



# POLARIMETRY Training SEOM program element

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## SEOM objectives:

- Federate, support and expand the research community
- Strengthen the leadership of European EO research community
- Enable the science community to address new scientific research

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The screenshot displays the SEOM website interface. At the top, the 'seom' logo and 'scientific exploitation of operational missions' tagline are visible, alongside the ESA logo. A navigation bar includes links for 'ESA', 'SEOM', 'OBJECTIVES', 'ACTION LINES', 'CONFERENCES', 'NEWS', 'TOOLBOX', and 'TRAININGS'. The main content area features a large banner for the 'FRINGE 2015 WORKSHOP' with the title 'Advances in the Science and Applications of SAR Interferometry and Sentinel-1 InSAR Workshop', dated 23-27 March 2015 in Frascati, Italy. Below this, a section titled 'SENTINEL-1 INTERFEROMETRY SEOM STUDIES RESULTS' shows a map of Europe with color-coded data. Further down, there are smaller images and text for various projects like 'POGO', 'ETNA', and 'SENTINEL-1 mapping an earthquake'. A sidebar on the right lists several workshops and training courses, including 'INSAIAP Workshop 2014', 'ATMOS 2015', 'Sentinel-1 for Science Workshop 2015', 'FRINGE 2015', 'Polarimetry Course 2015', 'ESA Advanced Training Course on Atmospheric remote Sensing', '8th Coastal Altimetry Workshop', 'SAR Altimetry Training Course', and '5th Advanced Training Course on Land Remote Sensing 2014'. At the bottom, a paragraph explains the SEOM element's objective: 'The prime objective of the SEOM element of the Earth Observation Envelope Program 4 is to federate, support and expand the large international research community that the ERS, ENVISAT and the Envelope programmes have built up over the last 20 years. It aims to further strengthen the international leadership of European Earth Observation research community by enabling them to extensively exploit observations from future European operational EO missions. SEOM will enable the science community to address many new avenues of scientific research that will be opened by free and open access to data from operational EO missions.'

### Science Users Consultations

Organising a series of regular international **thematic workshops** for science users consultation and gathering users feedback

### Scientific Toolboxes Development

Developing, validating and maintaining open-source, multi-mission, **scientific software toolboxes**

### Research & Development Studies

Launching state-of-the-art **R&D studies** for scientific exploitation of operational missions

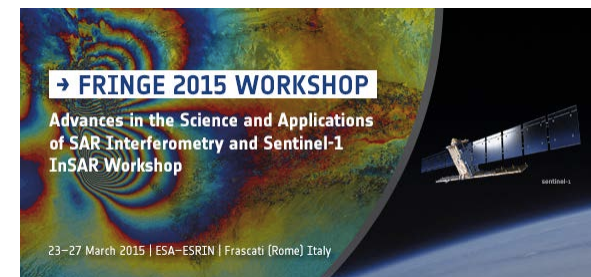
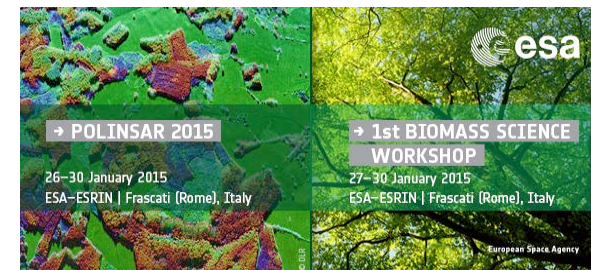
### Training Next Generation of EO Scientists

Offering a multi-year programme of advanced international **training courses**, summer schools and educational materials

