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# The Space Strategy for Europe and Civil Aviation



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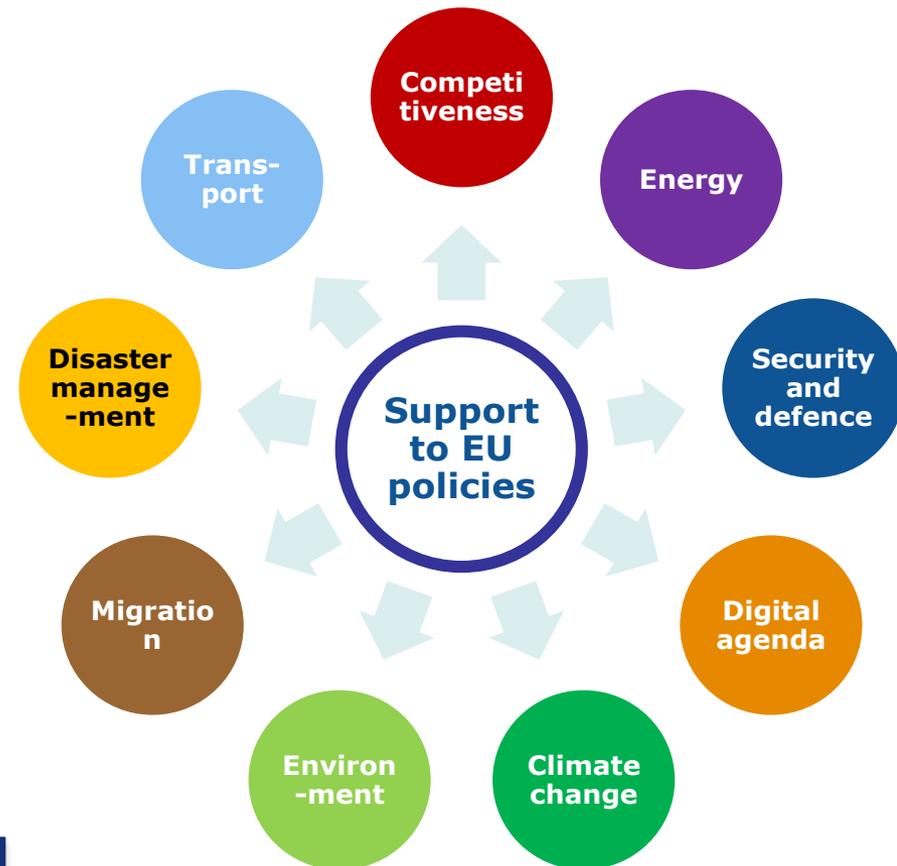
# Space matters for Europe

