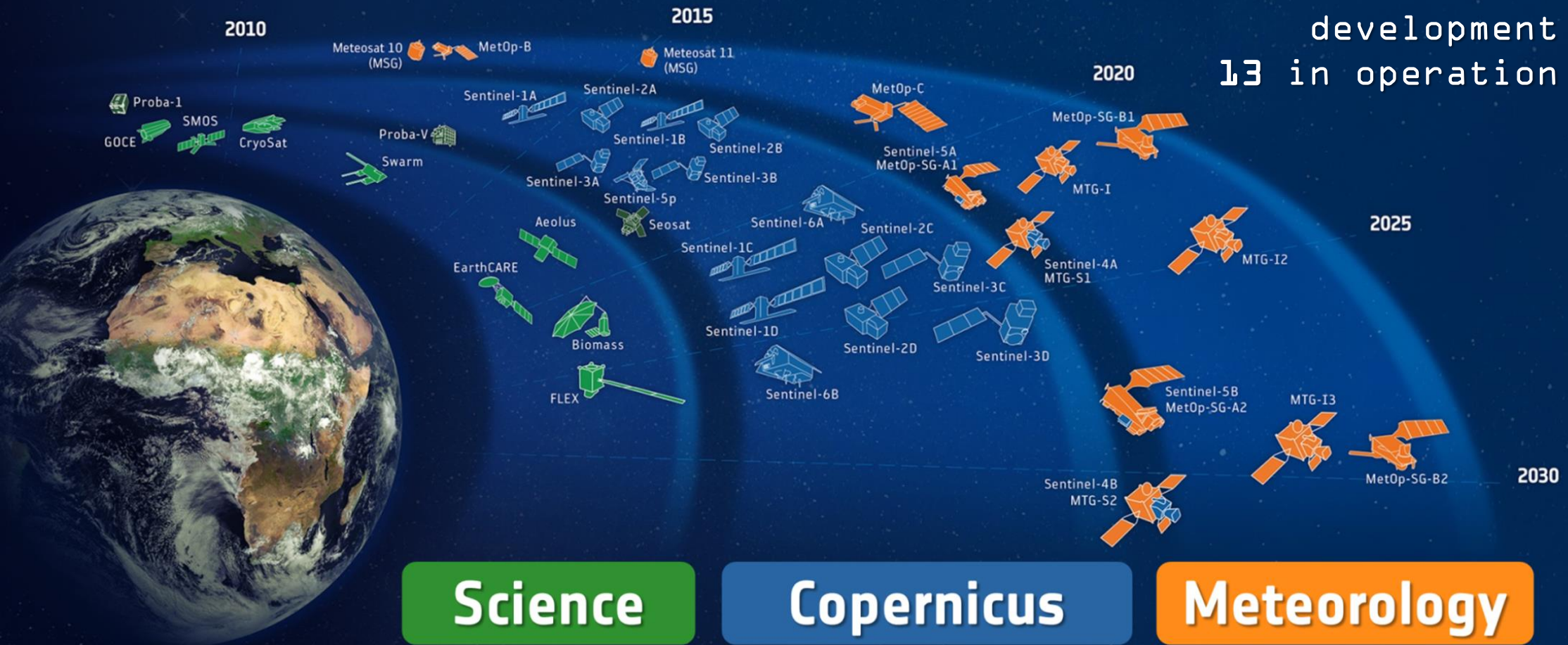
An Example : Sentinel-1



- Polar orbit at 693 km mean altitude, 7 km/s
- Active C-band Radar Imager
- 4 operation modes (coverage vs resolution)
- 6 days repeat cycle at Equator with 2 satellites
- 7 years design life time, consumables for 12 years

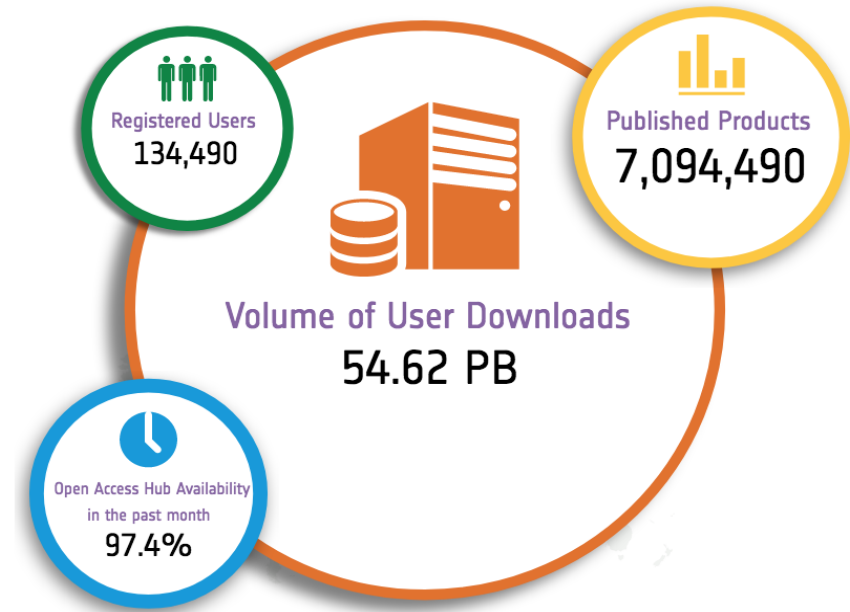
ESA-DEVELOPED EARTH OBSERVATION MISSIONS

