

# **Building a Sustainable Framework for European Space Weather Services within the ESA SSA Programme**

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# PURPOSE OF THE SSA PROGRAMME



“The objective of the Space Situational Awareness (SSA) programme is to support the European independent utilisation of, and **access to, space** for research or services, through the **provision of timely and quality data**, information, services and knowledge regarding the **space environment**, the **threats** and the sustainable exploitation of the outer space **surrounding our planet Earth.**”



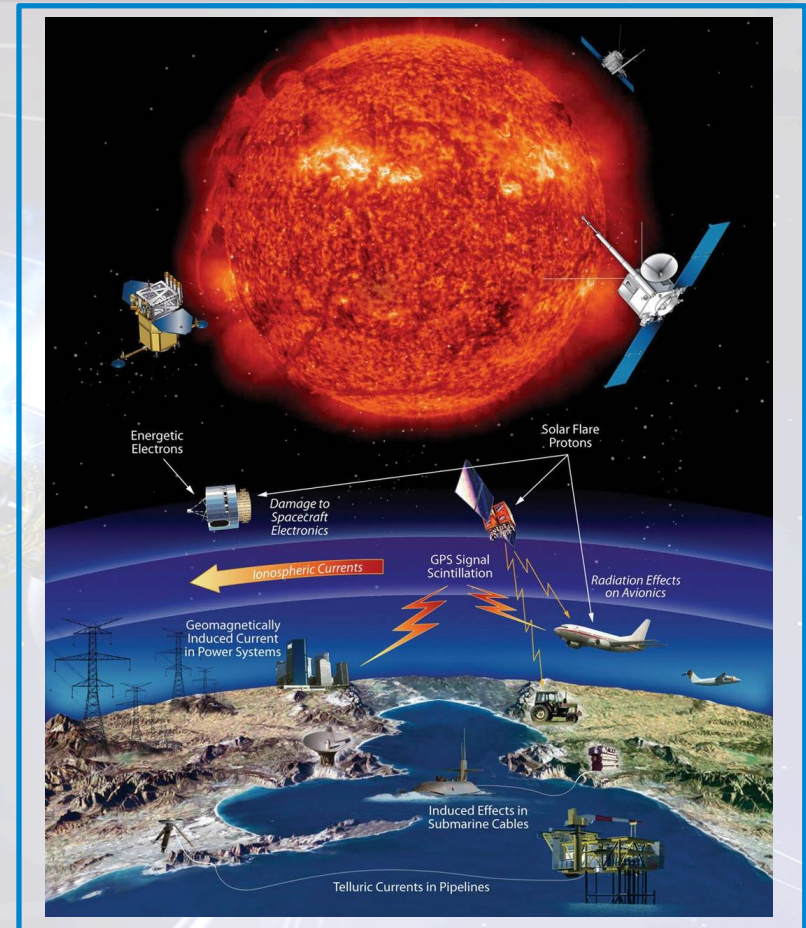
- **ESA Ministerial Council  
November 2008**

