



Φ-lab

The ESA InCubed Programme: Investing in Industrial Innovation

for the Preservation, Monitoring and Enhancement of the Cultural Heritage

EO for Cultural and Natural Heritage | ESRIN

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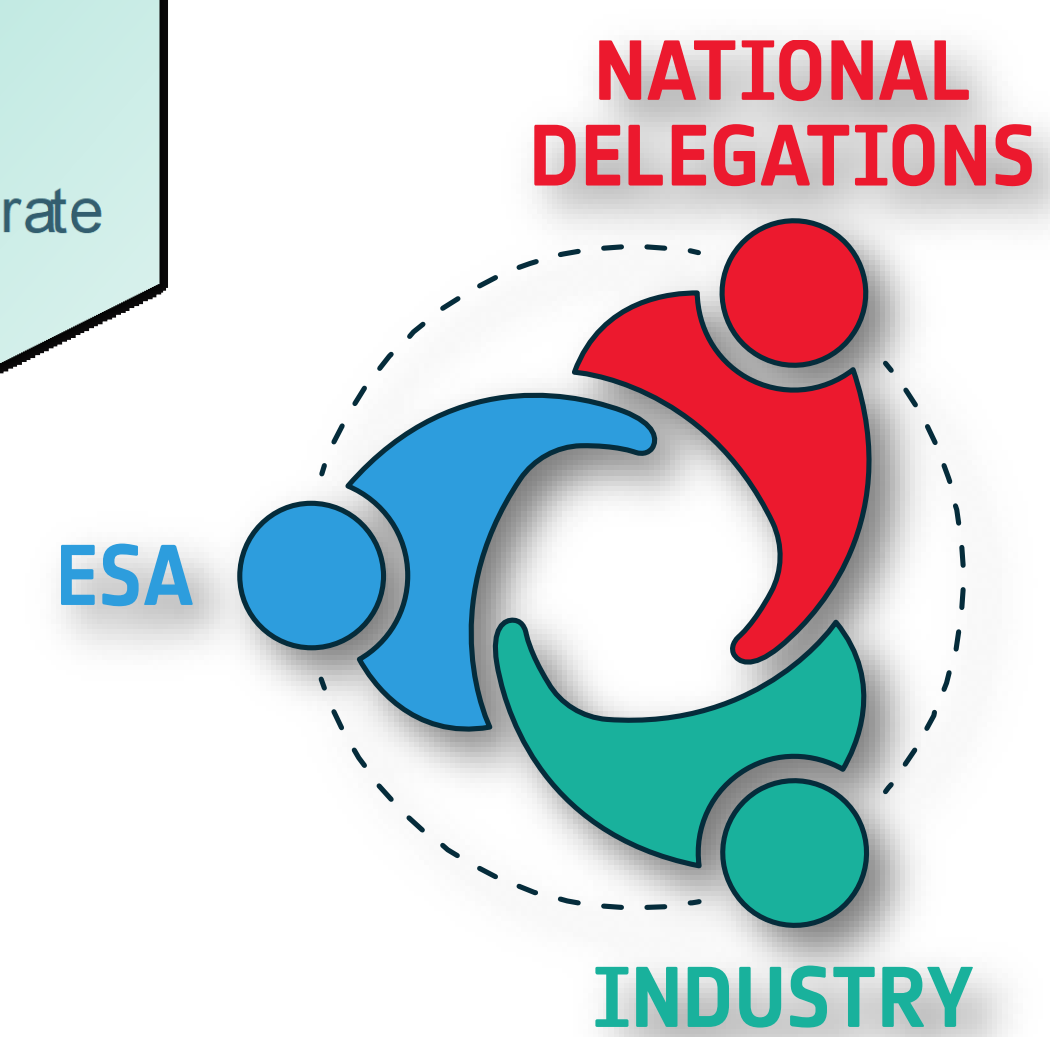
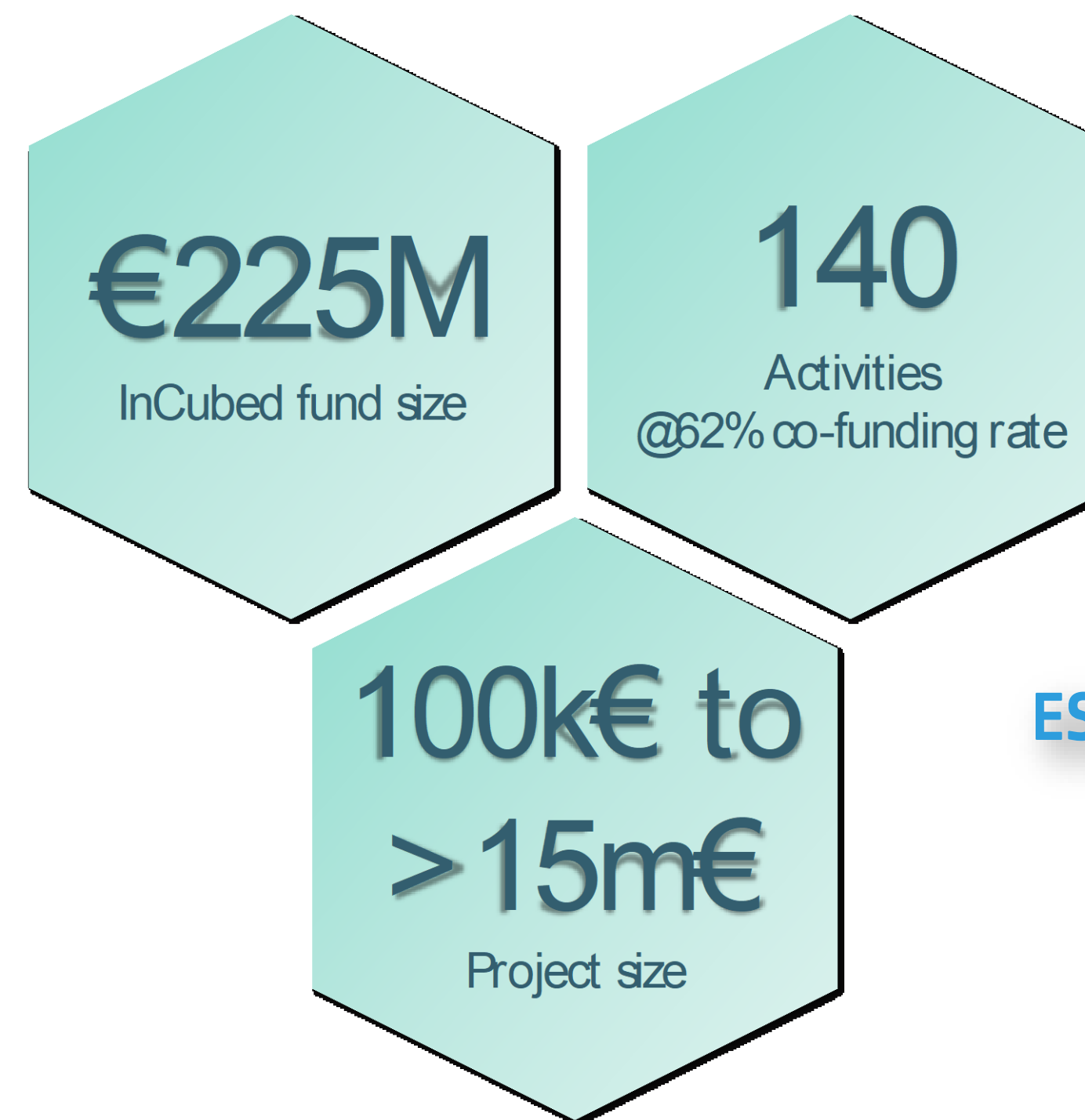
→ THE EUROPEAN SPACE AGENCY

