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### FP7-Space: R&D activities in support of European microelectronics enabling technologies

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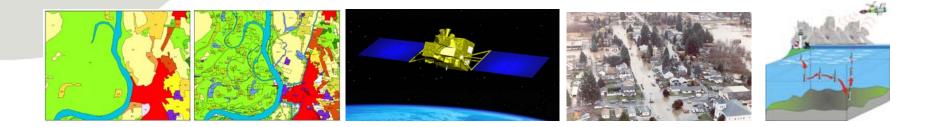
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# Space research in the Framework Programme, brief history





## "Space" in the EU Research Framework Programmes

Space a **new activity**, first introduced in the 6th Framework Programme under the Aeronautics & Space theme - FP6 (2002-2006):

- > About € 230 million over five years.
- > Earth observation (GMES), Satcom, Satnav
- Focused on applications and services
- With own Space theme in FP7 (2007 2013)
  - > About  $\in$  1.4 billion over 7 years
  - GMES + Strengthening Space Foundations
  - > Services, but also technology development

Post 2013:

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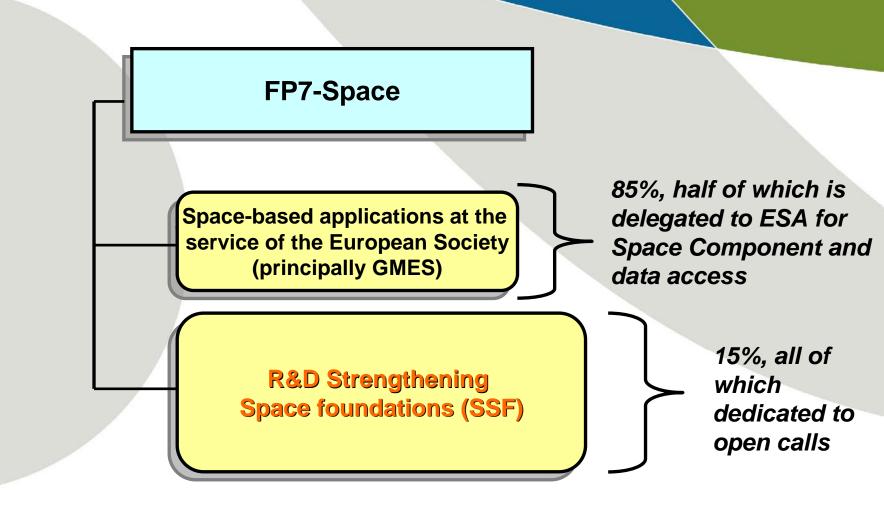


# **Framework Programme 7**

		Health	IDEAS	European Research Council	
	COOPERATION	Food, Agriculture and Fisheries, and Biotechnology		Initial training	
				Life-long training	
		Information and communication technologies	PEOPLE	Industry-academia	
				International dimension	
		Nanosciences, nanotechnologies, materials and new production technologies		Specific actions	
			Research infrastructures		
		Energy		Research for the benefit of SMEs	
			CAPACITIES	Regions of Knowledge	
		Environment (including climate change)		Research potential	
				Science in society	
		Transport (including aeronautics)		Coherent development of research policies	
~				International co-operation	
Space €1.4 bn.		Socio-economic sciences and the humanities			
		Security	Non-nuclear actions by the Joint Research Centre		
		Space			



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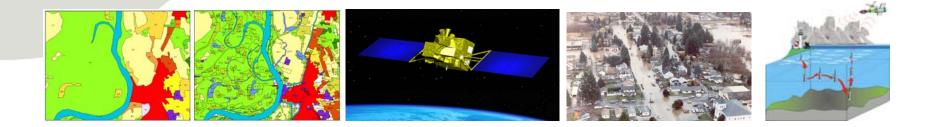
# Strengthening Space Foundations (SSF): Main topics addressed