# ESA SSA SWE Segment Objectives



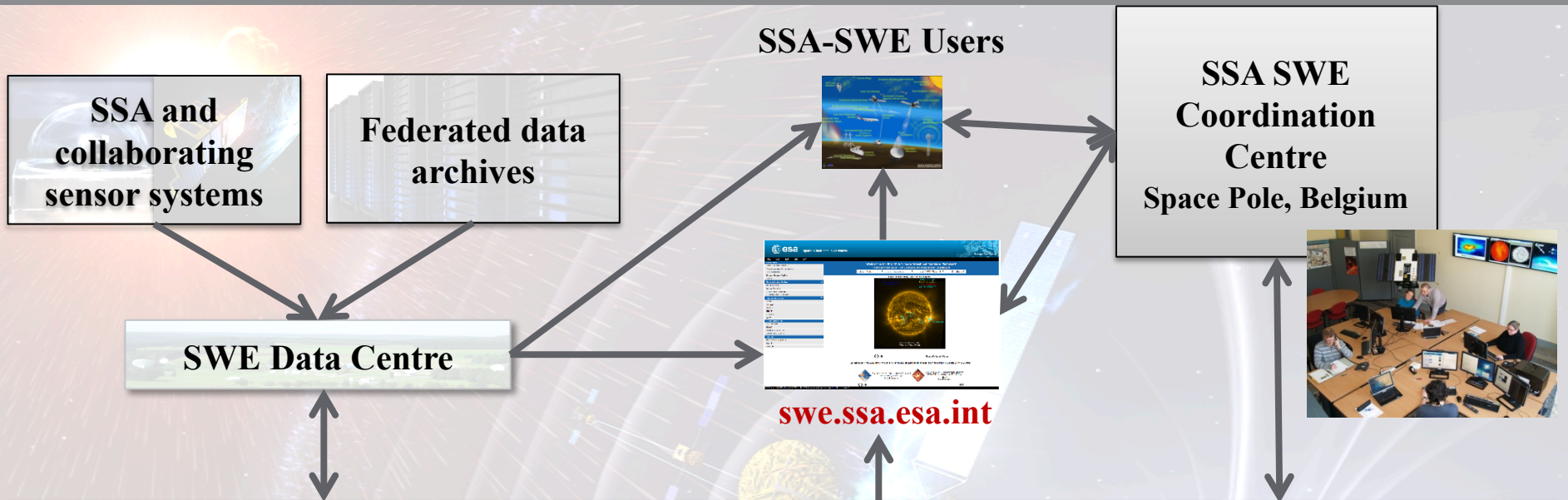
## Detection and forecasting of Space Weather events and their effects on European space assets and ground based infrastructure

- Developments target 8 distinct user domains
- 39 tailored services:
  - Online tools and data repository
  - Alerting
  - Dedicated bulletins for priority users
- End users:
  - Continuous dialogue & consultation
  - Helpdesk feedback
    - Inform & improve requirements baseline