## Direct economic impact

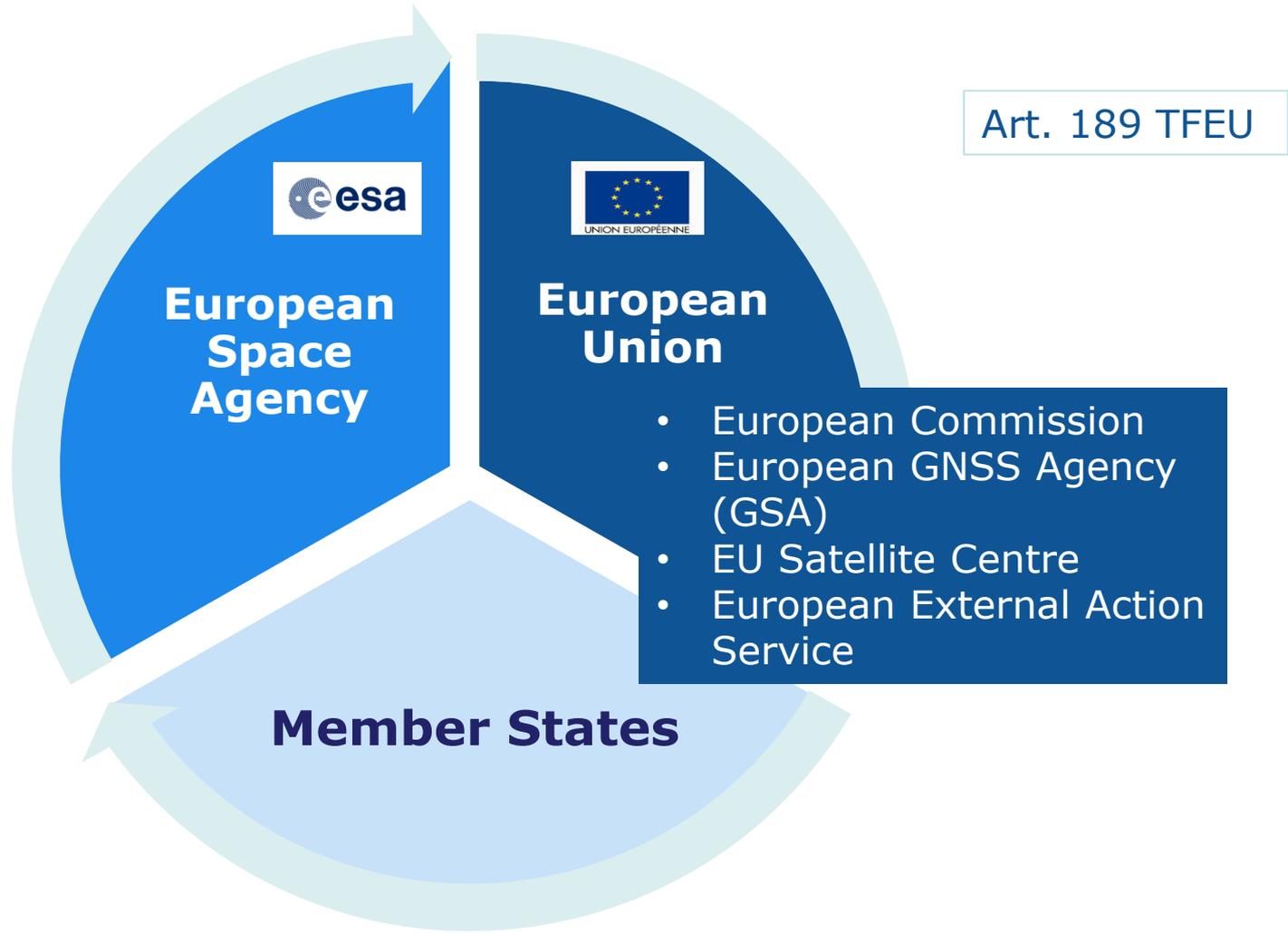


- 46-54 B€ industry value
- 230.000 professionals
- 7.5B€ per year total institutional budget
- 1/3 of world satellites are European
- EU will own 40 satellites in orbit by 2020
- EU budget for 2014-2020: 12B€