### Promoting Science Data Use and Results

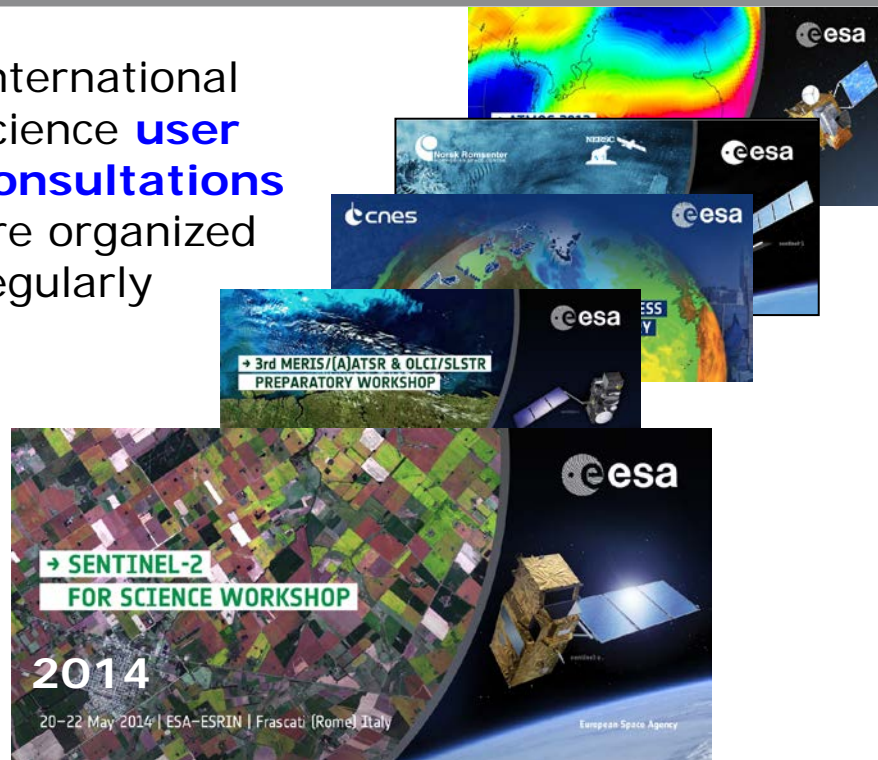
Promoting scientific use of data and ensuring a responsive ESA channel for regular, timely, high-quality **scientific publications**

- ◆ **POLINSAR & 1<sup>st</sup> BIOMASS WS** - ESRIN 26-30 Jan 2015  
<http://seom.esa.int/polinsar-biomass2015/>
- ◆ **9<sup>th</sup> FRINGE WS** - ESRIN 23-27 Mar 2015  
<http://seom.esa.int/fringe2015/>
- ◆ **Atmospheric Science** – Sentinel 5P (Univ. of Crete, Greece 8-12 June 2015)
- ◆ **EO science 2.0 conference** (ESRIN 12-14 October 2015)
- ◆ **S3-Science WS** – VENICE , ITALY 2-5 June 2015  
<http://seom.esa.int/S3forScience2015/>
- ◆ **SEASAR** – ESRIN 25-29 January 2016





International  
science **user**  
**consultations**  
are organized  
regularly



**Reporting at next WS**



**Science User**  
**recommendations**  
are gathered



SEOM work plan  
approved at  
**PB-EO**

**ITTs & Contracts** are being placed

<b>R&amp;D-New Methods</b>
<b>Scientific Toolboxes</b>
<b>Trainings</b>
<b>Workshops Results</b>