# ESA SSA SWE System 2016



## SWE Expert Service Centres

 <p><b>Solar Weather</b></p>	 <p><b>Ionospheric Weather</b></p>	 <p><b>Space Radiation</b></p>	 <p><b>Geomagnetic Conditions</b></p>	 <p><b>Heliospheric Weather</b></p>
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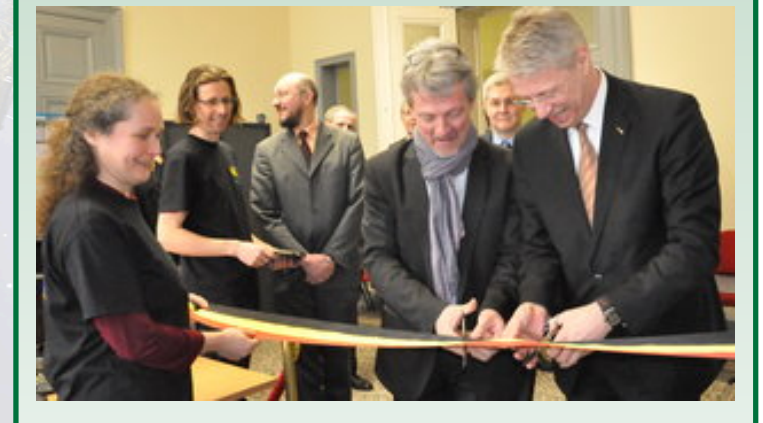
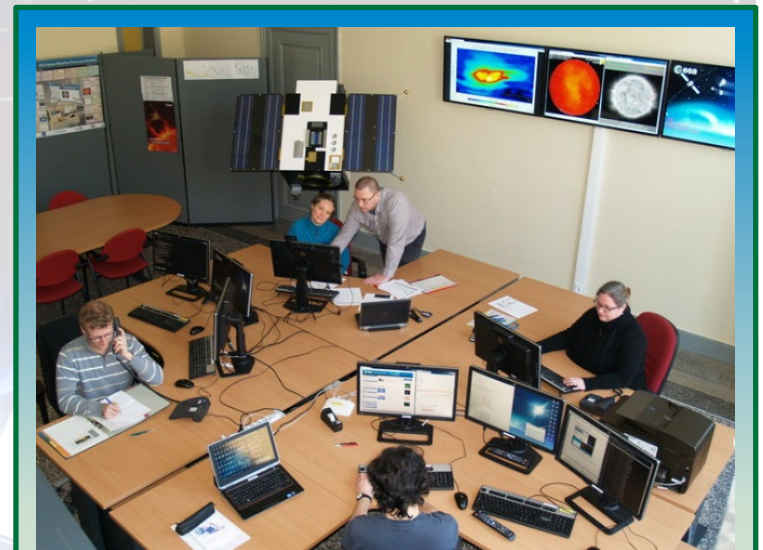
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# SSA Space Weather Coordination Centre