## Policy impact

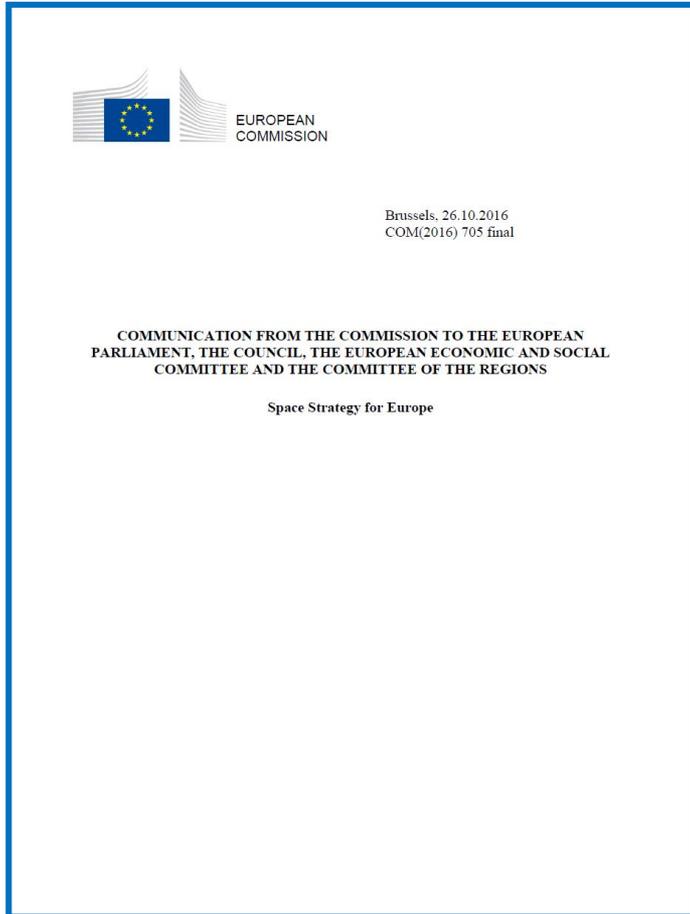


## European institutional actors in space

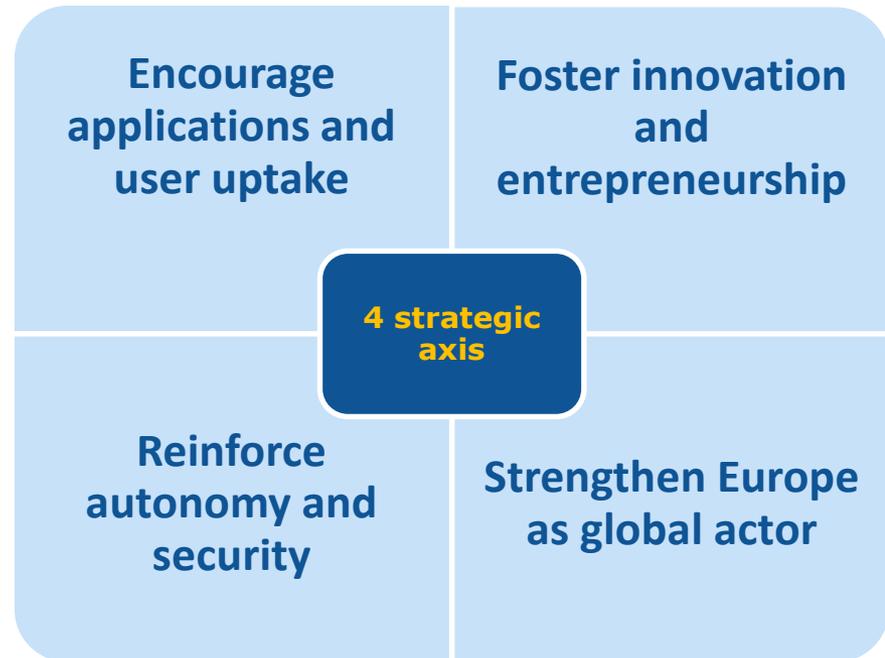




# The Space Strategy for Europe



***Bring the benefits of space to Earth !***



<https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/regdoc/rep/1/2016/EN/COM-2016-705-F1-EN-MAIN.PDF>



## EU space programmes and civil aviation

### EGNOS

- Augments the GPS signal over Europe, EU owned and fully operational since 2011
- 2 main components: (limited) space segment with payloads on geostationary satellites, a ground segment with 40 stations all over Europe
- Delivers services, in particular for aviation and Safety-of-Life
- 424 existing EGNOS-based procedures - out of target of 800 - at 288 European airports (*Source EBAA - February 2017*)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aYVMG1jg7Fw>



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### GALILEO

- EU owned worldwide satellite navigation system ("EU GPS")
- 18 satellites in orbit (full operations by 2020)
- Three Initial Services since end 2016:
  - **Open Service:** a free mass-market service for positioning, navigation and timing
  - **Public Regulated Service:** encrypted to provide service continuity for government users such as civil protection services, customs officers and the police, during emergencies or crisis situations
  - **Search and Rescue Service:** Europe's contribution to the international distress beacon locating organisation [COSPAS-SARSAT](#)
- Galileo will contribute to integrity monitoring services for safety-of life applications, such as aviation (e.g. when combined with SBAS (typically EGNOS V3) or other GNSS systems (GPS) through ARAIM techniques – Consultation with aviation stakeholders ongoing)