ESA EOP as a PARTNER

Co-funded
(industry-lead)

InCubed
(*Earth Watch*)

Φ-lab run Investing in Industrial Innovation (InCubed)



Personalised technical and commercial guidance



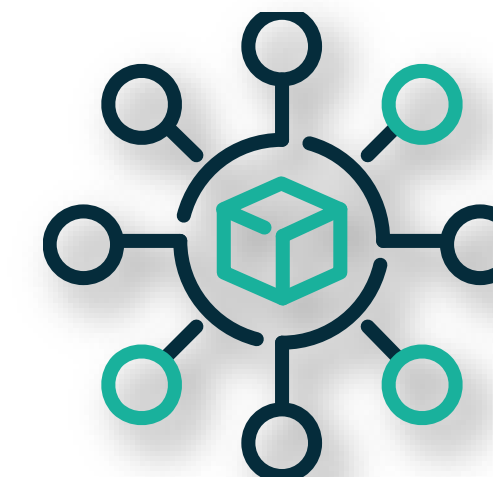
Zero-equity and zero-IPR



ESA stamp of credibility



Privileged access to commercial services enabling your development

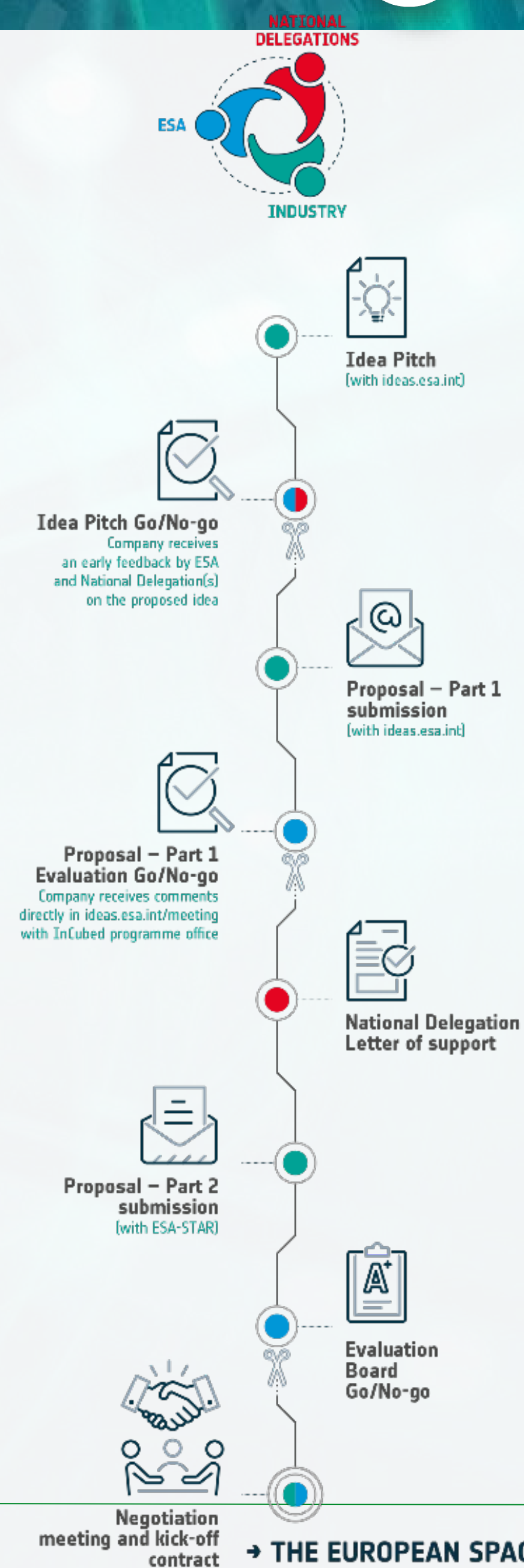
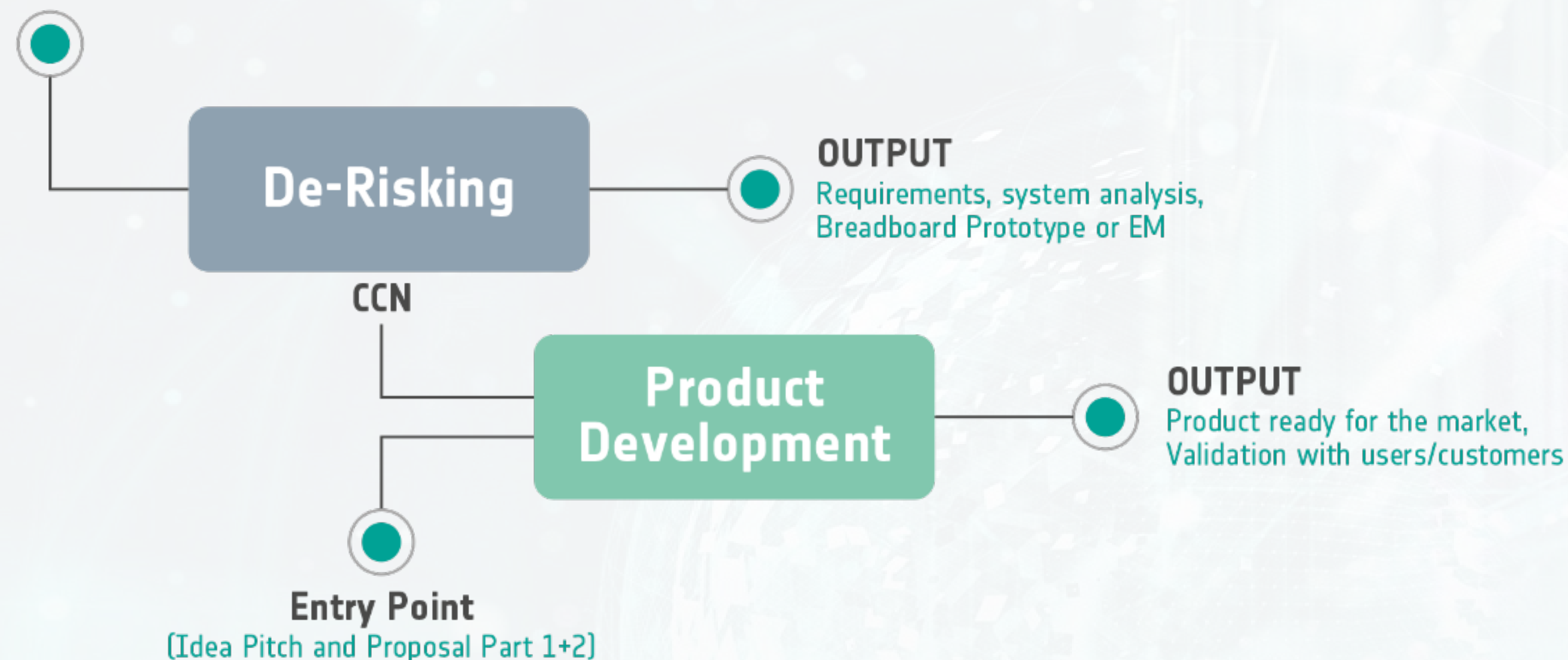


Access to ESA EO facilities and Φ-lab community



InCubed process

Entry Point
[Idea Pitch and Proposal Part 1+2]



Cycle	TRL	ASRL	Funding Level up to % (of total allowable cost)		Funding level for Universities or Research Institutes with no commercial Interest in the Product
			Large Companies	SME	
De-risking	Up to 4-6 ⁽¹⁾	Up to 3	Up to 75%	Up to 80%	Up to 100% of maximum 30% of the cycle costs
Product development	Up to 7 (8 for IOV)	4 Up to 8	Up to 50%	Up to 80%	Up to 100% of maximum 30% of the cycle costs

