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2019 Call Text and Guidelines (Disruptive Technologies)

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SRC Call WP 2016
COMPET-3-2016-a (IA)
Incremental
Technologies;
COMPET-3-2016-b (RIA)
Disruptive Technologies

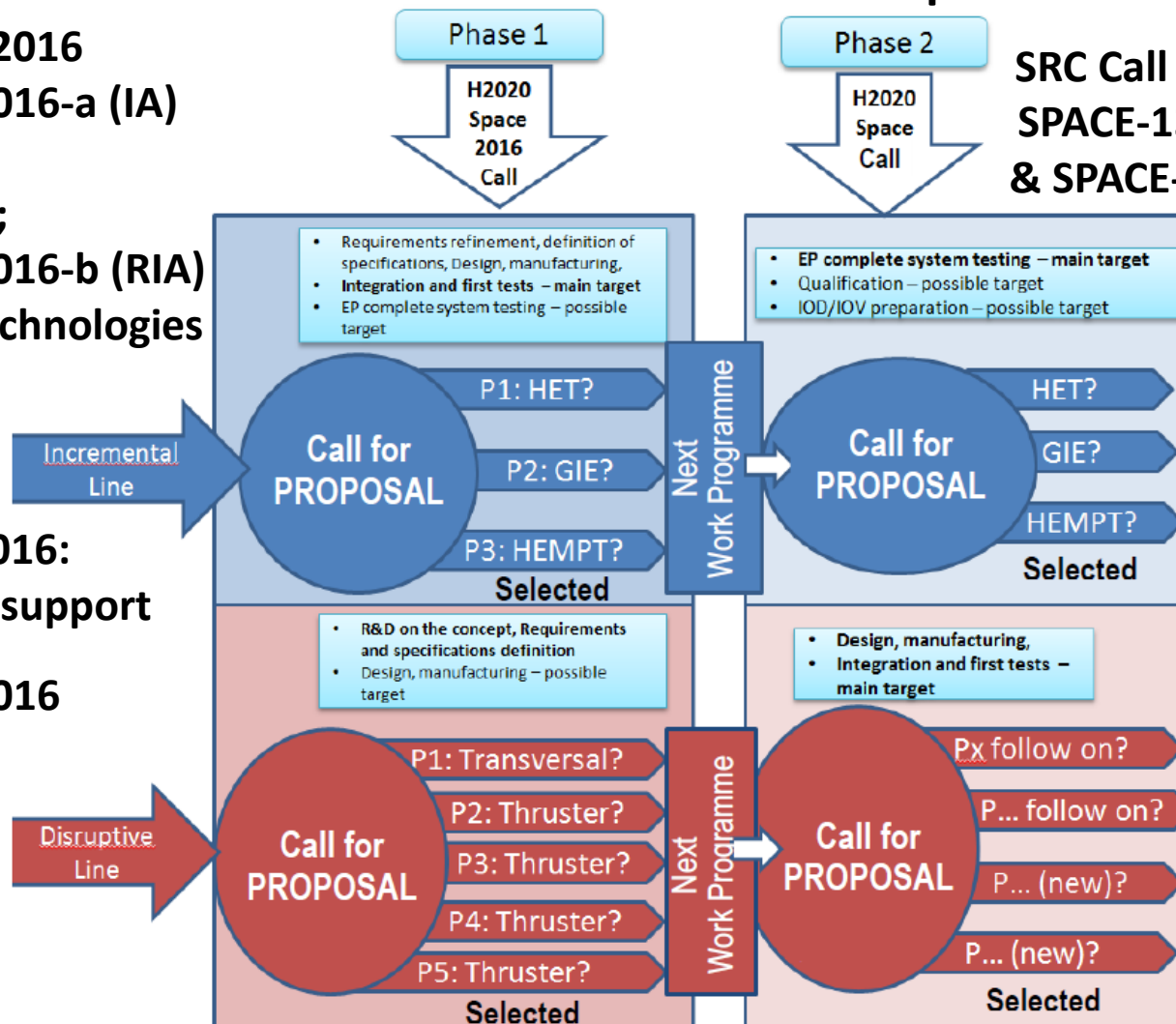
COMPET-3-2016:
28,16 M€ EU support

COMPET-3-2016
OGs
CHEOPS
GIESEPP
HEMPT-NG
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SRC Call WP 2019 & 2020
SPACE-13-TEC-2019 (RIA)
& SPACE-28-TEC-2020 (IA)