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### COPERNICUS



- The most advanced Earth Observation system in the world, created to answer big societal challenges (e.g. climate change, natural disasters, development);
- 18 satellites by 2029;
- All 6 services up and running operationally, serving a growing community of users world-wide;
- Full, free and open data: more than 50,000 users registered; more than 5 million products and more than 6 Petabytes downloaded (*new data platform to be operational by end of 2018*);
- Can support pollution and emissions monitoring, land-use at airports, weather forecast, ash cloud predictions, etc.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MGJss4lDaBo>



## EU space programmes and civil aviation

### Space Surveillance and Tracking

- Initial services provided since July 2016
  - Collision risk with debris
  - In-orbit fragmentations
  - Re-entry of space objects in atmosphere
  
- Consortium of 5 EU Member States + EU Satellite Centre
  
- Dual-use synergies
  
- Monitoring of re-entries for aviation safety

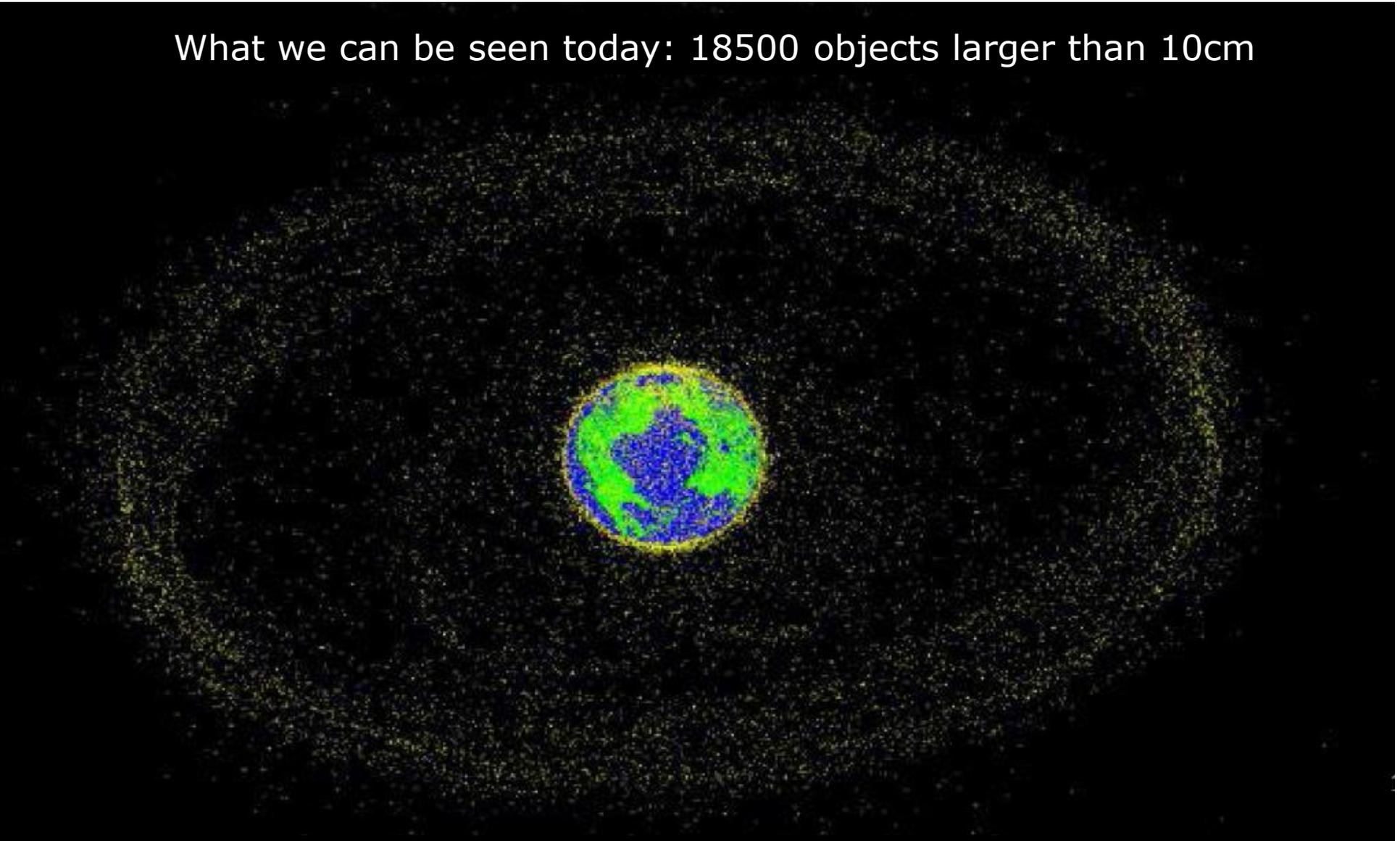
*[Video: EU Space Surveillance and Tracking \(SST\) – YouTube](#)*