Satellites
28 under
development
13 in operation

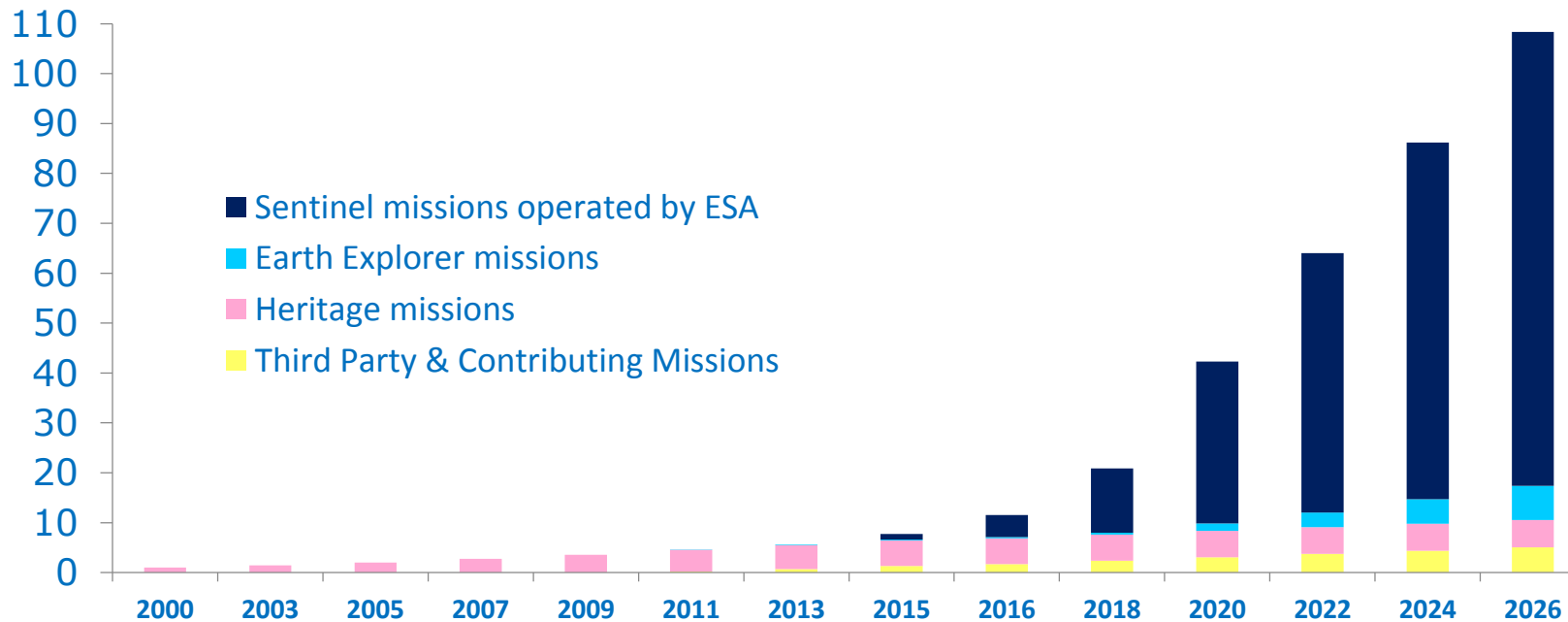


Copernicus : Big Data Revolution

Free, full & open data policy



ESA EO Data Archive
Petabyte



Statistics as of
06 April 2018

But, the EO Landscape is *rapidly evolving*

‘OldSpace’ Big/Govt/Traditional

- 60 Space Agencies (156 Satellites),
- Government financing
- 3000 – 100 Kg class
- 100 - 500 M€
- Developing the Technology
- Few Units (1-4)

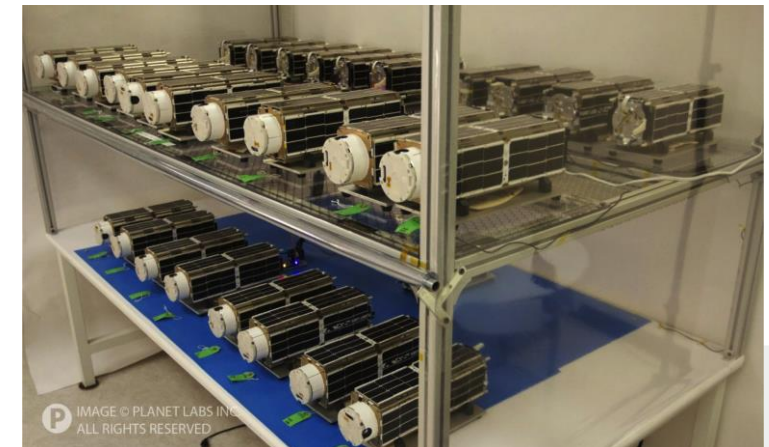
Sentinel 2-B AIT Clean Room, ESA/ESTEC (2017)



‘NewSpace’ Small/Private/Innovative

- 20-30 players, Private Sector, (Mainly USA)
- VC financing
- 10 – 5 Kg class
- 1 - 5 M€
- Spin-in Technology (Smartphone, Manufacturing,)
- 100's Units (constellations)

Planet team (2010) & first Doves (2013), Now 500 employees, 300 satellites (2017)



How can EO support Disaster Risk Management ?

Hazard mapping:

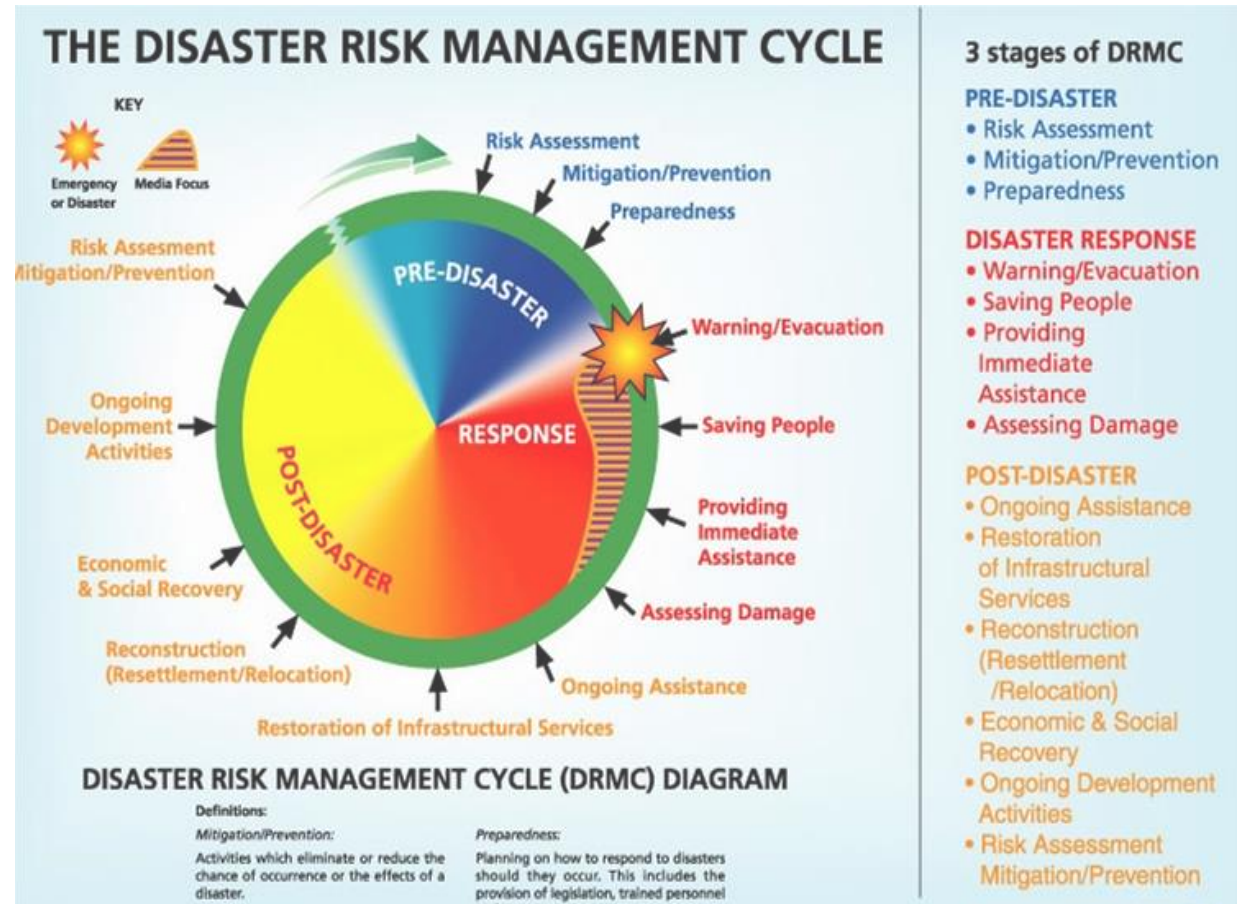
Hazard impact and zoning of damaged areas (basic information content, but rapid production)
(*Response phase*)

Detailed information on Hazard/Risk
(*Risk assessment in prevention/preparedness*)

Better characterization of Hazards
(*Science & Operations*)