Incremental
Technologies
SPACE-28-TEC-2020:
[24] M€ (Indicative)
(IA)

Disruptive
Technologies
SPACE-13-TEC-2019:
10 M€ (RIA)





SRC EPIC Roadmap



Disruptive Technologies:

- The Disruptive Technologies, are very promising EP thruster concepts or transversal EP technologies which could disrupt the propulsion sector by providing a radical improvement in performance and/or cost reduction, leading to become the preferred technology for certain applications; or enable new markets.
- Promising EP thrusters are for example: Helicon Plasma Thrusters (HPT), Electron Cyclotron Resonance Thrusters (ECRT), Magneto Plasma Dynamic Thrusters (MPDT), Pulsed Plasma Thrusters (PPT), Field Emission Electric Propulsion thrusters (FEEP), etc.
- Transversal EP technologies are for example radical innovations in Power Processing Units (PPU), magnetic nozzles, alternative propellants, etc.



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SPACE-13-TEC-2019

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The **Disruptive Technologies**, are very promising EP thruster concepts or transversal EP technologies which could disrupt the propulsion sector by **providing a radical improvement in performance and/or cost reduction**, leading to become the preferred technology for certain applications; **or enable new markets**.

- **Promising EP thrusters** are for example: Helicon Plasma Thrusters (HPT), Electron Cyclotron Resonance plasma thrusters (ECR), Magneto Plasma Dynamic thrusters (MPD), Pulsed Plasma Thrusters (PPT), micro-propulsion electric thrusters, etc.
- **Transversal EP technologies** are for example disruptive electric propulsion systems, such as power condition electronics, direct drive, magnetic nozzles, alternative propellants, testing techniques, materials, etc.

Recommended project size
Indicative budget
Type of action

**1 M€ for activities
starting from TRL<4**

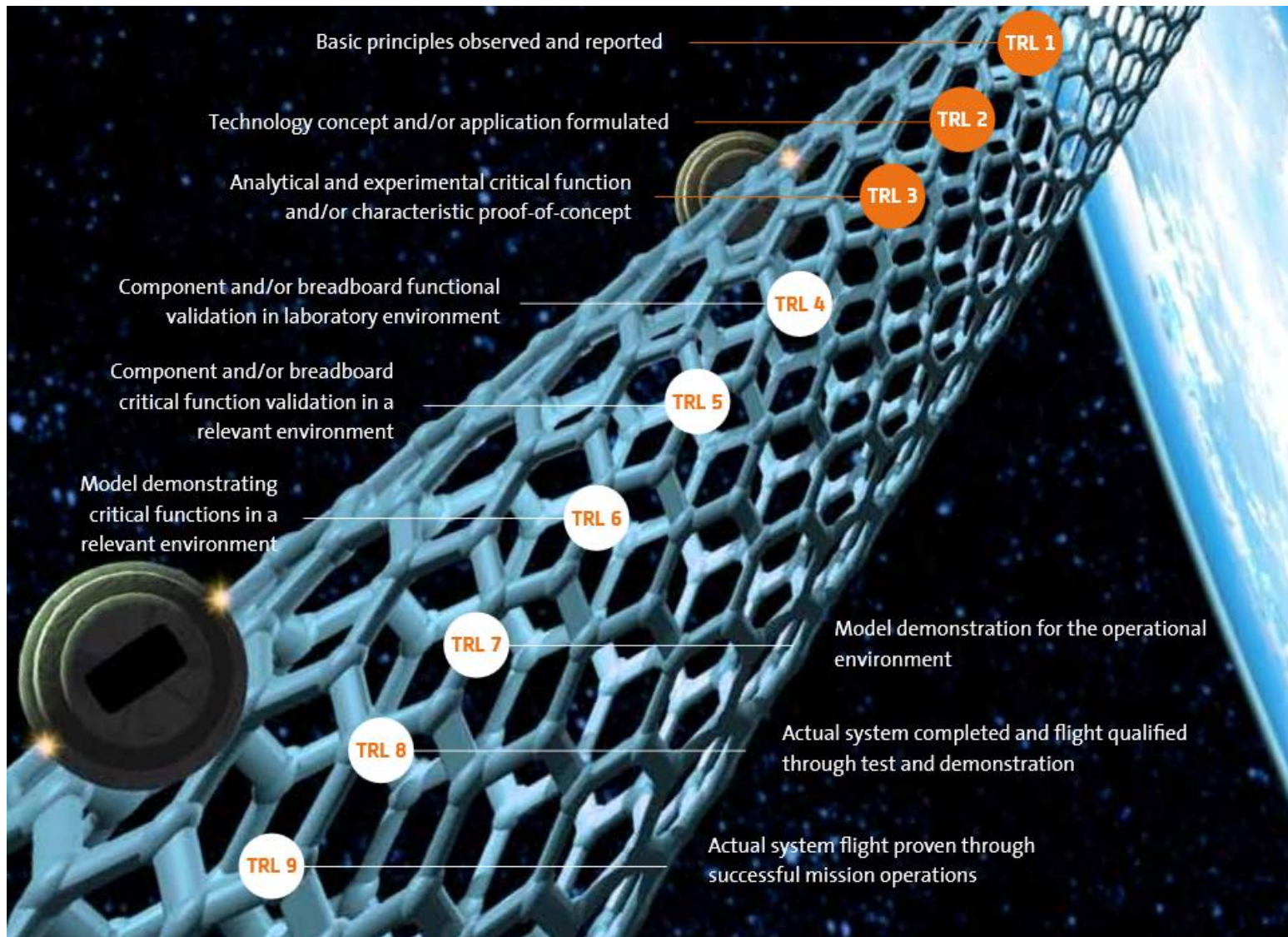
**1 to 2 M€ for
activities starting
from TRL≥4**