*[Website: www.eusst.eu](http://www.eusst.eu)*

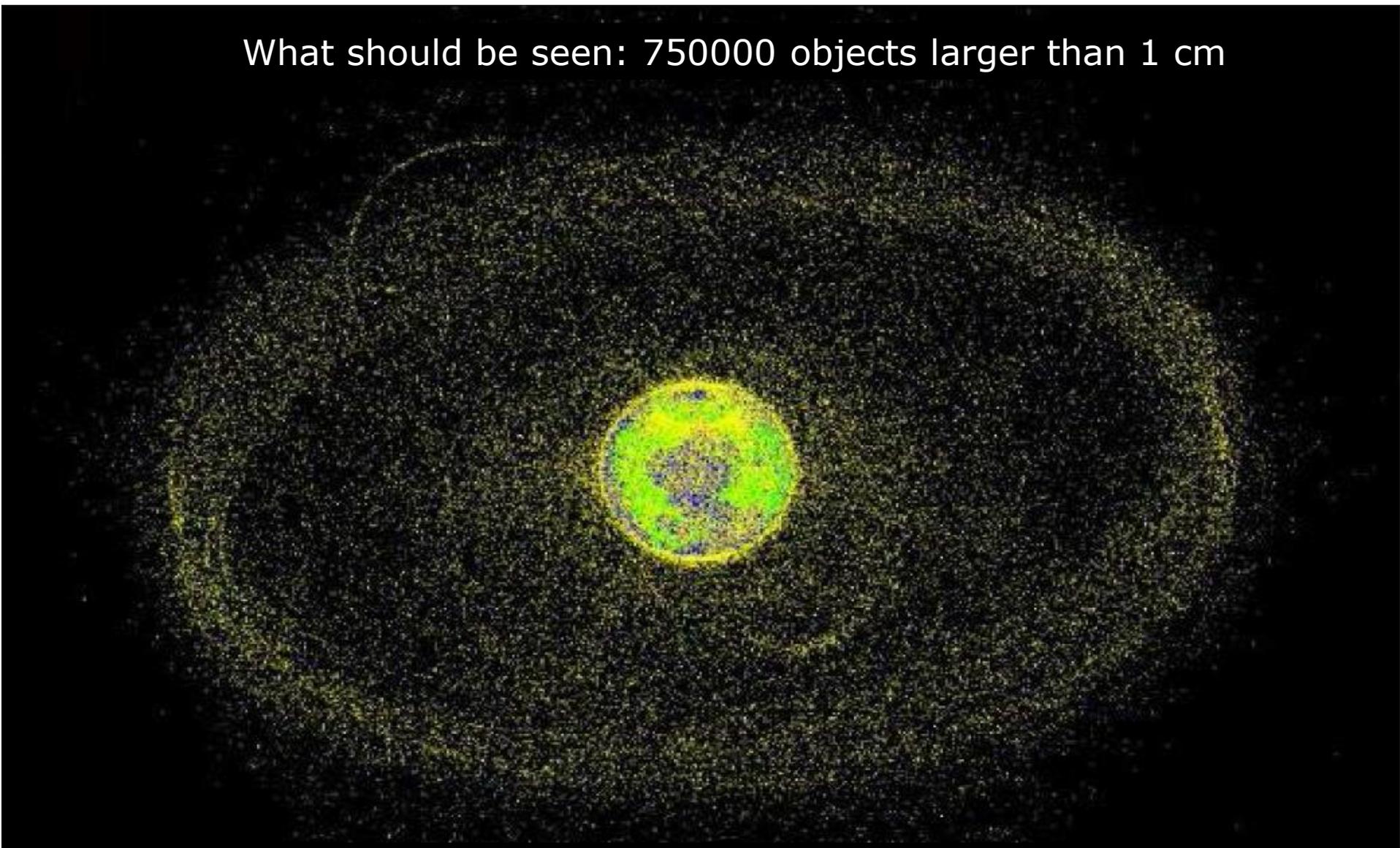
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