- User Support
  - Helpdesk (8/5) & guidance
  - Facilitating access to new SWE services
- Service Monitoring
  - Overall SWE network performance
    - SWE Data centre
    - Federated services
- Service Improvement
  - Engaging with user community
  - Translation of user feedback into service improvement recommendations



# Expert Service Centres



- ESCs are internationally distributed centres of expertise focused on a specific domain.
  - Coordinating Expert Group and participating Expert Groups from multiple SSA participating states
  - broad international collaboration, aiming to foster further development towards advanced space weather products and services
- Primary source for products in all 8 SWE Service Domains

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Weather**

**Ionospheric  
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**Space  
Radiation**

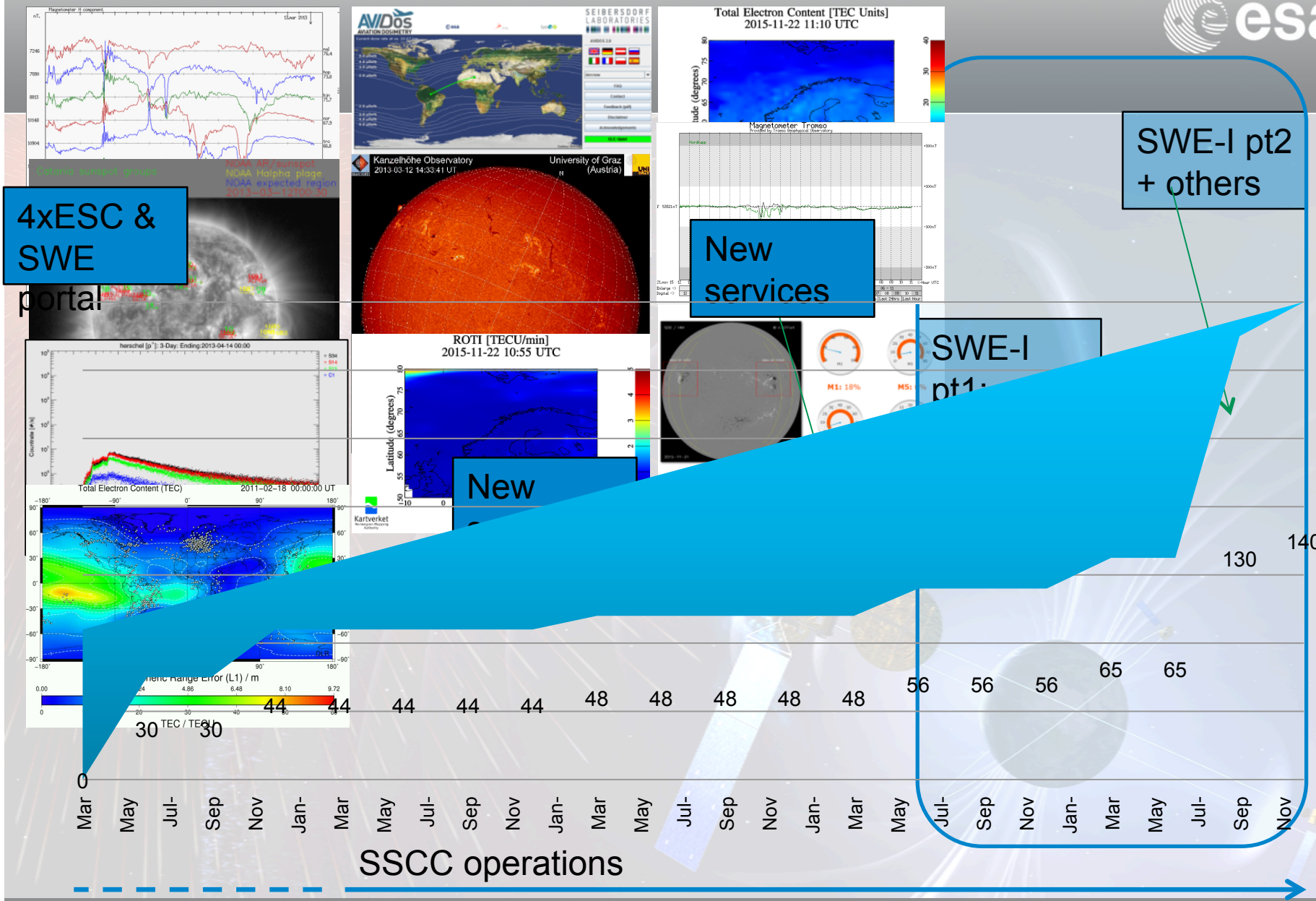
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# SWE Network Product Growth