10 M€

*Research and
Innovation Actions*

Participation of
industry, including
SMEs, is encouraged

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To be kept in mind:

- Proposals may target any part of the **technology readiness levels (TRL) scale**, in particular: *Breakthrough technologies starting at low or very low TRL (<4); Promising technologies starting at higher TRL (≥4).*
- Proposals shall include a **market analysis** detailing the targeted applications and the specific key advantages of the proposed technology.
- Proposals **shall not be based on technology lines mentioned in the call topic COMPET-3-2016-a** for incremental EP technologies (HET, GIE, HEMPT) .
- Requesting contribution from EU of **EUR 1 million for activities starting from TRL < 4** and of **EUR 1 to 2 million for activities starting from TRL ≥ 4.**
- Type of Action: **Research and Innovation Action (RIA)**
- Indicative budget: **EUR million 10.0**
- Opening: **16 Oct 2018**; Deadline: **12 Mar 2019**

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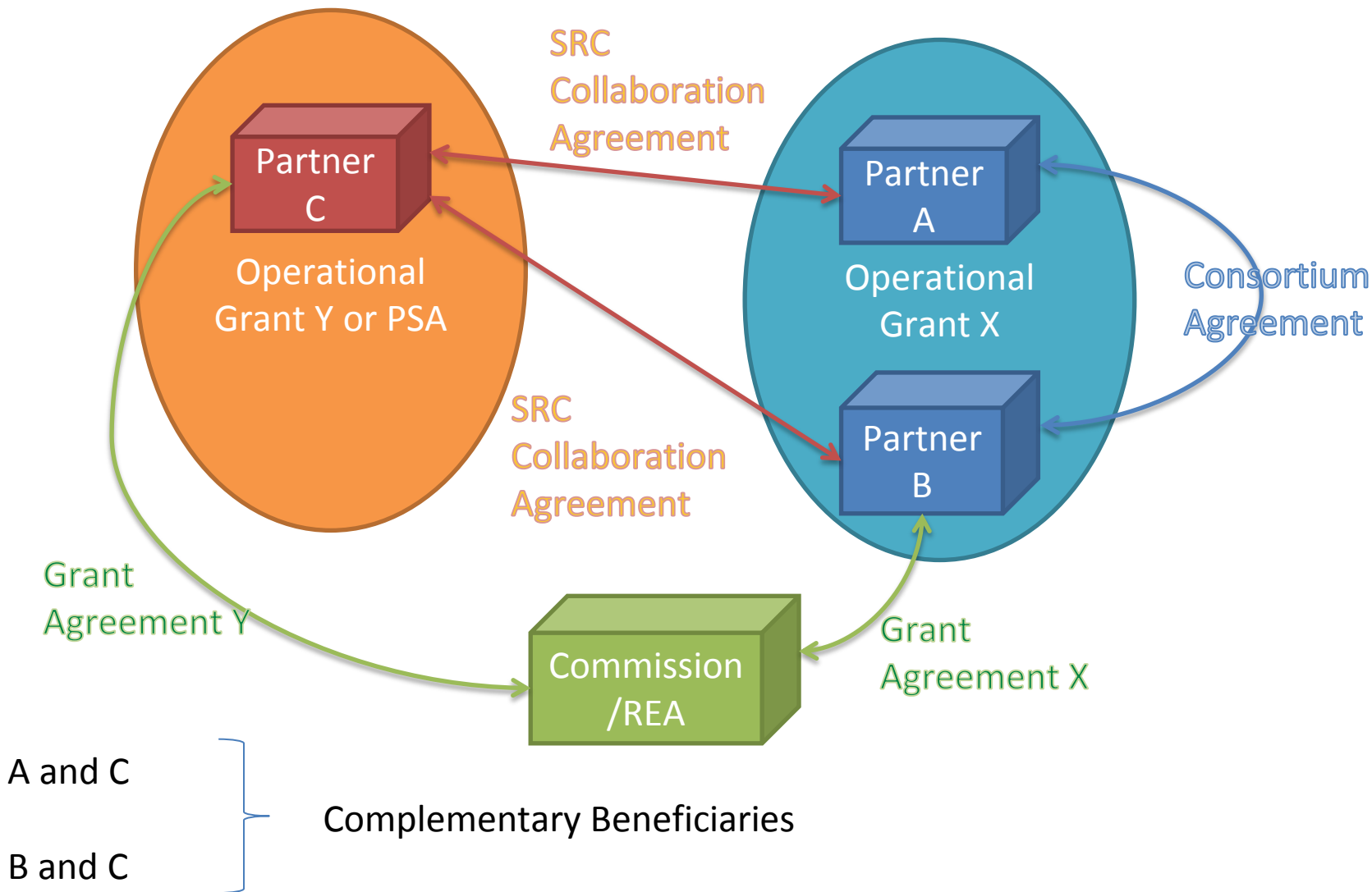
- **Eligibility and admissibility conditions:** The conditions are described in General Annexes B and C of the work programme. The following exceptions apply:
 - **No beneficiaries of the grant agreement EPIC (640199) will participate** in consortia of proposals submitted under this topic of the call for proposals, with the exception of the DLR research institutes, Eurospace and SME4Space VZW.
 - **A maximum of two projects for transversal technologies** shall be selected for funding