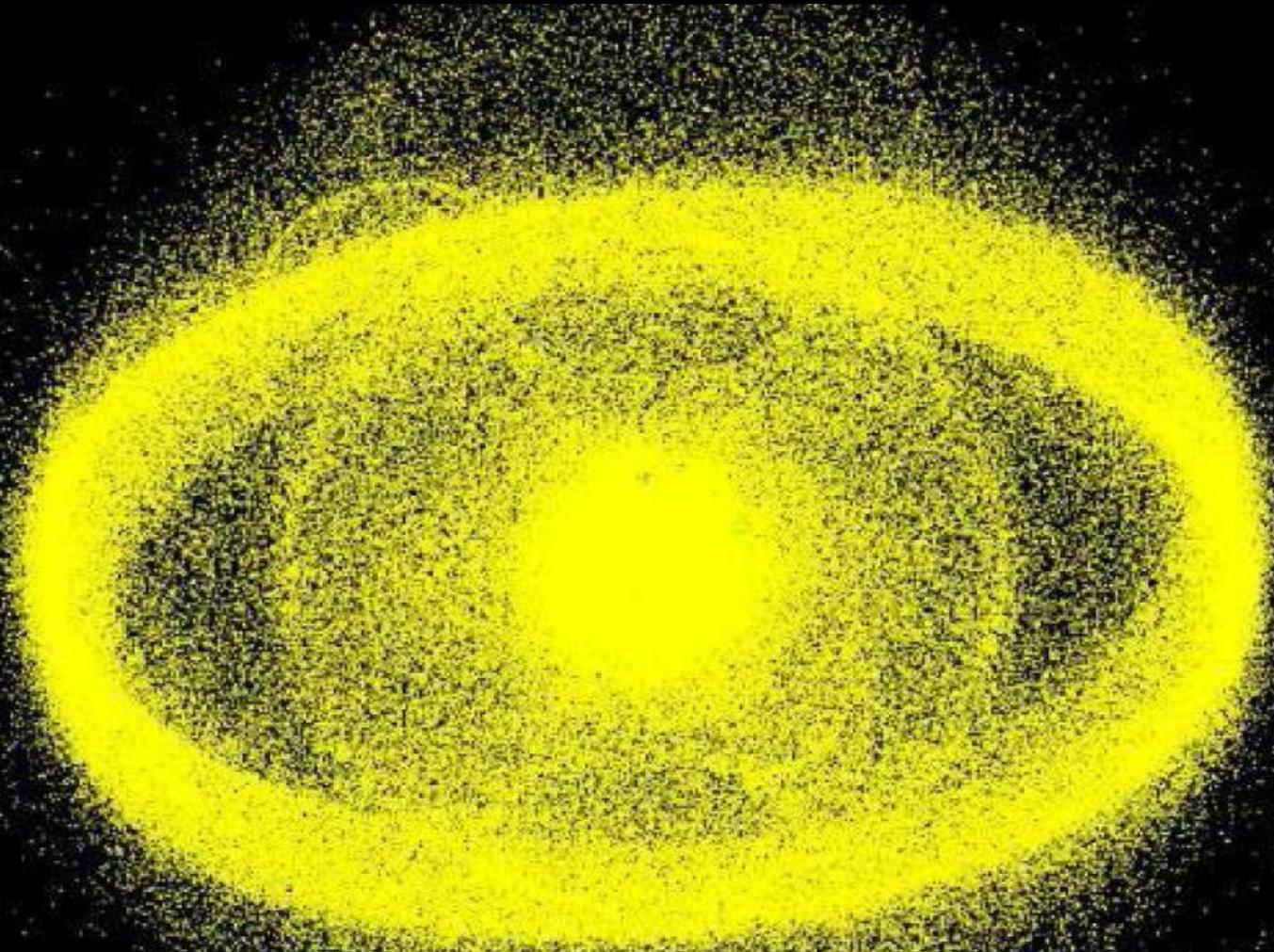
What we can be seen today: 18500 objects larger than 10cm