Title	Subjet/ Status	Cost (K€)	Team
<b>S1-ToolBox</b>	Multi-mission SAR TBX Kick-off Feb 2014 <b>1<sup>st</sup> Release Sep 2014</b>	530	<b>ARRAY (CAN)</b> DLR (D), Brockmann Consult (D) OceanDataLab (F)
<b>S2-ToolBox</b>	Multi-mission high-resolution multi-spectral TBX  Kick-off Jan 2014 <b>1<sup>st</sup> Release Sep 2014</b>	550	<b>CS Systemes d'Information (F)</b> CS (RO) , Brockmann Consult (D) Telespazio Vega Germany (D), INRA (F), UCL (B)
<b>S3-ToolBox</b>	Multi-mission multi-spectral TBX Kick-off Feb 2014 <b>1<sup>st</sup> Release Sep 2014</b>	530	<b>Brockmann Consult (D)</b> CS (F), ACRI (F), Array (CAN), Univ. Reading (UK)
<b>S5P-ToolBox</b>	Atmospheric TBX for the S-5P Mission <b>1<sup>st</sup> Release Nov 2014</b>	250	<b>S&amp;T (NL)</b>
<b>Polsarpro Toolbox</b>	SAR Full Polarimetry TBX new functionalities <b>V5.0 Next Release January 2015</b>	163	<b>SATIM Monitoring Satelitarny (POL)</b> & University of Rennes (FR)
<b>S3-ALT – Toolbox</b>	Scientific exploitation of SAR altimetry  ITT issued Q3 2014	300	In preparation Kick Off January 2015
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2.323 M€</b>	

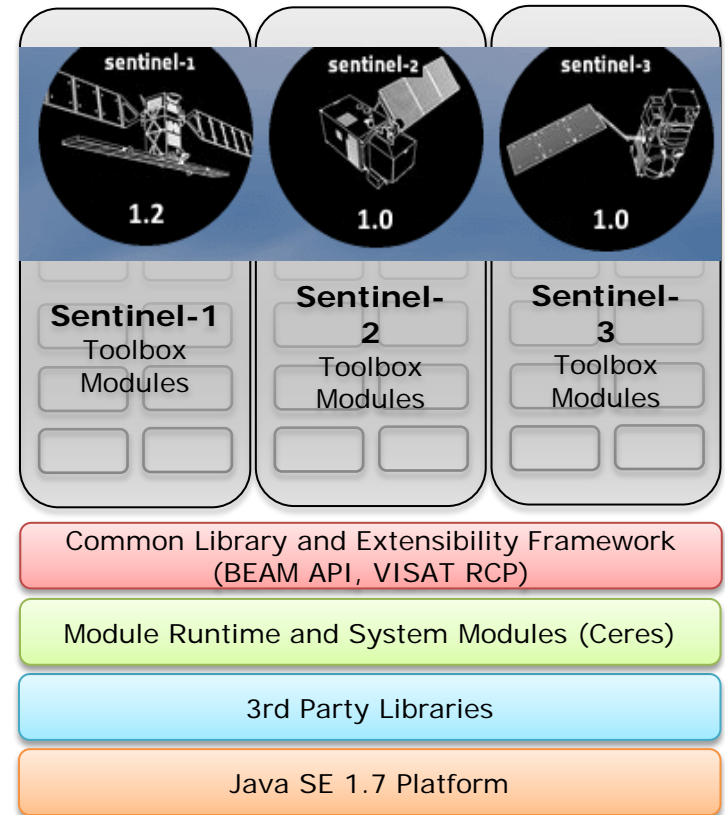
## Sentinel1/2/3 Toolboxes

- Scientific Toolboxes facilitating the exploitation of Sentinel 1/2/3 data
- Developed as open source software
- The S1/S2/S3 toolboxes share a common architecture and are multi-missions
- Support ERS/ENVISAT and 3<sup>rd</sup> Party SAR & VIS/NIR/TIR imaging sensors
- Based on evolution of the ENVISAT-TPM toolboxes (BEAM/NEST/ORFEO)
- Sentinel toolboxes are specified to be portable to a Cloud infrastructure
- Three toolboxes developed in coordination by ESA with regular developer forums