Exposure & Asset mapping

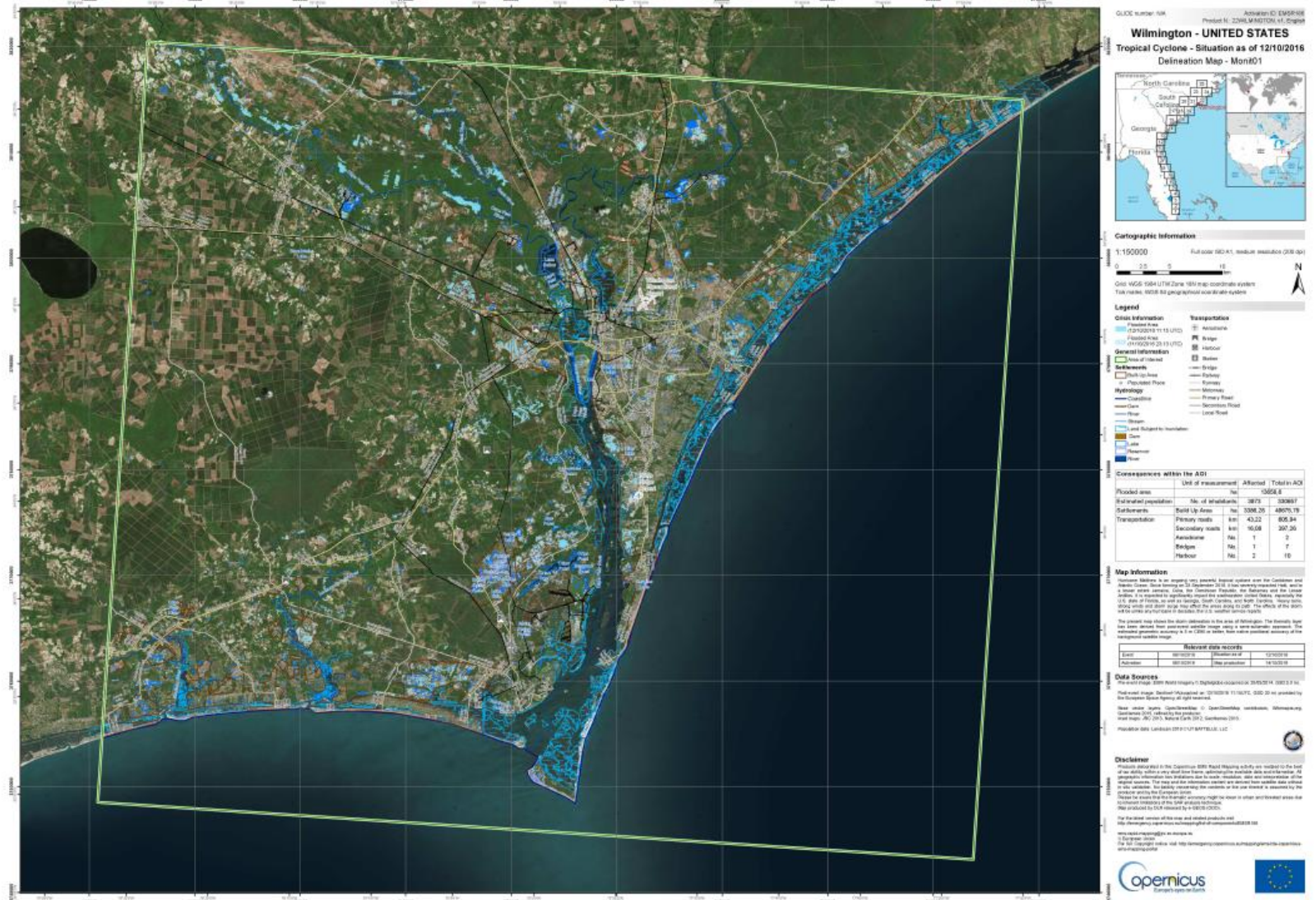
Wide range of information products



Floods : Extent & Evolution

Hurricane Matthew in the USA, 2016

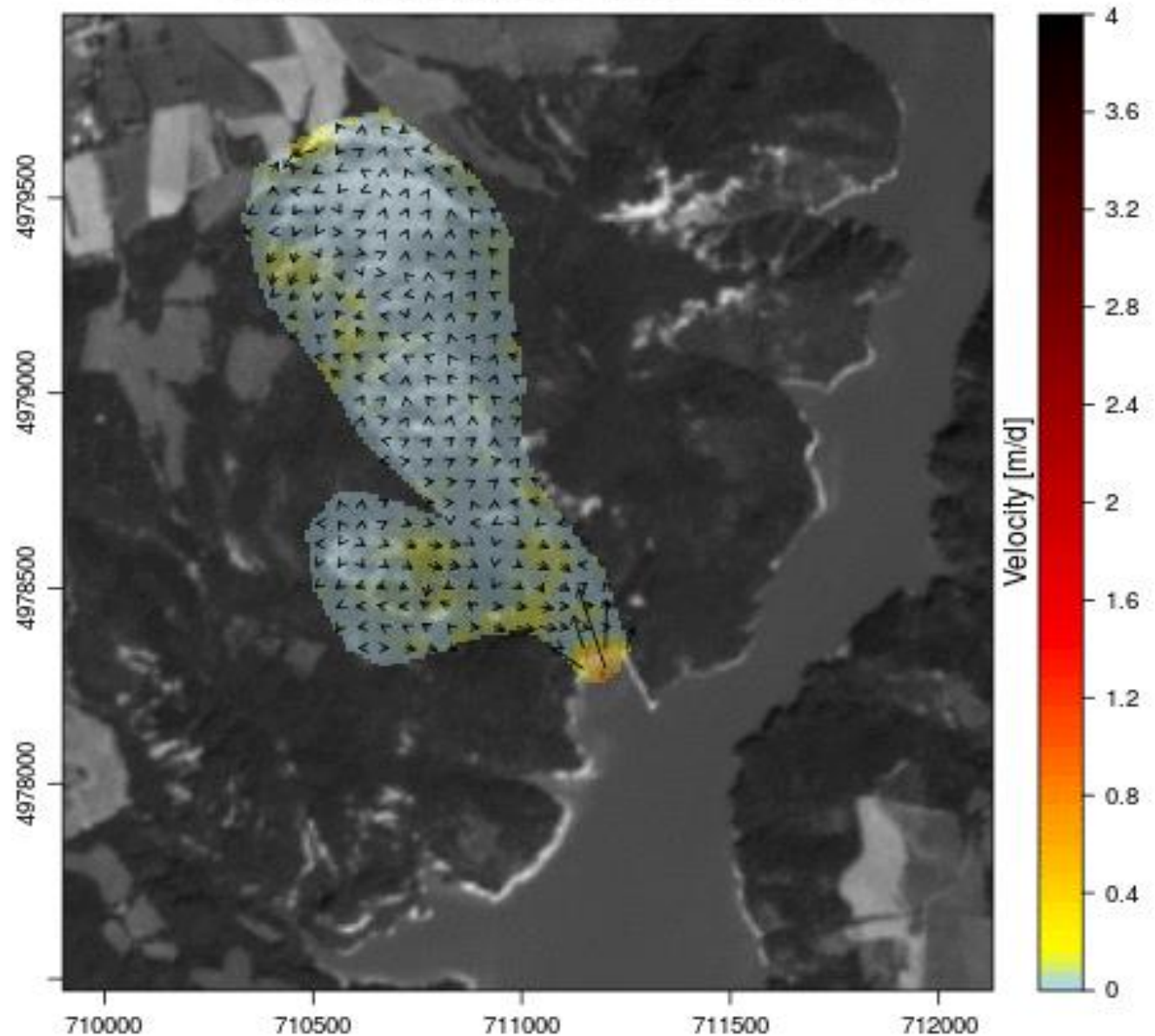
Situation map in Wilmington using Sentinel-1 data (12/10/2016)