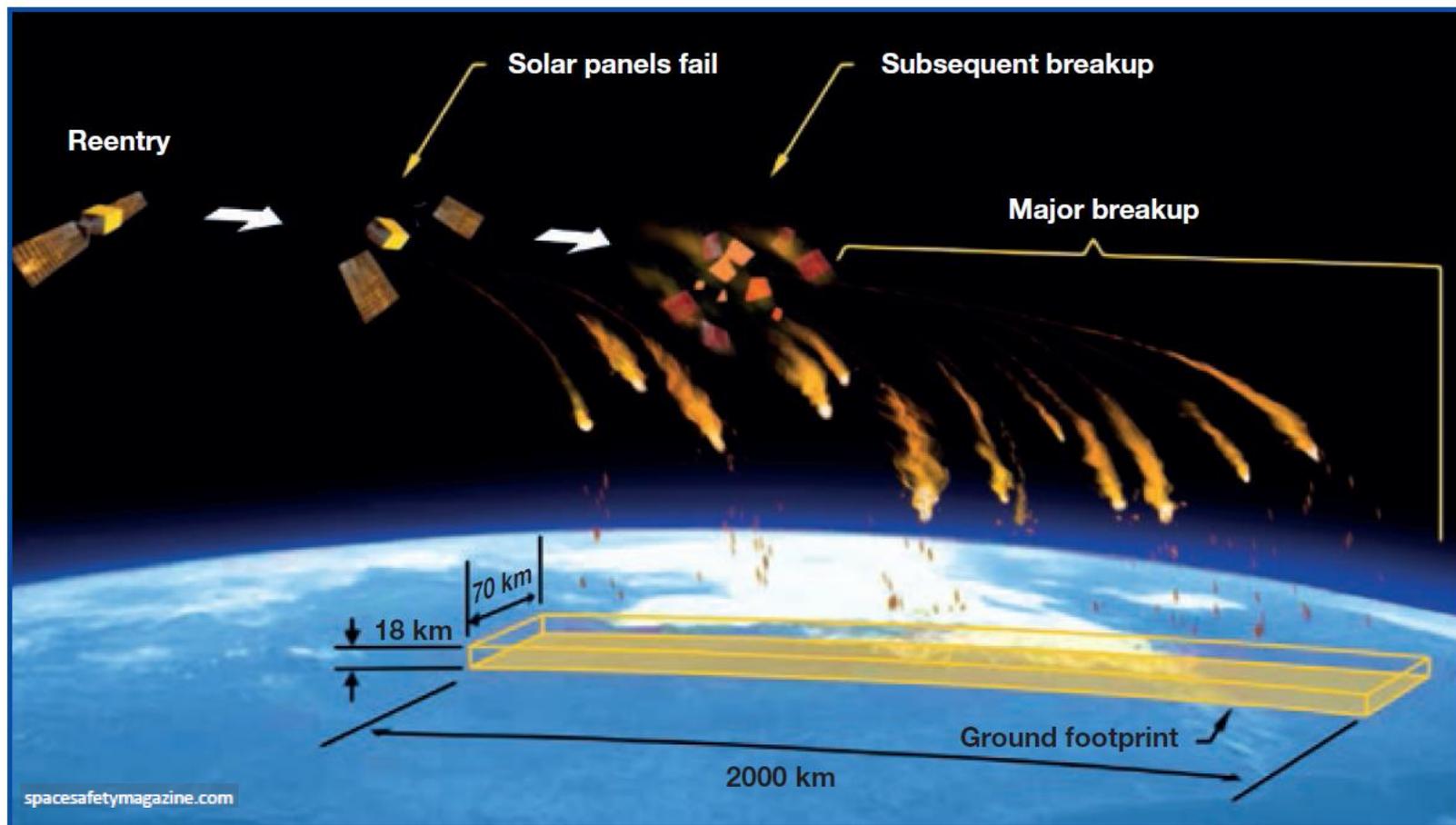


What should be seen: 750000 objects larger than 1 cm



What is out there: 3.000.000.000 objects larger than 0,1 mm





Dimensions of airspace affected by a spacecraft reentry event.