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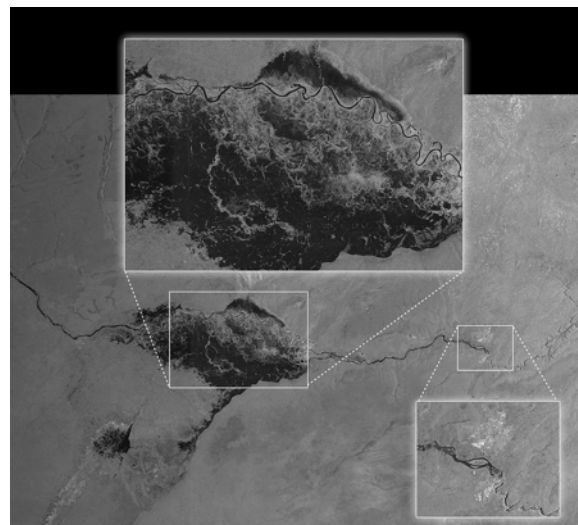
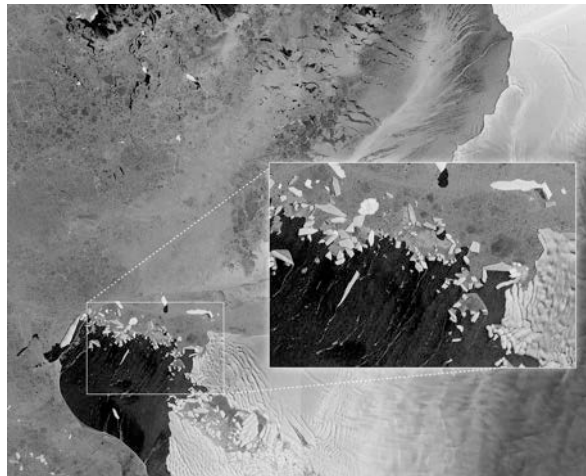
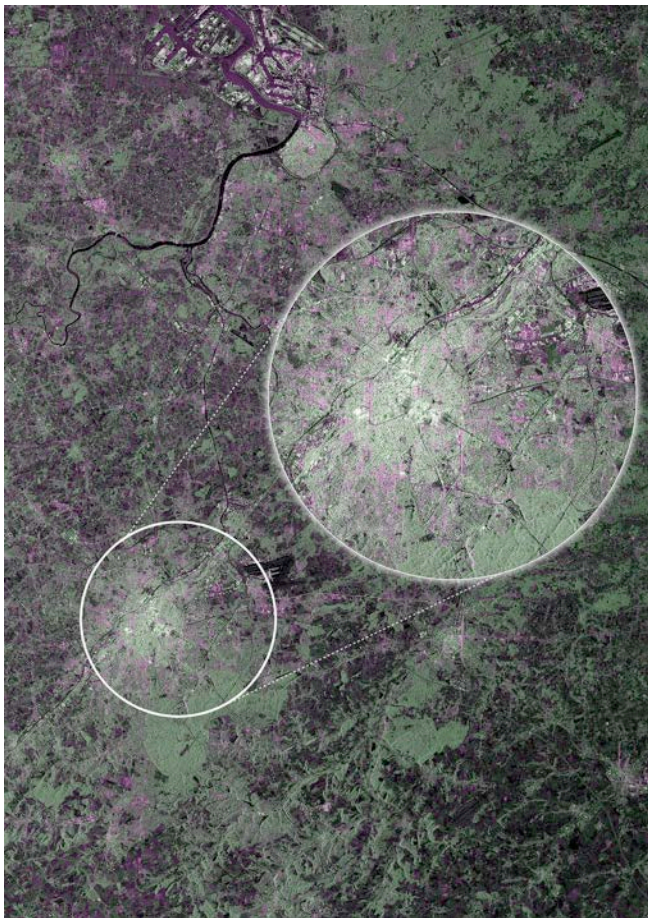