- Space science (exploitation of scientific data)
- Space transportation (in-space propulsion, launch, entry)
- Planetary exploration (robotics, sample return)
- Space situational awareness (space debris, space weather, NEOs)
- Key space technologies, "critical technologies for European non-dependence" (electronics...), <u>about €10 million/year</u>



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# Work of the EC-ESA-EDA Joint Task Force on Critical Technologies



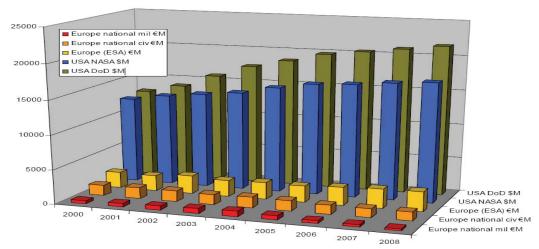


## **The Issue**

#### **Technology Gap**

- Europe is 5 years behind in a number of technologies, e.g. in microelectronics
- Our market is too small
- Thus, dependence on imports (associated restrictions)
- Long term availability is not guaranteed

### **Funding Gap**





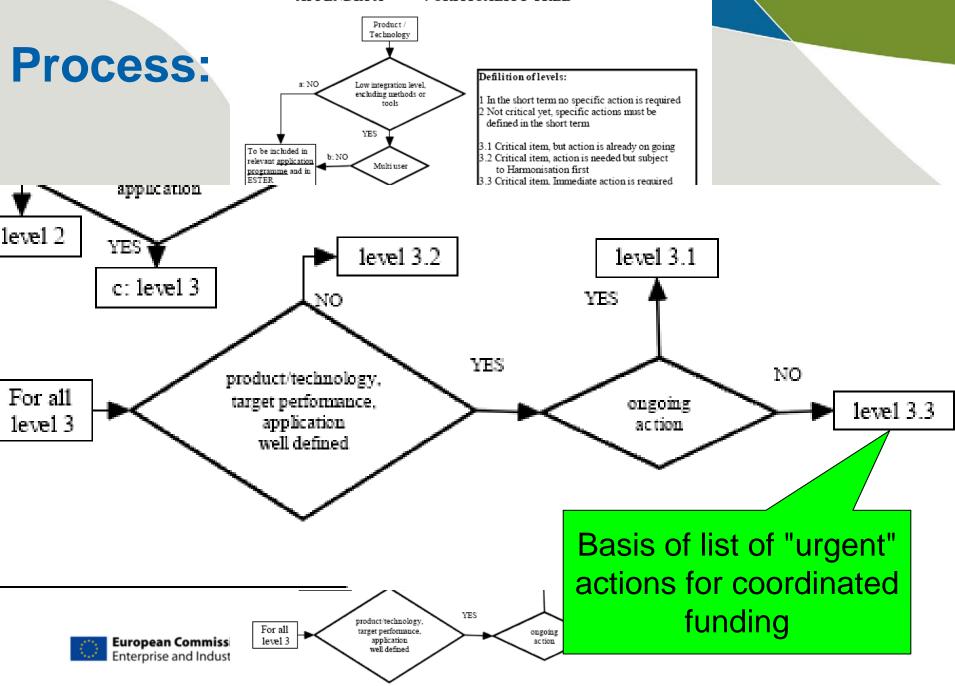
### Joint Task Force Mandate/Recommendations

2008 Workshop in Brussels: EC, ESA and EDA decides to join forces to address critical space technology research:

- Raise awareness on this strategic issue for Europe,
- Define an agreed common methodology for a coherent Europe-wide approach, building on the existing and recognised processes, such as the ESA led European Space Technology Harmonisation process (THAG),
- Define a common list of priorities for critical space technologies
- Identify a list of critical items for which immediate action is required (for review every 2 years)