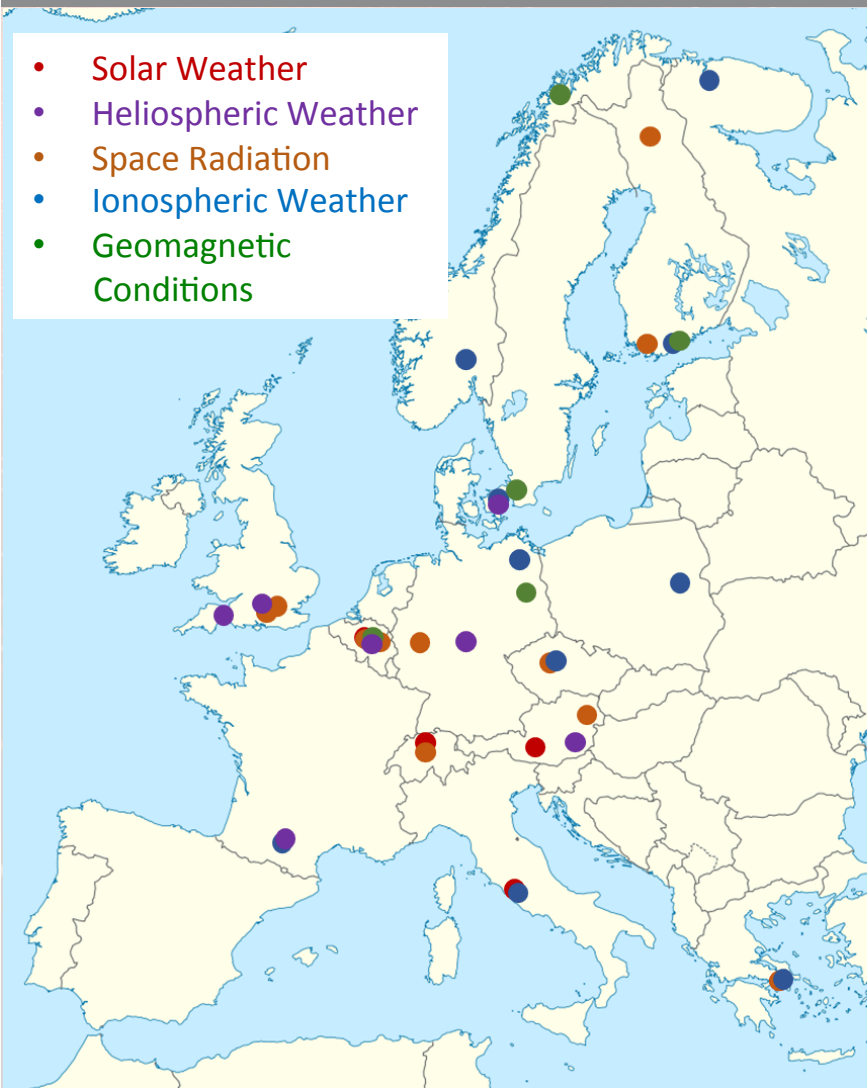




# SSA SWE ESC Network 2016



- Solar Weather
- Heliospheric Weather
- Space Radiation
- Ionospheric Weather
- Geomagnetic Conditions



## Belgian Institute for Space Aeronomy

Centre de Données de la Physique des Plasmas  
CLS Collecte Localisation Satellites  
CSDRadConsultancy Ltd  
DH Consultancy

## DLR

Finnish Meteorological Institute  
Helmholtz-Centre Potsdam – GFZ  
Institute of Atmospheric Physics  
Istituto Nazionale di Astrofisica  
Istituto Nazionale di Geofisica e Vulcanologia  
Kanzelhöhe Solar Observatory  
MetOffice UK  
Mullard Space Science Laboratory  
National & Kapodistrian University of Athens  
National Observatory of Athens  
Norwegian Mapping Authority  
Paul Buehler  
Polar Geophysical Institute  
Research Center for Astronomy and Applied Mathematics  
**Royal Observatory of Belgium**  
Seibersdorf Laboratories GmbH

SIDC - Solar Influences Data Center  
Space Research Centre of the Polish Academy of Sciences