**S1TBX: Array Systems Computing (CAN)**  
**S2TBX: CS sytemes d'information (F)**  
**S3TBX: Brockmann Consult (D)**



# *Sentinel-1A First images*

## *Post-Processing with S1TBX*





Title	Subject	Cost (K€)	Team
<b>S1-INSARAP</b>	SENTINEL-1 INSAR Performance study using TOPS data	250	<b>DLR (D)</b> ; GFZ (D) GEOS (I), INGV (I) e-
	Two contracts kicked off in Mar 2014	250	<b>NORUT (NO)</b> ; University of Leeds (UK), PPO Labs (NL), Polish Geological Institute (PO), Geological Survey of Norway (NO)
<b>S5P ISAS</b>	Improved Atmospheric Spectroscopy Data-Bases (IAS) for S5-P  Kick-off Jan 2014 1 <sup>st</sup> PM June , Paris	530	<b>DLR (D)</b> , Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (D),URCA - Université de Reims (F),LIPhy - Laboratoire interdisciplinaire de Physique (F), SERCO (I)
<b>S3-CAWA</b>	Advanced <b>C</b> louds, <b>A</b> erosols and <b>W</b> ater vapour products for Sentinel-3/OLCI Kick-off in July 2014, Berlin	350	<b>SpectralEarth (D)</b> , Brockmann Consult (D),Université de Lille (F), Catalysts (A)
<b>EDUCEO</b>	Pilot Projects Education for EO using Citizen science approach Kick-off in June and May 2014 respectively	150	<b>Geodan Holding b.v. (NL)</b> ,IIASA (A), Terranea UG (D), Sterrewacht Leiden (NL), KNMI (NL), ASTRIUM Ltd (GB)
		150	<b>VTT (FI)</b> , Pajat Solutions (FIN), PLAN Finland (FIN)
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1.68 M€</b>	