Landslides : Delineation & Monitoring

Hamalières landslide
(France) using
Sentinel-2 time-series,
May-September 2016

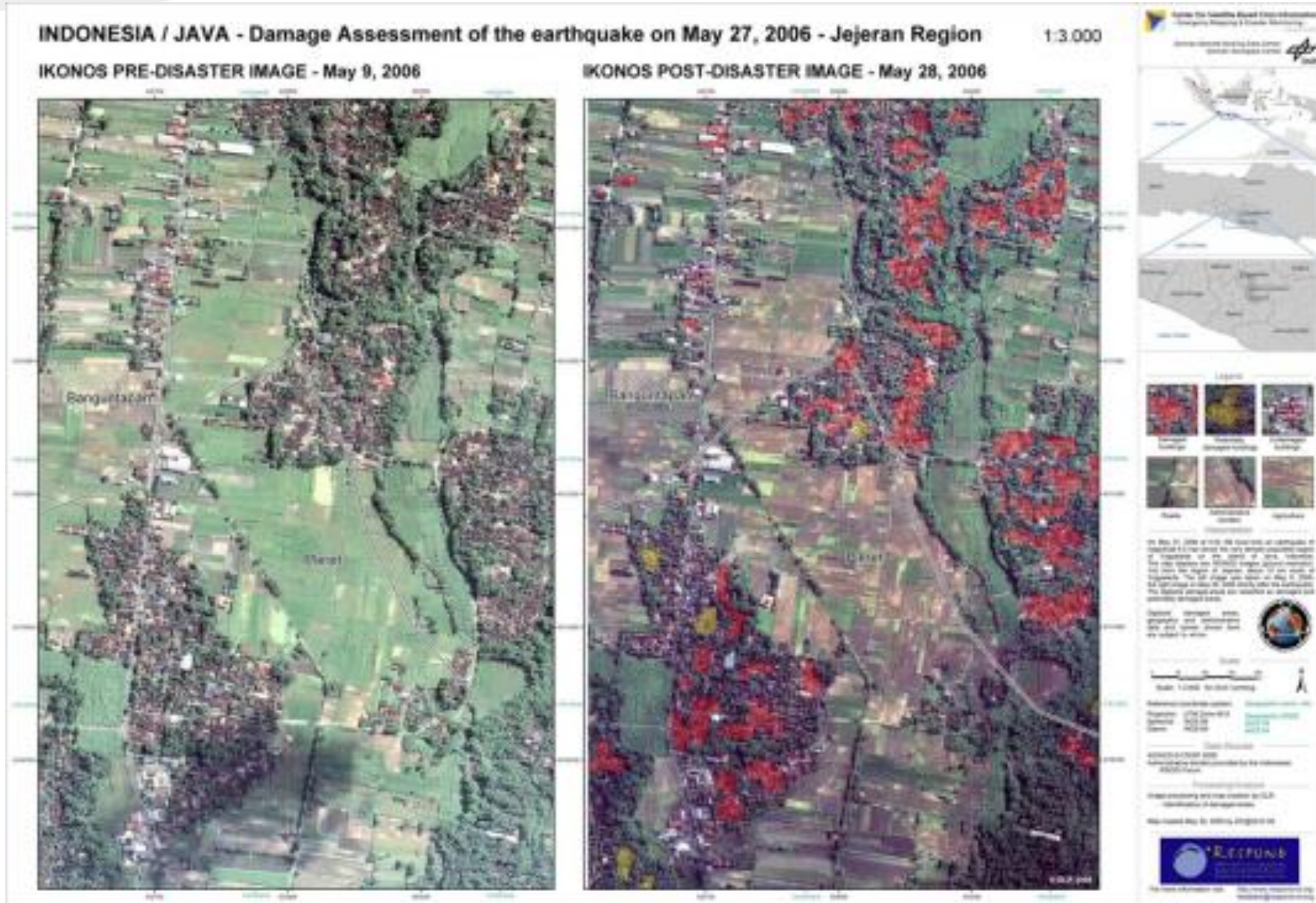
Surface velocity 2016-05-28 - 2016-06-24



Damage Assessment (Buildings)

Damage mapping after the 27/5/2006 Earthquake hitting Jejeran, Indonesia;

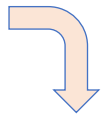
Credits: Airbus S&D, ESA



Earthquakes : Co-Seismic Displacement

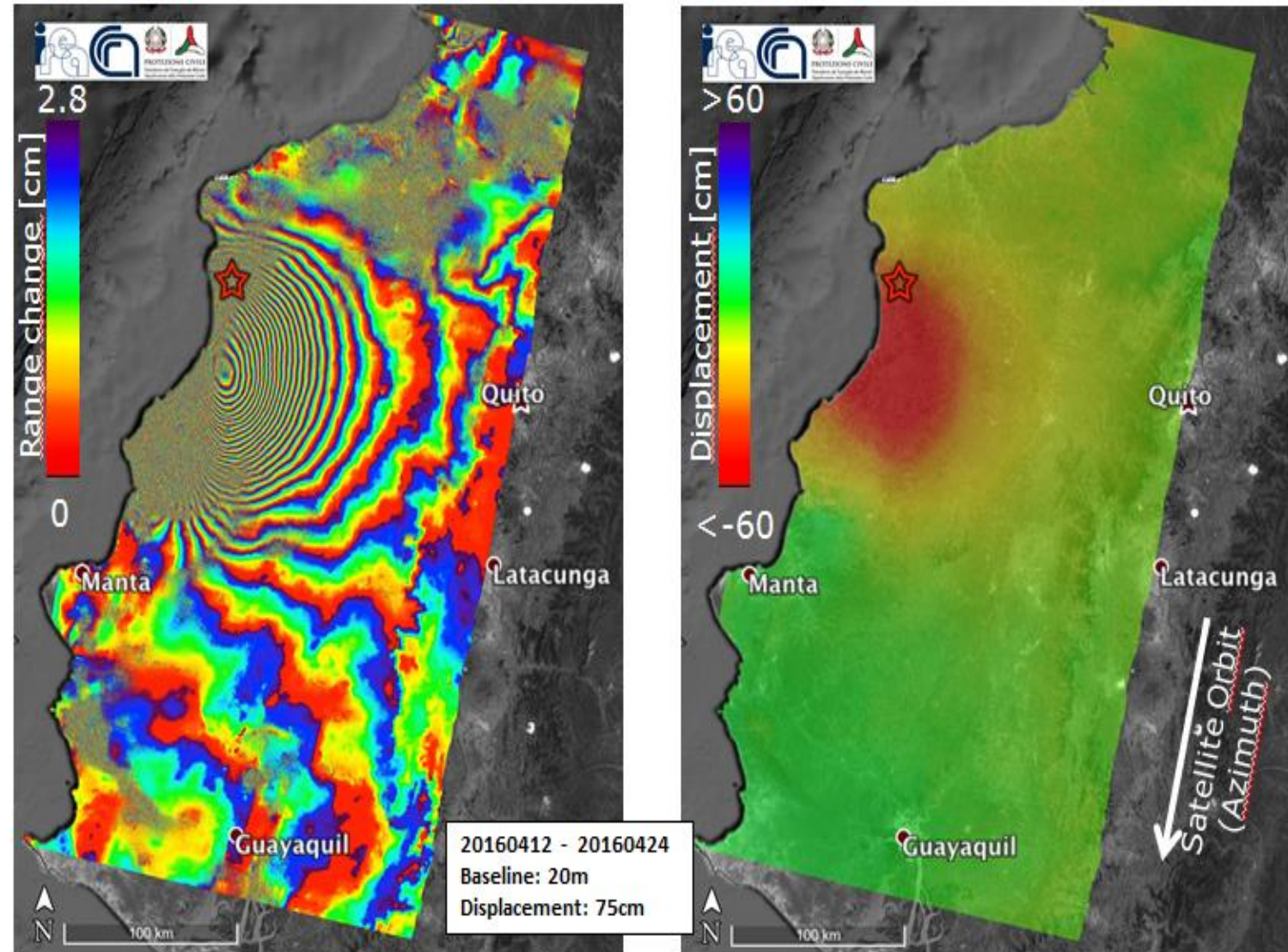
Earthquake in Ecuador
(Mw 6.0 in Muisne) on 16
April 2016