## Space surveillance and tracking: facts and figures on re-entry

*Since the beginning of space flights...*

- More than 41.500t of man-made objects have been placed in space
- More than 33.000t re-entered
- Currently about 7.000t in orbit
- About 50-100t re-entering each year
- Typical objects recovered: payloads or rocket bodies (fuel tanks, pressure tanks, etc.)
- Predictions uncertain: about 20% of remaining lifetime
- The break up occurs at about 78 km
- Re-entry predictions rely on space weather information

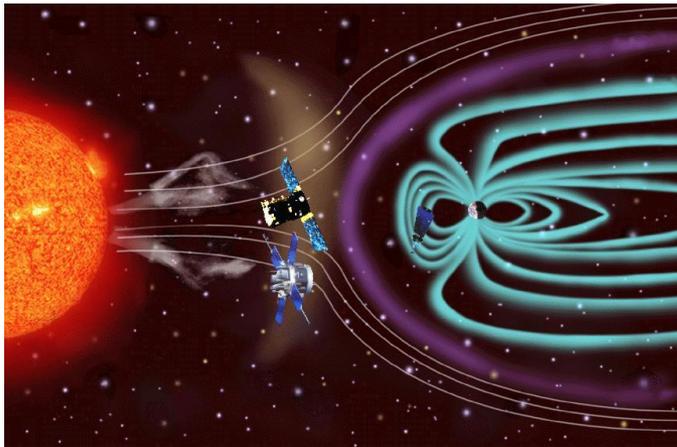
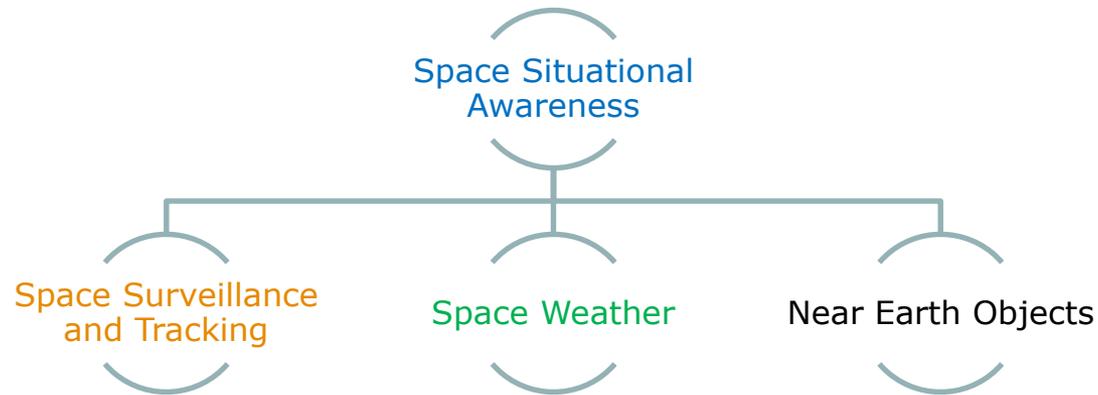


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## From Space Surveillance and Tracking to Space Situational Awareness



- European space weather services under development
- Taking into account specific regional requirements
- In line with ICAO initiative on provision of space weather services for civil aviation
- Ensuring international cooperation



## Emerging aviation needs and potential responses by EU space policy

- Better CNS capabilities:
  - Secure communications and links
  - More precise navigation means
  - Continued surveillance
- RPAS
- Faster and higher altitude flights
- Integration of launches into air traffic
- Enhanced space weather predictions
- Congestion of lower orbits in outer space (LEO)

Legislative proposals for a new legal framework on space: by end 2018



## Conclusion

**Aviation safety** and **space sustainability** are key priorities for the European Union and its Member States.

The European Union, with its Member States and its partners, is coordinating several policies and actions for a regional contribution to the global challenges posed by aviation and space activities.