# ***Sentinel-1A** Napa Valley Earthquake*

## *INSARAP (NORUT-PPO.labs-Univ. Leeds-COMET)*



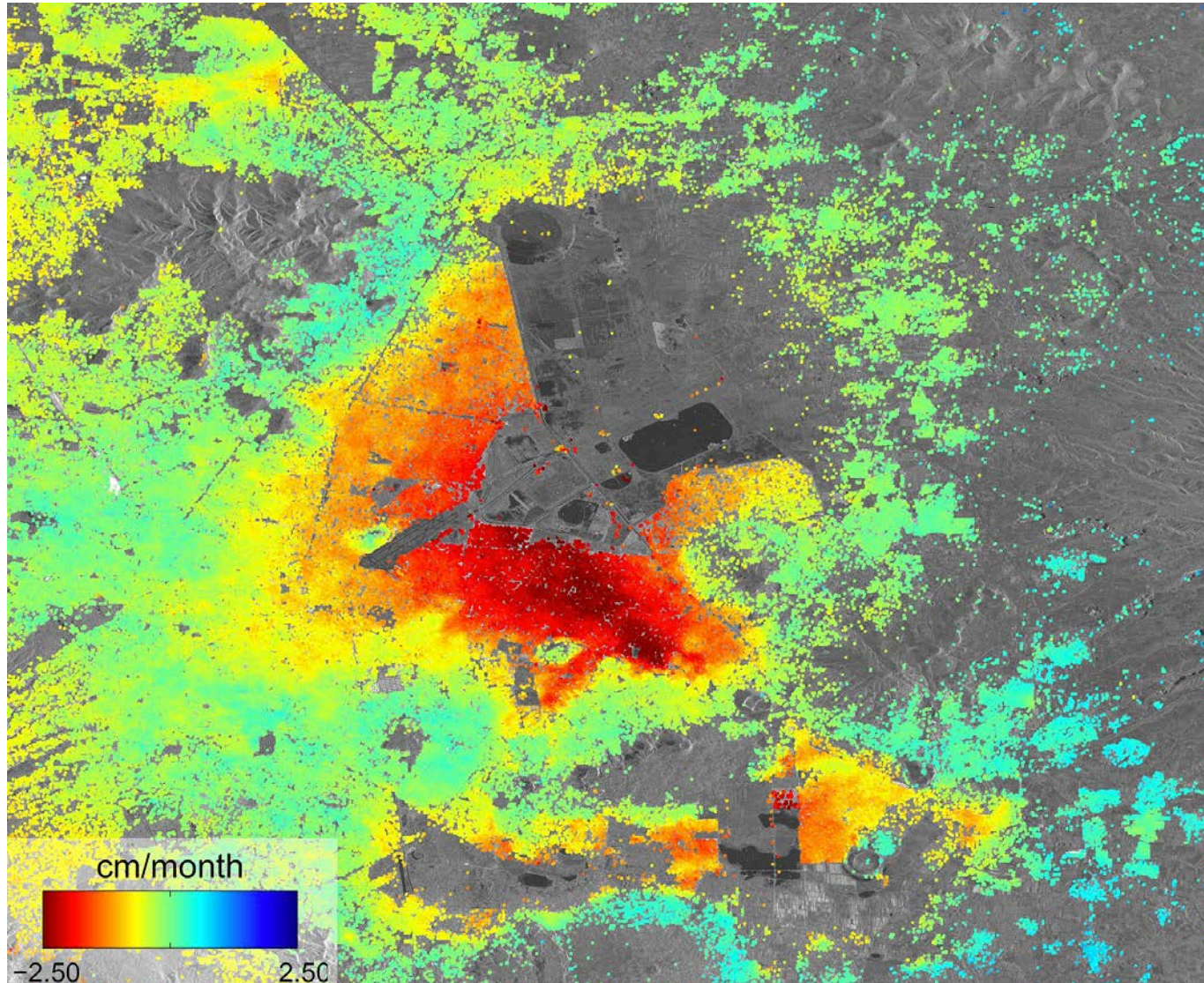
### **Sentinel-1 maps earthquake**

The biggest earthquake in 25 years struck California's Napa Valley in the early hours of 24 August 2014. By processing two Sentinel-1A images, acquired on 7 August and 31 August 2014 an interferogram was generated. Deformation on the ground causes phase changes in radar signals that appear as the rainbow-coloured patterns around the Napa Valley. Each colour cycle corresponds to a deformation of 28 mm deformation. The maximum deformation is more than 10 cm, and an area of about 30x30 km was affected significantly.

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# *Sentinel-1A First subsidence monitoring with PS - INSARAP (DLR-HR) )*



Five Sentinel-1A radar TOPS scans acquired between 3 October and 2 December 2014 were combined to create this image of ground deformation in Mexico City. The deformation is caused by ground water extraction, with some areas of the city subsiding at up to 2.5 cm/month (red).



## VTT, Pajat Solutions, Plan Finland



**Pilot Project: Forest Biomass  
Analysis**



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**Pilot Project: Emergency Data  
Management**

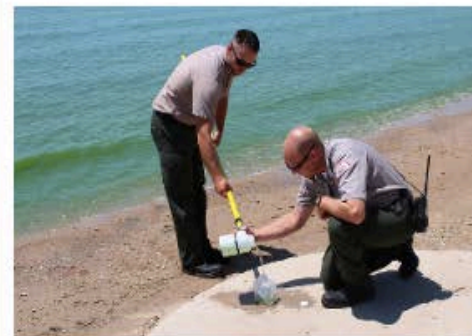


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**Pilot Project: Water Quality  
Monitoring**

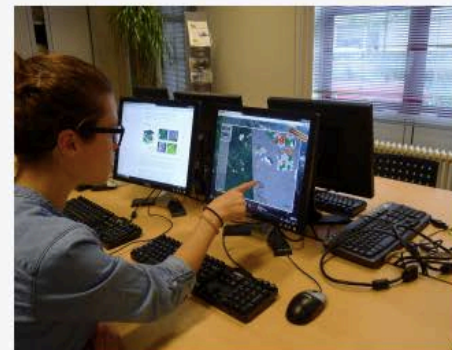
## Geodan, IIASA, Astrium, KNMI, Leiden Uni, Terrenea