⁽¹⁾ Depending on the technological or market risks as assessed by the Agency

- **Risk sharing**

- Equity and IPR free co-funding



- **Personalised technical and commercial guidance**

- ESA technical and business development expertise



- **Strong connection with private investors**

- In coordination with the ESA Directorate of Commercialisation Industry and Competitiveness (D/CIC)



Supported InCubed Upstream Companies

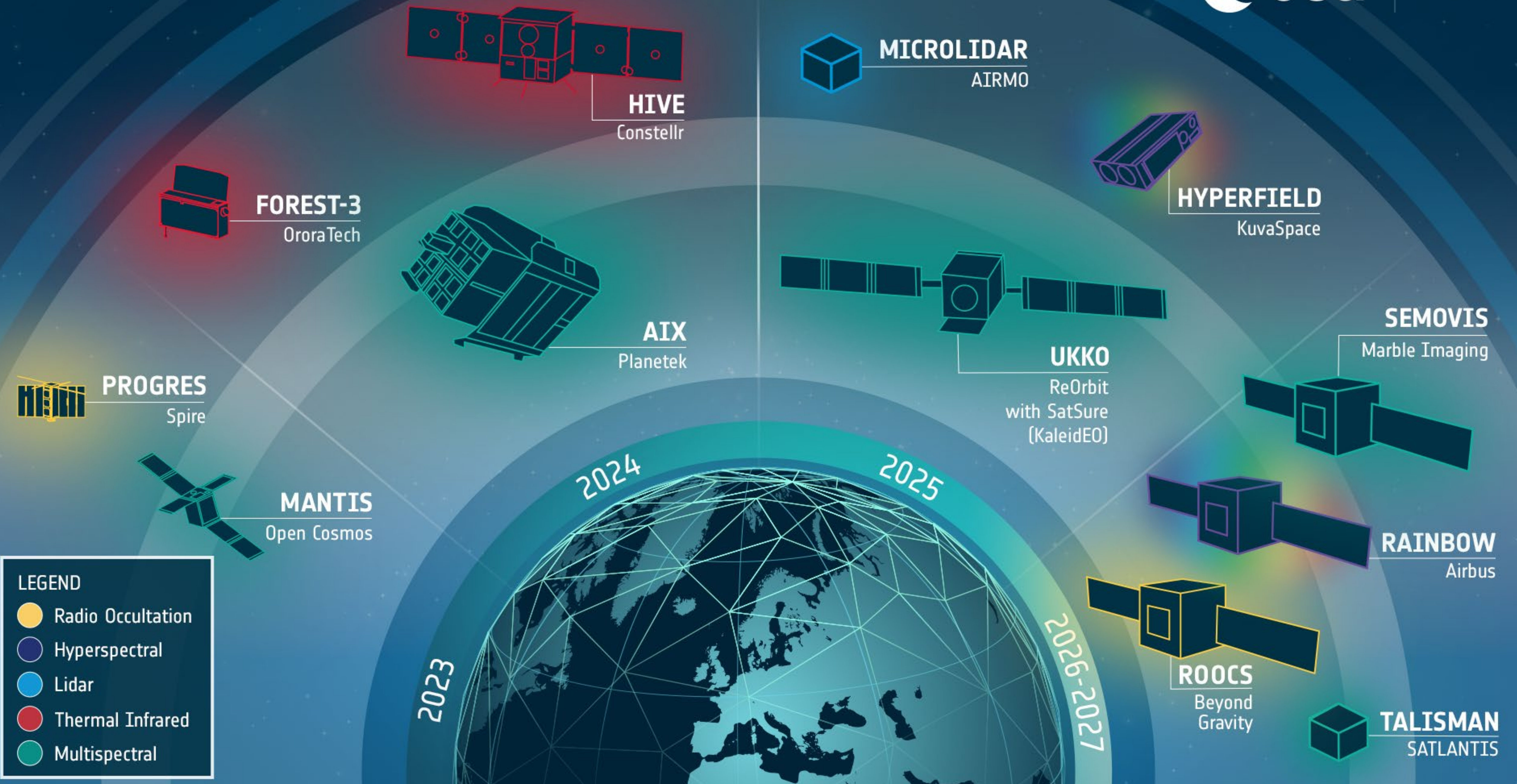