Land surface precision
displacement map
generated from two
Copernicus Sentinel-1
acquisitions of 12 and 24
April 2016 (before & after)



Understand the extent of
area effected

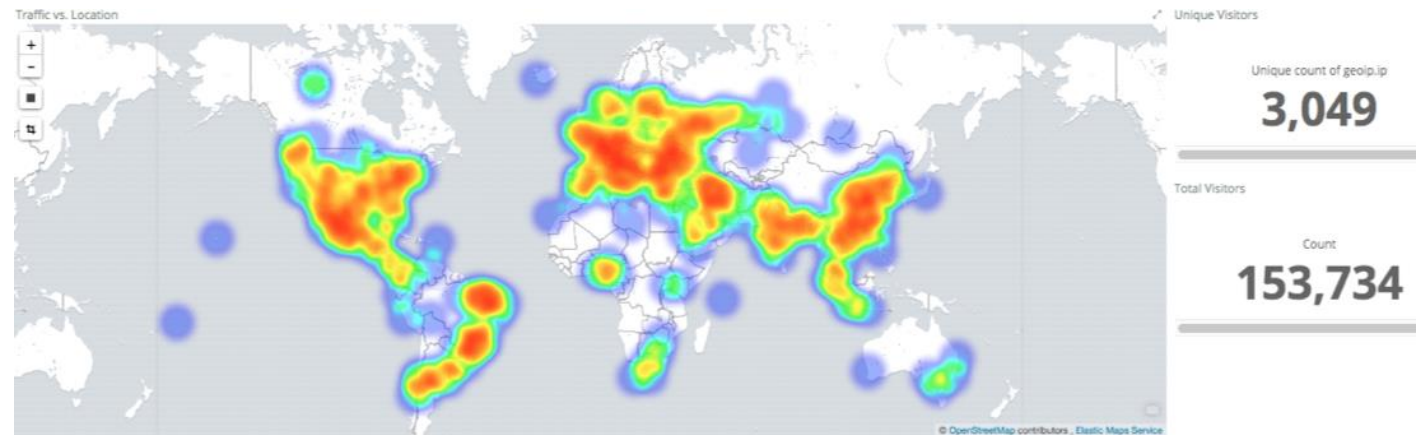
Better model the
seismogenic fault to
undertand the causes.



GeoHazards Lab : Exploitation Platform

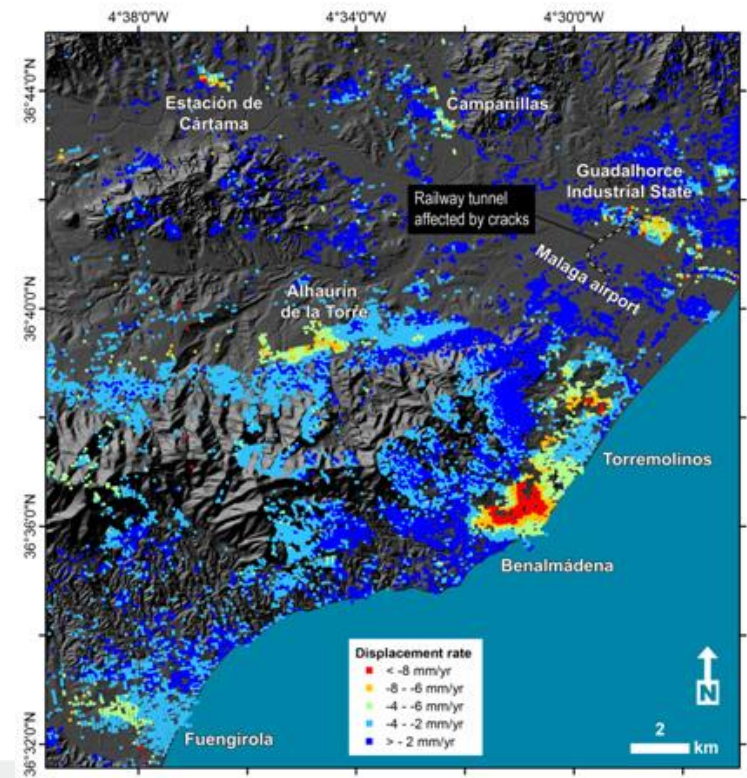
Aims to address priorities of the **Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030** using satellite EO (focus: better understanding hazards & risks)

Distribution of Users



- **Systematic** processing services to address needs for “common information layers”
- **On-demand** processing services to address AOI-specific analysis
- **Massive Cloud** Compute power, managing multi-tenant resources
- Access to 70+ TB of **EO data archives**, including Copernicus Sentinels-1/2/3 repositories.