**PILOT 1: AGRICULTURE**



**PILOT 2: LAND COVER**



**PILOT 3: FOREST MONITORING**

Title	Subject	Cost (K€)	Team
<b>SY-4SCI Synergy</b>	<b>S1-S2 Land cover &amp; agricultural mapping products</b> The project was successfully kicked off on October 23 <sup>rd</sup> 2014.	250	<b>CLS/Altamira(F)</b> , <b>CNR IRPI(IT)</b> , <b>EURAC(IT)</b> .
<b>SY-4SCI Synergy</b>	<b>S2-S3 New type of Vegetation products</b> The project successfully kicked off on 28 November 2014.	250	<b>Assimila Ltd (UK)</b> , <b>UCL (Uk)</b> , <b>ITC Uni Twente (NL)</b>
<b>SY-4SCI Synergy</b>	<b>S5P-S3 Phytoplankton Functional Types (PFTs)</b> The study has been kicked off on the 1st December 2014.	300	<b>Alfred Wegener Institute (AWI)</b> <i>Helmholtz Centre for Polar and Marine Research (D), University of Bremen (D) and science support LOV(F) and PML(UK)</i>
<b>SY-4SCI Synergy</b>	<b>S1-2-3 Ocean virtual laboratory</b> The project successfully kicked off at ESTEC on 23-24th October 2014.	250	<b>Ocean Data Laboratories (FR)</b> , <b>NERSC (NO)</b> , <b>IOPAN (PO)</b> , <b>PML (UK)</b> , <b>UPT (RO)</b> .
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1.05 M€</b>	



# Sentinel-1

## *Vegetation Regeneration – Burn Scar (Greece)*



A month after fire (Parnitha Mt.)  
ASTER acquired July 20, 2007

Seven years after fire (Parnitha Mt.)  
Sentinel-1A acquired April 22, 2014

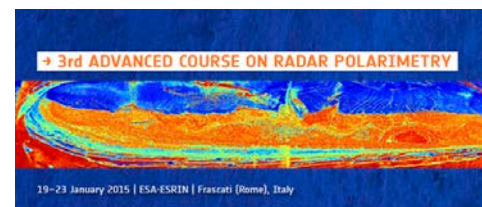




ITTs in preparation - Contracts to be awarded **in 2014/2015** (total of 6.35 M€) :

SEOM Call	Subject	Cost	ITT Status
<b>S1-4SCI Ocean</b>	* TOPS and Wave mode & Polarisation in C-band (wide swath wind, wave, and current retrieval)	0.35 M€	in preparation Q1 2015
<b>S1-4SCI Land</b>	* Land Cover * Vegetation * Snow * Soil Moisture	1.0 M€	in preparation Q2 2015
<b>S2-4SCI Land and Water</b>	Radiometric Validation * Atmospheric Corr. & Cloud * Classification * Multi-temporal Analysis * Coastal & Inland Water * Coral reefs	1.5 M€	in preparation Q1 2015
<b>S3-4SCI SAR Altimetry</b>	* Coastal * Hydro * Land * Altimetry-Echo	1.0 M€	ITT out September 2014
<b>S3-4SCI Land</b>	* Surface-Atmosphere retrievals * Fire * LST* Data scaling	1.0 M€	in preparation Q2 2015
<b>S3-4SCI Ocean Color</b>	* Carbon Pools in the Ocean * Integrated PAR * Extreme Case2 Waters	0.8 M€	ITT out July 2014 Under approval Kick Off Q1 2015
<b>S5P-4SCI Atmosphere</b>	* Volcanoes* Synergies UV-IR* Fluorescence & Cloud properties* Air Quality	1.0 M€	in preparation Q1/Q2 2015
<b>Total</b>		<b>6.65 M€</b>	

- ◆ **EO Summer School on “Earth System Monitoring & Modeling”** 4-14 Aug 2014, ESRIN  
200 applications; 70 selected
- ◆ **Land Remote Sensing** 8-12 Sep 2014, Valencia (E)  
173 applicants , 70 selected
- ◆ **SAR Altimetry**, 21-22 Oct 2014, Konstanz (D)
- ◆ **Atmospheric Remote Sensing**, 27-31 Oct 2014  
Research Centre Jülich, (D) ,41 Applications -35 selected
- ◆ **Radar Polarimetry** Training, 19-23 Jan 2015, ESRIN      70  
Applications, 60 selected
- ◆ **Ocean Remote Sensing**, 7- 11 September 2015 IFREMER France
- ◆ **Land Remote Sensing** 14-18 September 2015,UASMV,  
Bucharest ROMANIA