Supported InCubed Downstream Companies



ESA InCubed Missions



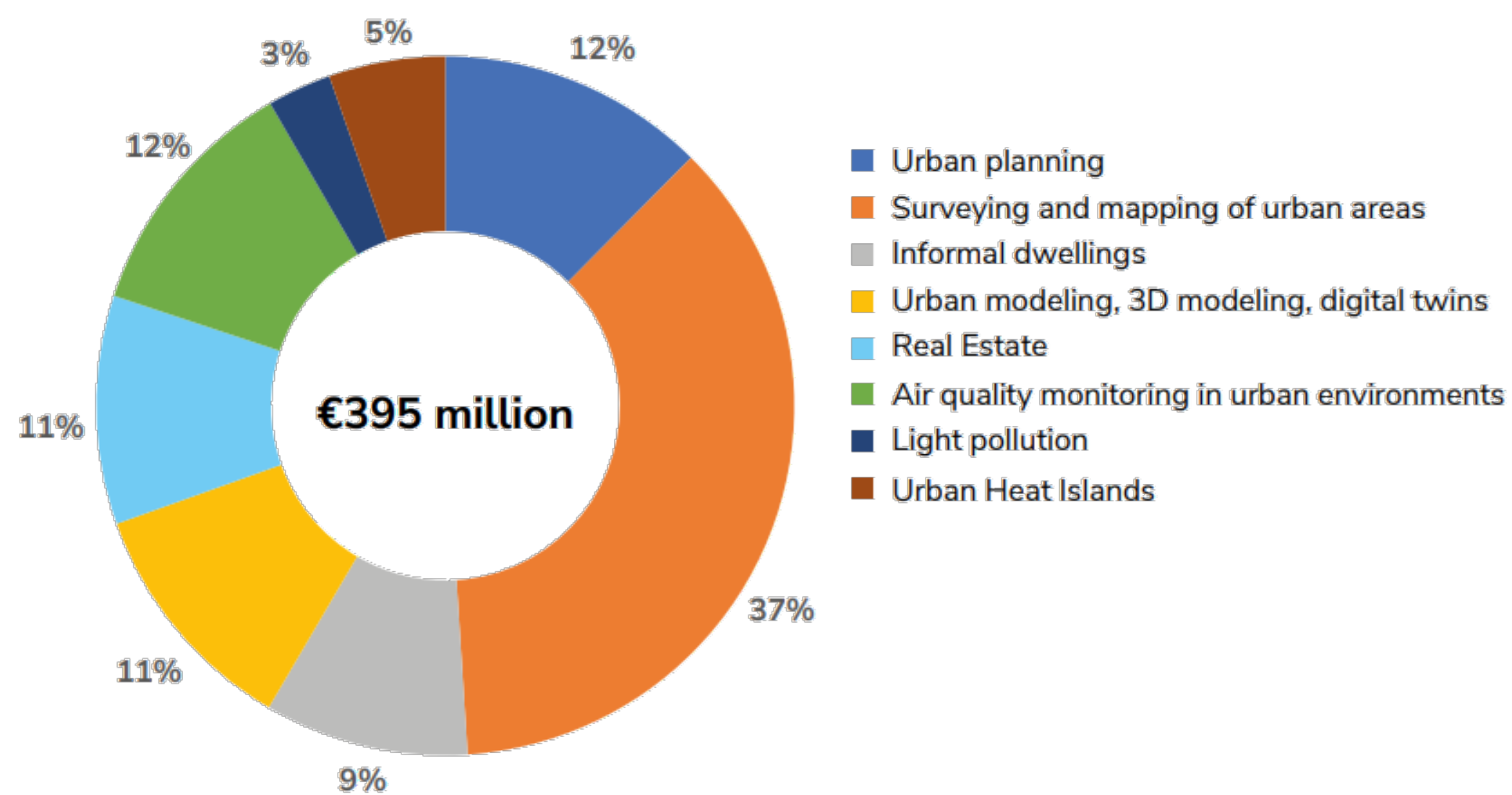
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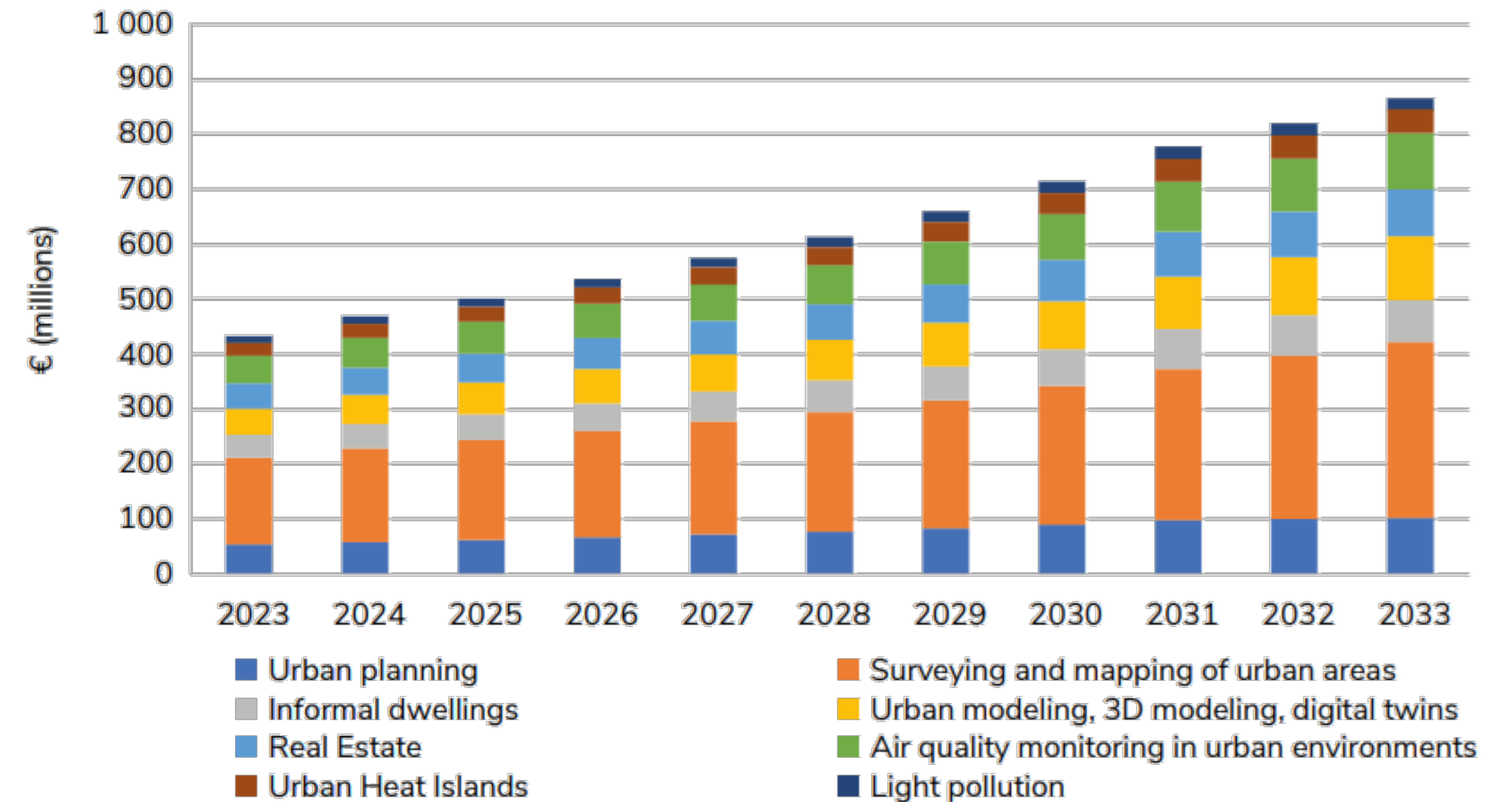
EO market on Cultural Heritage