#### APPENDIX A : CRITICALITY TREE





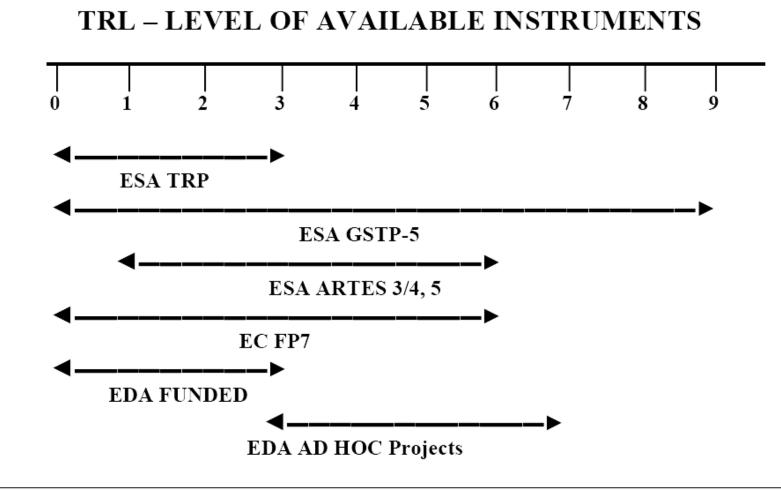


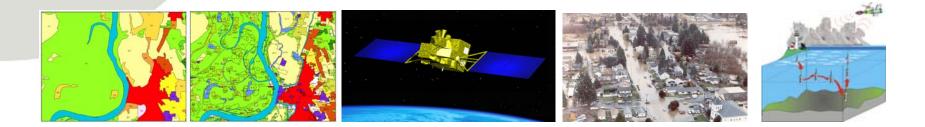
Figure 2 Funding instruments and their TRL-levels

# List of 25 « critical items » for which immediate action is required

ID	Title
1	Core processors for DSP computers
2	ASICS
3	High speed DAC-ADC based on European Technology
4	Very high speed serial interfaces
5	FPGAs
6	Solid state gyroscope components
7	Power amplification: TWT materials
8	European State of the Art Dielectric Materials
9	Make available Submmw Local Oscillator Sources
10	Space-worthy solid-state laser sources
11	Enhanced performance, space-worthy 1-D + 2-D sensor focal planes operating from X-ray to the Infrared
12	Bladder tanks for bipropellants
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# Initial results for critical technologies in FP7 (especially microelectronics)





# FP7-Space, state of play for SSF topics (after Calls 1, 2 and 3)

- Very significant interest for all SSF topics (3 to 6 fold oversubscription rates)
- Portfolio of some 120 projects
- About 66 projects under SSF topics
- Main topic groupings:
  - Space science data exploitation (9)
  - Human space exploration (2)
  - Robotics for planetary exploration (4)
  - Space transportation technol. (12)
  - International coop. with Russia (6)
  - Space weather/debris (15)