Surface velocity map (West Malaga, Spain)



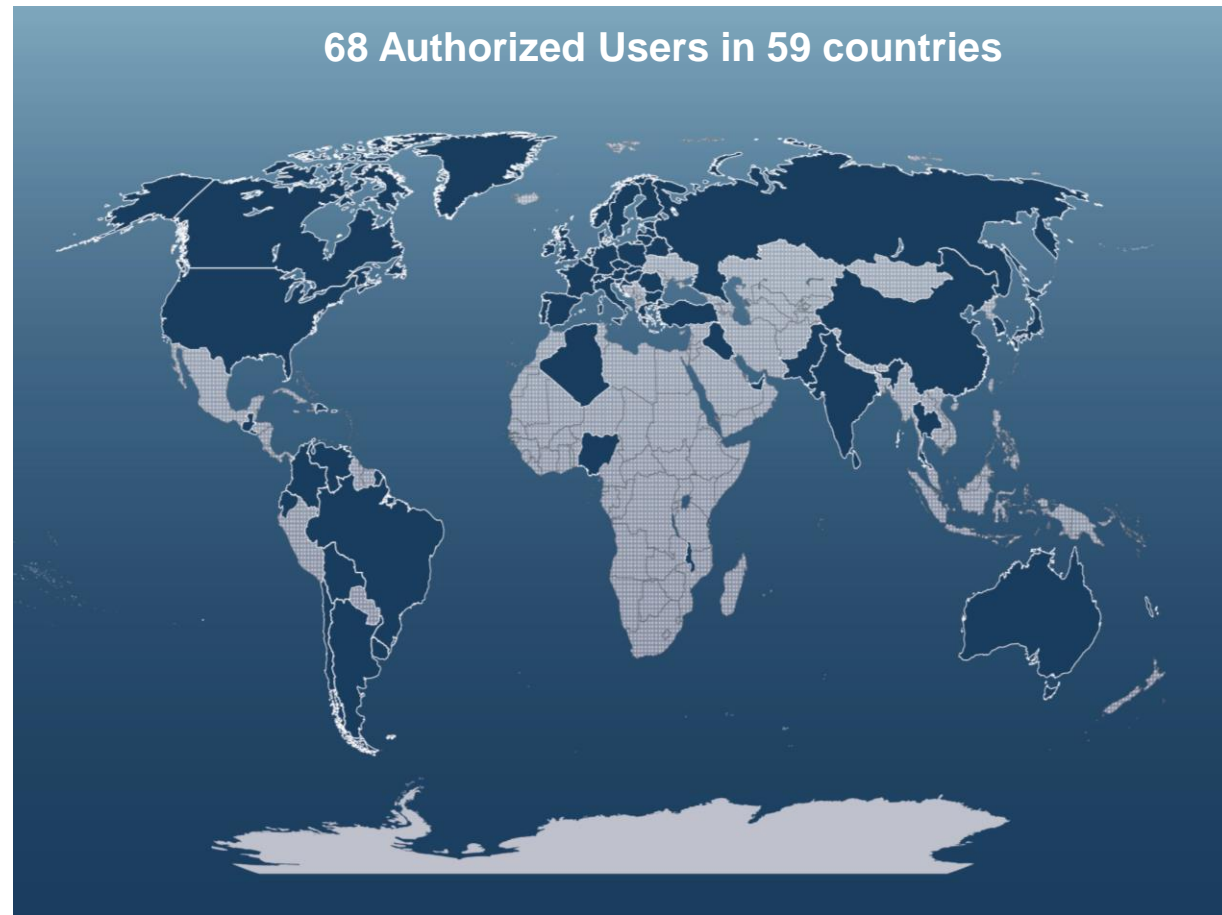
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The International Charter Space & Major Disasters:

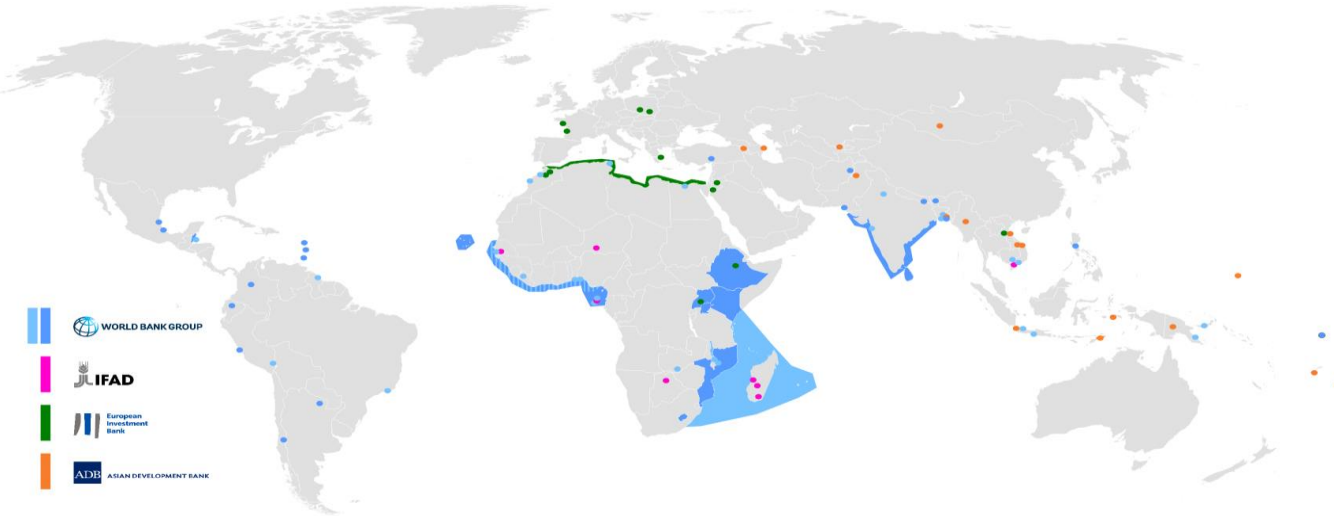


- An **International agreement among 17 Space Agencies** to support relief efforts in the event of emergencies caused by major disasters
- **Unified system of EO data acquisition / delivery** (at no cost, best effort basis)
- **Authorised Users** : Civil protection agencies, emergency & rescue services,
- **Operational** : 24/7 on-duty-operator
- **560+ activations in 123 countries** since 2000.