- EO provides valuable information in support of urban planning, monitoring of informal dwellings, and informing the progress and state of urban greening. Moreover, EO-based services provide essential information on air quality in urban environments, measuring particles that might affect the health of citizens and monitoring greenhouse gas emissions. This is also critical when monitoring cultural heritage sites, whereby the impact of air quality and **potential ground subsidence** may endanger these sites¹. EO also contributes to the **restoration of cultural heritage** in conflict areas. An emerging EO application is the creation of **digital inventories** of cultural heritage sites in war zones (which UNESCO is currently doing to keep track of damage to Ukraine's cultural heritage sites). The comparison of satellite images before and after malicious acts in areas affected by conflicts, enables the **identification of damaged or destroyed areas** as well as the assessment and classification of the level of degradation.
- Market revenues:
 - For 2022, revenues from EO data & services sales have reached almost €400 million.
 - Estimated revenues from EO data and services sales are expected to grow from about €430 million in 2023 to up to €870 million in 2033

Revenues from EO data & services sales by application 2022



Revenues from EO data & services sales by application



¹ Earth Observation Market

InCubed had a specific Open Call campaign dedicated to Archaeology in 2023, but our **permanent open call** scheme allows any **new idea to be submitted any time**, independently of having individual open call.

We have currently activities specifically dedicated to support Archaeological prospection, monitoring and surveillance in support of the *Italian Ministry of Culture (MiC)*

Additionally, many of the InCubed activities could be also be used for supporting activities, such as preservation and monitoring of Cultural and Natural Heritage sites:

- Design of VHR hyperspectral and thermal sensors/satellites and constellations
- Development of continuous monitoring platforms and services:
 - Hazard/vulnerability risks for critical infrastructure (also archaeological sites)
 - Asset structural stability monitoring/assessment and early warning systems.
 - Environmental pollution (air, water)
 - Dedicated solutions for coastal monitoring, forest, agriculture and biodiversity analysis
- Multi-hazard climate risk evaluation of assets, including floods, seismic hazards, and extreme weather events

Relevant activities



SmartDIG

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AI-Driven Preventive Archaeology through Multi-Seasonal Remote Sensing

SEE



MANTIS

Mission and Agile Nanosatellite for Terrestrial Imagery Services...

SEE



TREE SPECIES

Development of an EO-based tree species classification methodology and connected

SEE



INFOSEQUIA-4CAST

Towards an operational satellite-based Drought Early Warning and Forecasting

SEE



SIG4EO

Integration of Object Based Signal Generators for Change Detection in EO data...

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EOSMART

EOSmart: Smarter Mapping and Monitoring of Water Quality

SEE



BRIGHTSKIES

BrightSkies Methane Emissions Service

SEE



[Many more at: https://incubed.esa.int/activity-portfolio](https://incubed.esa.int/activity-portfolio)



ORORATECH'S GLOBAL WILD...

OroraTech's Global Wildfire Warning

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COASTEO

CoastEO: Coastal Ocean Assessment using Earth Observation

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SATFORCERT-CCN

SATFORCERT: Supporting Forest Certification

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FLOODSENS

FloodSENS: Smart Sensing of Floods

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EOLIANN CLIMATE RISK ASSE...

Eoliann API for Banking Climate Change Physical Risk: global forecast of natural

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