#### - Critical technol. (13)



#### FP7 Space: projects funded unex critical technologies topic

Call	Coordinator	Acronym	Title
1	ThalesAleniaSpace	AGAPAC	Advanced GaN Packaging
	France		
2	E2V Semiconductors SAS,	COMETS	Converters broadband low power high performance for telecommunications in
	France		space
2	SiCrystal AG,	EuSiC	High Quality European GaN-Wafer on SiC Substrates
	Germany		
2	Science and Technology	MIDAS	Millimetre-wave Integrated Diode and Amplifier Sources
	Facilities Council, UK		
2	Thales Research and	SATURNE	Microsystems Based on Wide Band Gap Materials for Future Space
	Technology, France		Transmitting Ultra Wideband Receiving Systems
2	Chalmers University of	TeraComp	Terahertz heterodyne receiver components for future European space missions
	Technology, Sweden		
3	Commissariat à l'Energie	CESAR	Cryogenic Electronics for Space Applications and Research
	Atomique, France		Cryogenie Electronies for Space Applications and Research
3	Caen Arelia Space Srl,	DSPACE	Digital Signal Processor for Space Applications
	Italy		
3	Helsingin Yliopisto, Finland	E-SQUID	Development of SQUID-based multiplexers for large Infrared-to-X-ray
			imaging detector arrays in astronomical research from space
3	Austrian Institute of	HARMLES	Dry lubricated Harmonic Drives for space applications
	Technology		
3	Universidad Carlos III,	MAGDRIVE	Magnetic-Superconductor Cryogenic Non-contact Harmonic Drive
	Madrid, Spain		Magnetic Superconductor oryogenic from condict mannonic Drive
3	Fundacion Insmet,	SMARTEES	Multifunctional components for aggressive environments in space applications
	Spain		
3	Heinrich-Heine-Universitaet,	SOC2	Towards Neutral-atom Space Optical Clocks: Development of high-
	Duesseldorf, Germany		performance transportable and breadboard optical clocks and advanced
			subsystems
4	-	-	Carbon Fibres and Pre-Impregnated Materials
4	-	-	Re-entry ablative thermal protection
4	-	-	Large Deployable Technologies
4	-	-	Miniaturized Flow Control
4	-	-	CMOS Imagers
4	-	-	Aerogels for Space Applications
4	-	-	Very High Speed Serial Interfaces



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#### **GaN-based technologies**

GaN has emerged as the technology of choice for the next generation of high-power electronics

#### • <u>AGAPAC (Coord.: ThalesAleniaSpace, FR)</u>:

Develop a space-compliant power micropackage to dissipate up to 100 W, based on innovative high thermal conductivity diamond or nanocomposites

• EuSiC (Coord.: SiCrystal AG, DE): Develop SiC high-quality 3-inch substrate for GaN.



#### **High-frequency Schottky diodes**

Terahertz receivers are essential for scientific exploration and Earth observation

 <u>TeraComp (Coord.: Chalmers University of</u> <u>Technology, SE)</u>:

Development of a European industrial capability for terahertz receivers based on Schottky diodes (novel Heterostructure Barrier Varactor and mHEMT MMIC)

 MIDAS (Science and Technology Facilities Council, UK):

Development of a demonstrator source delivering enough power at 300 GHz for direct commercial applications (builds on European amplifier technology, Schottky varactor diodes)



#### Wide bandgap semiconductors Flexible RF front ends for versatile satellites

#### SATURNE (Thales SA, FR):

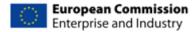
Realise novel types of microwave functions through Wide Band Gap semiconductors and RF-MEMS switches. Develop re-configurable, highly powerefficient communication payloads with narrow-, multior wide-band channel allocation.



## Further information available: ec.europa.eu/embrace-space

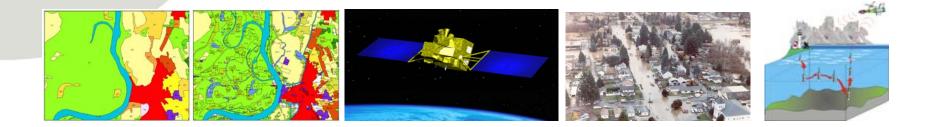


FP7 "Let's Embrace Space" conference, 12-13 May, Budapest, Hungary



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#### **Future work**





## **Next steps**

- Take stock of results of the first 4 calls of FP7-Space (topic will not be open in Call 5)
- Review list of urgent actions based on these results

