

The European Space Agency

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“To provide for and promote, for exclusively peaceful purposes, cooperation among European states in **space research** and **technology** and their **space applications**.”

Article 2 of ESA Convention



- **Over 40 years of experience**
- **20 Member States**
- **Five establishments in Europe, about 2200 staff**
- **4 billion Euro budget (2012)**
- **Over 70 satellites designed, tested and operated in flight**
- **17 scientific satellites in operation**
- **Six types of launcher developed**
- **Celebrated the 200th launch of Ariane in February 2011**



20 Member States and Growing

ESA has 20 Member States: 17 states of the EU (AT, BE, CZ, DE, DK, ES, FI, FR, IT, GR, IE, LU, NL, PT, RO, SE, UK, PL) plus Norway and Switzerland.

Seven other EU states have Cooperation Agreements with ESA: Estonia, Slovenia, Hungary, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania and the Slovak Republic. Bulgaria and Malta are negotiating Cooperation Agreements.

Canada takes part in some programmes under a Cooperation Agreement.



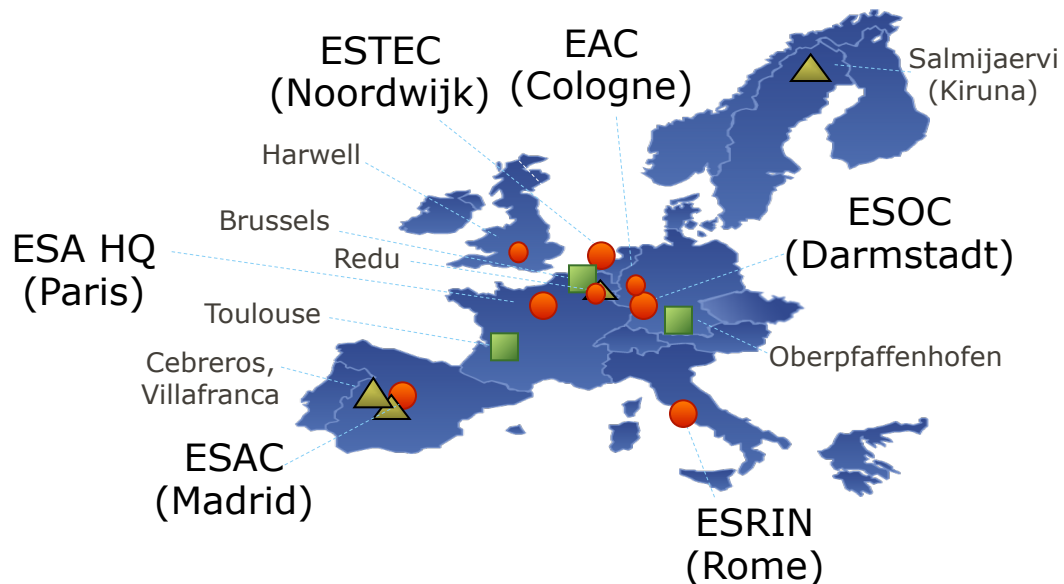
ESA is one of the few space agencies in the world to combine responsibility in nearly all areas of space activity.

- 1. Space science**
 - 2. Human spaceflight**
 - 3. Exploration**
 - 4. Earth observation**
 - 5. Launchers**
- **Navigation**
 - **Telecommunications**
 - **Technology**
 - **Operations**

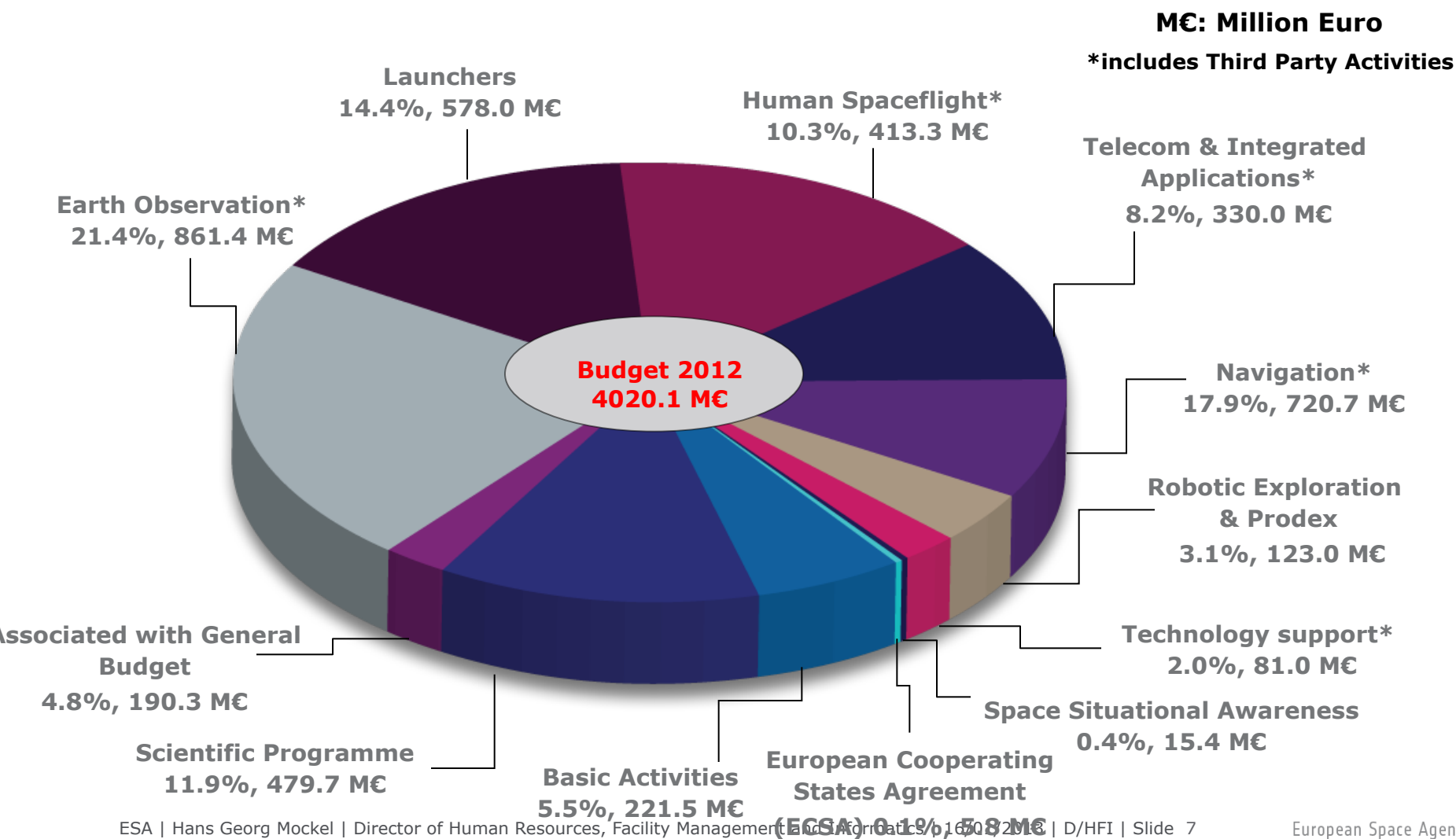


ESA'S Locations

- ESA sites/facilities
- Offices
- ▲ ESA ground stations



ESA 2012 Budget by Domain





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