- **Grant Conditions:** Grants awarded under this topic will be complementary to each other and complementary to grants awarded under topic COMPET-3–2014, sub-topic COMPET-3-2016-a and sub-topic COMPET-3-2016-b ("complementary grants"). In order to ensure a smooth and successful implementation of this Strategic Research Cluster (SRC), the beneficiaries of complementary grants ("complementary beneficiaries") shall conclude a written "**collaboration agreement**".

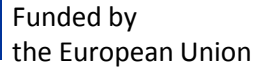


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SRC Collaboration Agreement





This paper presents the specific guidelines for the applicants to topic SPACE-13-TEC-2010 (To Space electrical transmission and station licensing) to be implemented through a

GUIDELINES FOR STRATEGIC RESEARCH CLUSTER ON IN-SPACE ELECTRICAL PROPULSION AND STATION KEEPING - HORIZON 2020 SPACE CALL 2019

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- Further analyse the impact of the thruster on the whole EP system.

DISRUPTIVE LINE

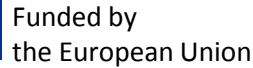
This section provides additional information in order to clarify what is expected from the proposals to be submitted in response to *SPACE-13-TEC-2019: SRC – In-Space electrical propulsion and station keeping (Disruptive Technologies)*.

This section for the disruptive line is composed by one table (Table 1) providing guidance for the proposals to be submitted and requirements for the technologies or concepts to be developed.