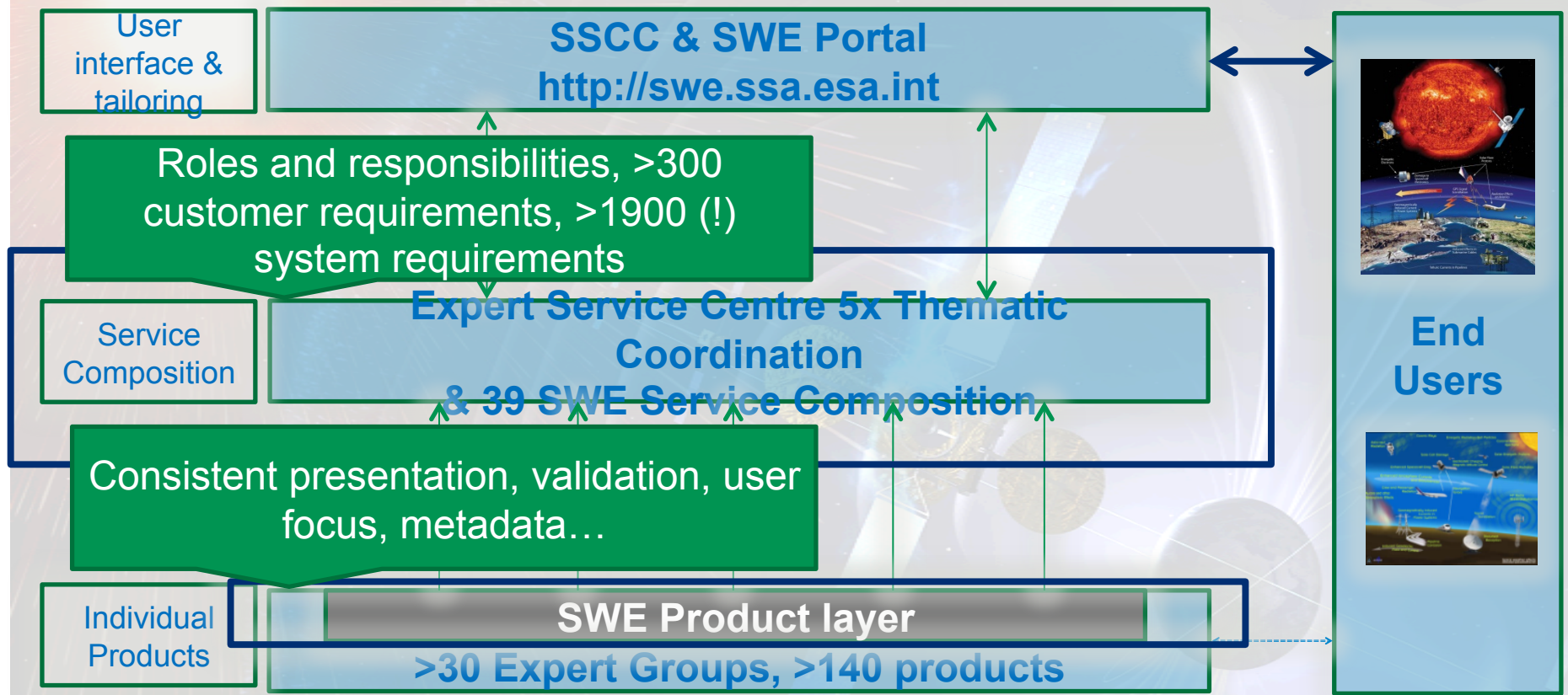
## STFC RAL Space

Swedish Institute for Space Physics  
Technical University of Denmark

## Tromsø Geophysical Observatory

Université Catholique de Louvain  
Center for Space Radiations  
University College London  
University of Applied Sciences North Western Switzerland  
University of Göttingen  
University of Graz  
University of Leuven  
University of Oulu Sodankylä  
Geophysical Observatory  
University of Turku

# Structuring the Federated Network



- **ESC & Service Structuring:**

- **Blueprint for a sustainable network** of SWE service provision based on distributed network with **strong involvement of scientific community**
  - From products to services (140+ products → 39 services)
  - SLA templates to secure critical data

- **SWE Product Layer:**

- **Benchmark products:** testing and validation, assessed against user needs → with real users
- Product development: further work towards targeting **user needs** and delivery requirements



- Review of SWE service roadmaps

- Reflect progress and identify **key technology developments** for long term improvement of services: Workshop @ ESOC, Darmstadt 10-12<sup>th</sup> May



# SWE Targeted Developments



P2-SWE-II  
Services for SST  
domain users



SN-VI: Services for  
aviation, resource  
exploitation & data  
visualisation toolkit



P2-SWE-XIV: Virtual  
Space Weather  
Modelling Centre

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**Expert Service Centres Definition  
& Development  
P2-SWE-I**



P2-SWE-XIII  
Advanced  
prototypes:  
spacecraft  
operations

P2-SWE-XVI  
Utilisation of Swarm  
data for SWE  
services



P2-SWE-XII  
Tailoring for Arctic  
Region users



P2-SWE-XXIV  
Advanced  
geomagnetic  
services

# SWE Network looking forward



- Currently developing basis for a sustainable (pre)operational network of entities collaborating to provide high priority SWE services addressing End User needs
- Scope and main focus for next Period (2017-2020) to be decided at ESA Ministerial Council meeting Dec 2016
- Parallel studies (not covered in this presentation) looking at space segment developments during the same period
- SSA applications driven programme targeting services for end users but **AND** foresee good opportunities for targeted space weather R&D
  - Thematic workshops next month @ ESOC ~100 scientists & users discussing priority next step developments
- Network in phase of rapid growth: opportunities for international cooperation, particularly within scientific frameworks, set to expand as network matures



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