68 Authorized Users in 59 countries



EO for Sustainable Development

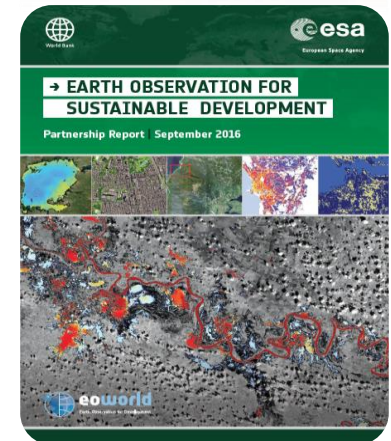
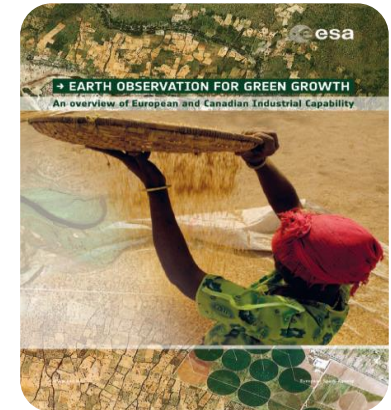
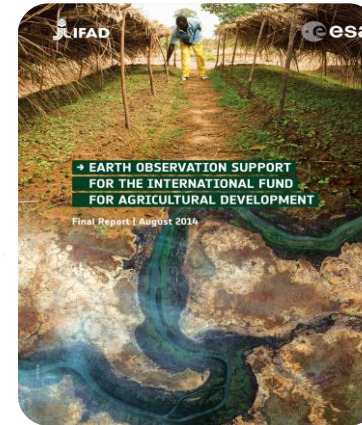


65+ small-scale demonstrations of EO-based environmental information in the implementation of International Financing Institutions (IFIs) projects 2010-15.



World Bank, Dec 2015

Asian Development Bank, Nov 2016

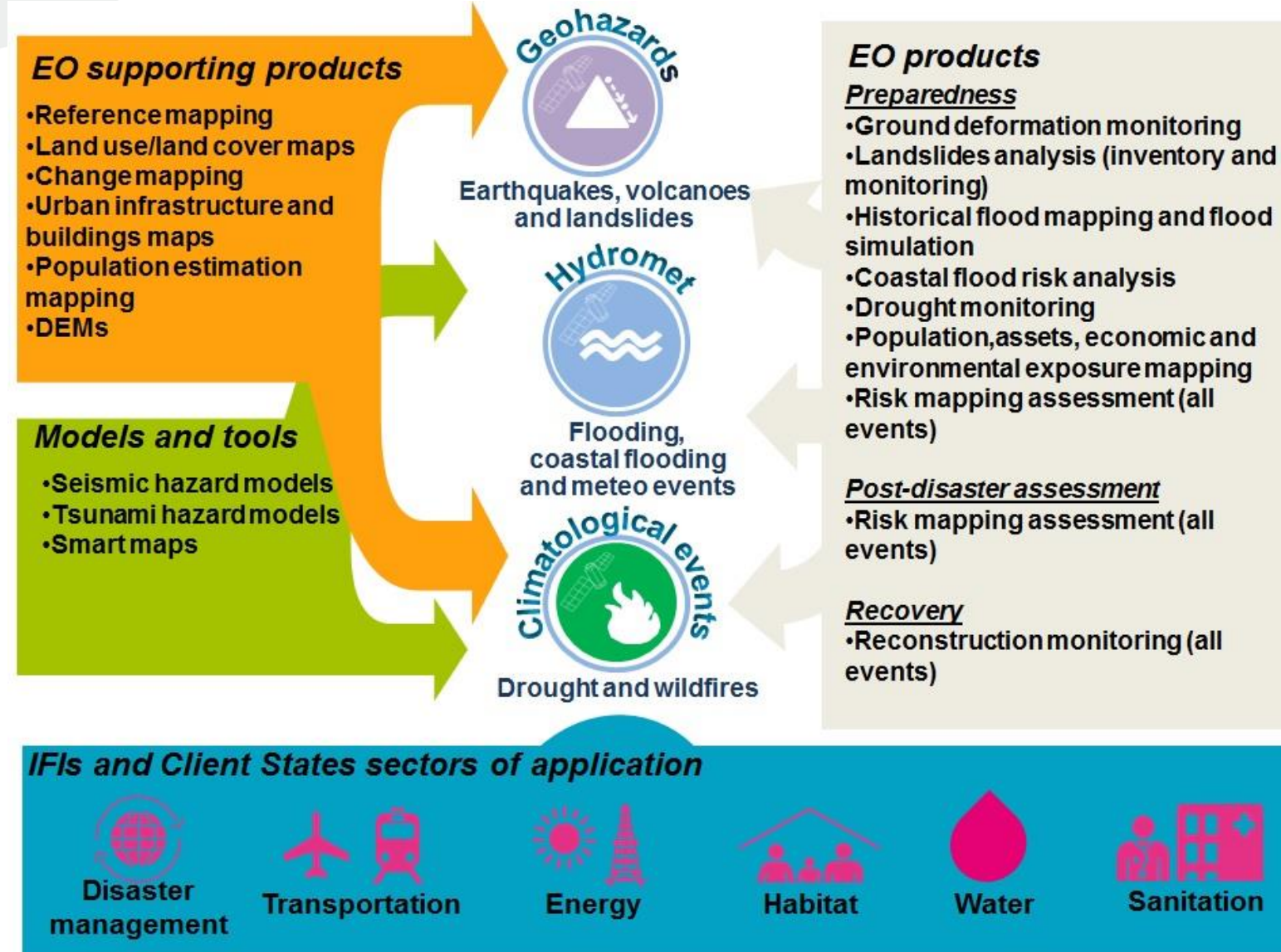


EO4SD DRM

Large-scale regional demonstrations

Consolidate Requirements,
Engage stakeholders (IFIs & Client States)

2018-21



How to get further involved

- Through ESA activities happening now (or near future):



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- More Information on Satellite EO Missions:



- Committee of Earth Observing Satellites (ceos.org)

- More Information on Satellite EO Benefits to Society:



- Group on Earth Observations (www.earthobservations.org)

Thank You for participation !