Information is provided on the content and scope that is expected including specific targets for TRL and performances.

Table 1 - Disruptive Technologies

Description and needed Action	<p>The SPACE-13-TEC-2019 also covers a number of alternative thruster concepts that are emerging or have already gained some maturity. If these disruptive technologies can be identified early enough, accelerating the development of those technologies would help to sustain advances in performance and identifying new markets/applications. This topic focuses on promoting the Research, Technology and Development (RTD) of very promising and potentially disruptive concepts in the field of Electric Propulsion, in order to increase the currently low TRI. (<4) and higher TRI >4 of potentially breakthrough thruster concepts and transversal technologies which in the long term could change the EP landscape.</p> <p>Electric Propulsion thrusters not part of the Incremental line of the SRC, shall be the main focus of this Disruptive Technology line. Proposals are expected for concepts such as Helicon Plasma Thrusters (HPT), Electron Cyclotron Resonance Thrusters (ECRT), Magneto Plasma Dynamic Thrusters (MPDT), Pulsed Plasma Thrusters (PPT), Field Emission Electric Propulsion thrusters (FEEP), micro-propulsion electric thrusters, or other innovative thruster concepts not identified here.</p> <p>The activities proposed shall include modelling, development and testing beyond the current state of the art in order to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand fundamental physical processes and their impact on performance. • Improve current thruster performances (thrust, specific impulse, power/thrust ratio, magnetic thrust vectoring, throttability, efficiency, lifetime, noise, etc.). • Progress the development of associated cathodes/neutralisers, if applicable to a thruster. • Investigate alternative propellants to Xenon and/or non-conventional propellants, understood as gases constituting the atmosphere of a planet, such as oxygen, nitrogen and combinations in the case of the Earth, with consideration to potential
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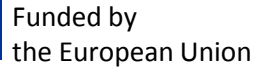


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The roadmap for disruptive technologies is based on currently known low and medium TRL concepts such as Helicon Plasma Thrusters (HPT), Electron Cyclotron Resonance Thrusters (ECRT), Magneto Plasma Dynamic Thrusters (MPDT), Pulsed Plasma Thrusters (PPT), Field Emission Electric Propulsion thrusters (FEED), micro-propulsion electric thrusters, and any other innovative electric thruster concepts, **but other thruster types are by no means excluded from it**. A specific topic to be addressed also by disruptive technologies could also be micro-propulsion for scientific applications (but not the ones based on HET, GIE and HEMPT technology).

Additional to thruster technologies, projects dealing with **transversal disruptive technologies** are welcomed. A transversal technology development could address elements which could be common to several thrusters. These are, for example concepts such us:

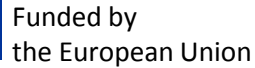
- direct drive enabling technologies,
- radical innovations in PPU,
- magnetic nozzles,
- alternative propellants,
- testing techniques,
- new materials,
- modelling and simulations codes,
- new PPU and electrical system architecture for EP,
- hybrid solution to drive different types of EP thrusters,
- any other promising and potentially disruptive concept not specifically mentioned, not necessarily related to the technology if is used in a disruptive way,



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- Further analyse the impact of the thruster on the whole EP system.

Proposals for thrusters in the Disruptive line should not be based on HET, GIE or HEMPT technologies, or its variants (e.g. micro-HET, micro-GIE, dual-HET, ECR-GIE, etc.).



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposals shall seek synergies while avoiding duplications with already existing or planned developments by other entities in Europe, such as ESA, EU-FP, EU-H2020, National Space Programmes and commercial initiatives.
Expected Deliverables	<p>At least the following Deliverable documentation has to be provided according indication provided in ECSS-E-ST-10C and include but it's not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business Plan including Market Analysis, SRR, PDR, and CDR (if applicable depending on the TRL) data packages including Technical Specification, System Design, Preliminary Design Report including justifications, Design and Development Plan, Test and Verification Plans, Test and Verification Reports, according to the relevant ECSS Standards. Risk Assessment and Contingency Analysis report (yearly), KPIs report (yearly), Cost Assessment (development phases), Dissemination and educational public material: Activity and results presentations, papers and articles presented, photos, posters, videos, professional communication and educational movies; and Project website.



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