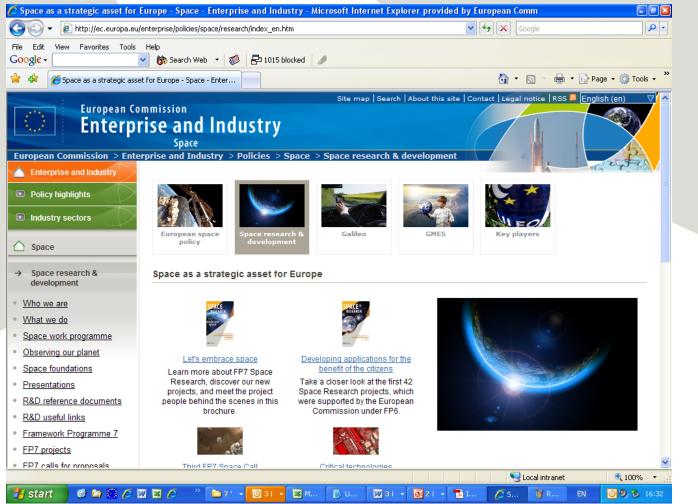




Figure 1 European Non-Dependence Process in 2011



#### More information: ec.europa.eu/embrace-space





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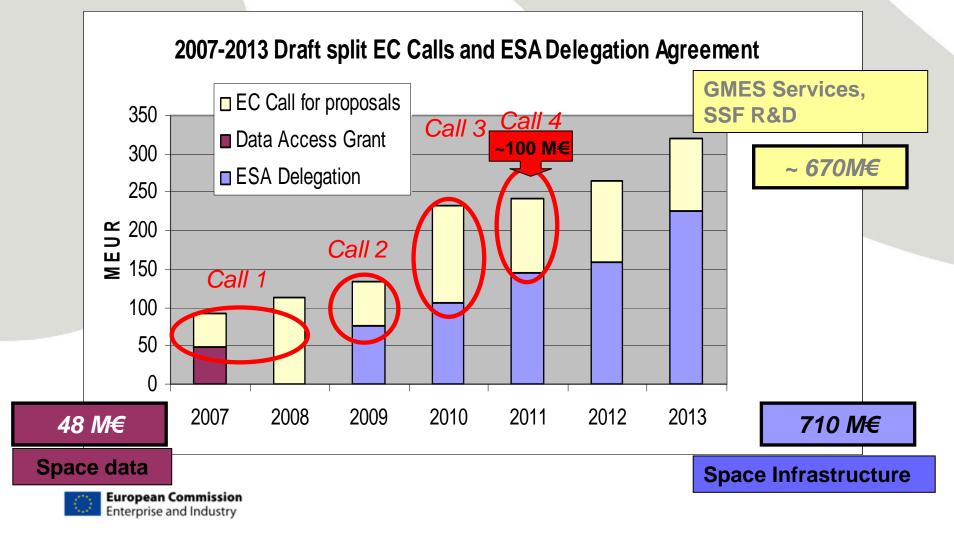
# Thank you for your attention

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# **Breakdown of FP7 Space funding**



#### **Commission Green Paper**

- On 9 February 2011, the Commission adopted a Green Paper 'From Challenges to Opportunities: Towards a Common Strategic Framework for EU research and innovation funding' (COM(2011)48).
- This Green Paper launches a public consultation on the key issues to be taken into account for future EU research and innovation funding programmes.
- The consultation website is available at: <u>http://ec.europa.eu/research/csfri/index\_en.cfm</u>.
  Submissions can be made until 20 May 2011 in form of questionnaire or position papers.



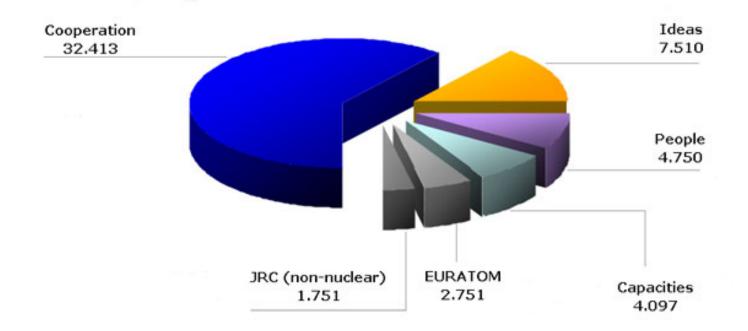
## Those topics closed for this can nom the "list of urgent actions" are barred

