

## Rationale for an ESA Strategy 2040



Following the **Sevilla Space Summit Resolution** (Article 3):

Council INVITED "the *Director General to develop an 'ESA 2040' Strategy* together with the Member States in preparation of the Council Meeting at Ministerial Level in 2025 (CM25)"



The strategy 2040 process will provide a **long-term vision for space in Europe** that will **help in the preparation of future Ministerials** and will allow for a **better planning of programmes** allowing a clear vision of **the financial framework** of ESA.

EOP is actively contributing to this work through the:

- Initial "FOP vision 2040" document
- EO Science Strategy, to be ready mid-2024
- Participation in cross-directorate task forces

Connection with the user community and advisory structure is essential

## Need for a new Earth Observation Science Strategy



- Programmatic Context:
  - Overall "ESA 2040 Strategy" together with ESA Member States in preparation of the Council Meeting at Ministerial Level in 2025 (CM25)
  - Develop EO vision and strategy that responds to and matches the 2040 strategic timeframe
  - Build on strong political support for EO, climate and sustainability at Space Summit 2023 in Seville
  - Respond to changed world with respect to 2015 science strategy: extensive mission landscape, Copernicus, Digital Innovation, Commercial Space, Climate urgency
  - Include broad consultations with community: ACEO, CSAB, ESSC, LPS & workshops
- The new EO Science Strategy 2040 needed to
  - Support and provide context for the programme content proposed at the Councils in 2025 (CM25) and 2028 (CM28)
  - Provide a framework to guide investments in EO programmes addressing short and longer term objectives
  - Provide the science basis leading to adoption and implementation of effective responses and adaptation measures addressing climate action narrative and Seville summit declaration





## **ESA EO Vision**



To craft world-class Earth Observation capabilities and information products for informed decisions and actions that best respond to today's challenges of understanding, sustaining and improving the Earth and its environment.



The ESA Earth Observation strategic vision expresses the urgency to address the Earth environment and climate crisis. The emphasis on actionable information leverages the growing volumes of satellite data for decision-making and taking action in support of mitigating and adapting to climate change and sustainable management of resources. Earth action targets the generation of actionable information, beyond provision of data, supporting science-for-policy to [urgently] respond to the global challenges faced by society today and prepare for tomorrow.

## Road to CM25

• EE-12 candidate missions

selected