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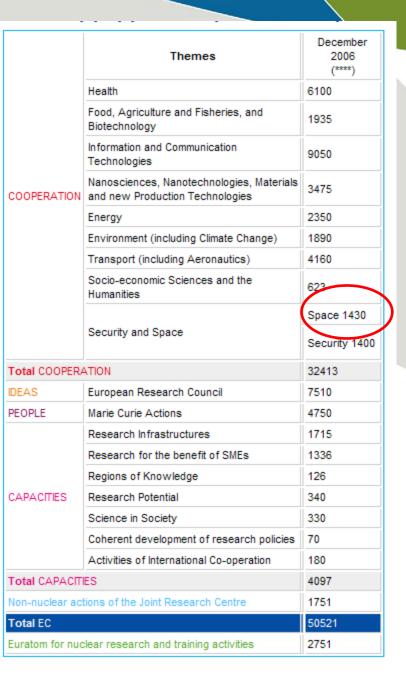
### **Framework Programme 7**

#### F7 Budget (in Mio. EUR)





# **FP7 budget**





# Main characteristics of research funding under FP7

#### General approach:

- Complementary to ESA research programmes (address gaps, target topics for which FP can bring added value, coordination to avoid duplication)
- Bottom-up approach: relatively broad definition of research topics to be addressed
- Competitive selection based on evaluation by external experts (no geo-return constraints)
- Most FP7 research projects are 50% co-funded
- Overall budgets are set from beginning of the FP



# Framework Programme (FP)

- European Union's main financial tool to support research and development activities in almost all scientific disciplines
- Initiated in 1984
- 5-year cycles (up to FP6)
- Current incarnation: FP7. Period of seven years (2007 – 2013), to be synchronised with the EC's Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF)
- FPs are proposed by the European Commission and adopted by Council and the European Parliament following a co-decision procedure
- Now starting to prepare for the next MFF and therefore "FP8"...



# **Beyond FP7 (2 calls remaining)**

Working assumptions:

- Lisbon Treaty means that space should remain a priority for the EU and the FP
- Budget should be similar to that of FP7, but GMES to move out of the FP
- Majority of budget therefore for SSF-type topics
- However, financial crisis...

First preparations:

- Commission Green Paper
- FP8 space research hearing, December 2010
- Input from the FP7 Space Advisory Group



#### **JTF Recommendations**

- For the <u>transitory phase</u> until more focused instruments are in place:
- to use the first common list of critical technologies for European Strategic Non-Dependence as input for the work programmes of all the three institutions
- to launch the European Non-Dependence Process in 2nd semester 2009
- to review and update the Non-Dependence List every 2 years and monitor its status on a regular basis
- ➤ to make adequate and complementary funds available for critical technologies activities (approximately 100-120 M€year).
- for the three Institutions to make best use of the available instruments until more dedicated programmatic instruments are set up



### **Proposed Common Methodology**

- Build on the existing and recognized European Space Technology Harmonisation process of ESA and
- the Synchronised Programming Approach of EDA
- Expand the Technology Harmonisation Advisory Group (THAG) to EC and EDA
- Proceed to calls on the basis of the joint list



	2011 EUR million <sup>53</sup>	total	
Call FP7-SPACE-2011-1 <u>Activity 9.1</u> Space-based applications at the service of European Society :	1		
1.1 GMES Security: exploring governance options 5.1 Marine service	28	56	
5.2 Atmosphere service			
5.3 R&D to enhance future GMES applications in the Marine and Atmosphere areas	19		
and Annosphere areas	8		
Call FP7-SPACE-2011-1 <u>Activity 9.2</u> Strengthening of Space foundations: 1.1 Exploitation of Space Science and exploration data 1.2 Developments for space exploration 2.1 Space Transportation technologies	17		
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2.2. Facilitating access to space for small scale R&D missions	8	12	
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