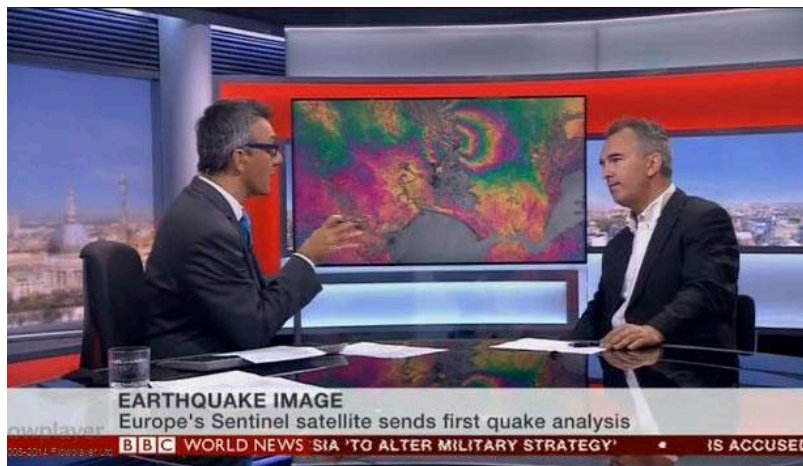


## The ESA Living Planet Fellowship Scientific Exploitation of the Sentinels: Call for Research Proposals (closure end June 2014)

7 Post Doc grants for scientific exploitation of the sentinels

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OCEAN sUrface current reconstruction from the Synergy of SENTINEL 3 sensors.	Cristina	González Haro	Institut Mines Telecom - Telecom Bretagne	FR
Estimation of COastal BATHymetry from Wave motion using Sentinel-1 and -2	Danilo	Céline	University of Trento	IT
Automated avalanche debris detection using Sentinel-1	Markus	Eckerstorfer	Northern Research Institute (Norut)	NO
Improving ocean color data over icy Arctic waters using medium and high spatial resolution satellite images	Clemence	Goyens	Université du Québec à Rimouski	CAN
Integrating SENTINEL time series products in agro-hydrological studies	Sylvain	Ferrant	CESBIO	FR
Integrating Sentinel-2 and Landsat-8 data to systematically generate value-added products at high resolution	Patrick	Griffiths	Humboldt-Universität	DE
Applications of satellite observations of tropospheric NO <sub>2</sub> at hIgh Latitudes for Monitoring Air quality: preparing for TROPOMI data exploitation	Iolanda	Ialongo	Finnish Meteorological Institute	FIN





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It's not everyday you see interferograms on the TV, but you would have today  
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Science correspondent

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## Sentinel system pictures Napa quake

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Sentinel-1 at a glance

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- Oceans and ice
- Changing lands
- Emergency response

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Sentinel-1 in orbit

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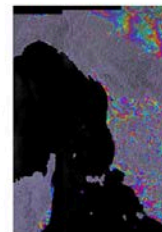
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### SENTINEL-1 POISED TO MONITOR MOTION



New views from Sentinel-1A

26 August 2014 Although it was only launched a few months ago and is still being commissioned, the new Sentinel-1A radar satellite has already shown that it can be used to generate 3D models of Earth's surface and will be able to closely monitor land and ice surface deformation.

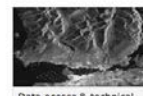
As the first in a fleet of satellite missions for Europe's Copernicus environmental monitoring programme, Sentinel-1A was launched on 3 April. It carries an advanced radar instrument to image Earth's surface through cloud and rain, regardless of whether it is day or night.

Among its many applications it will routinely monitor shipping zones, map sea ice and provide information on winds and waves for marine traffic, track changes in the way land is being used, provide imagery for rapid response to disasters such as floods, and monitor uplift and subsidence.

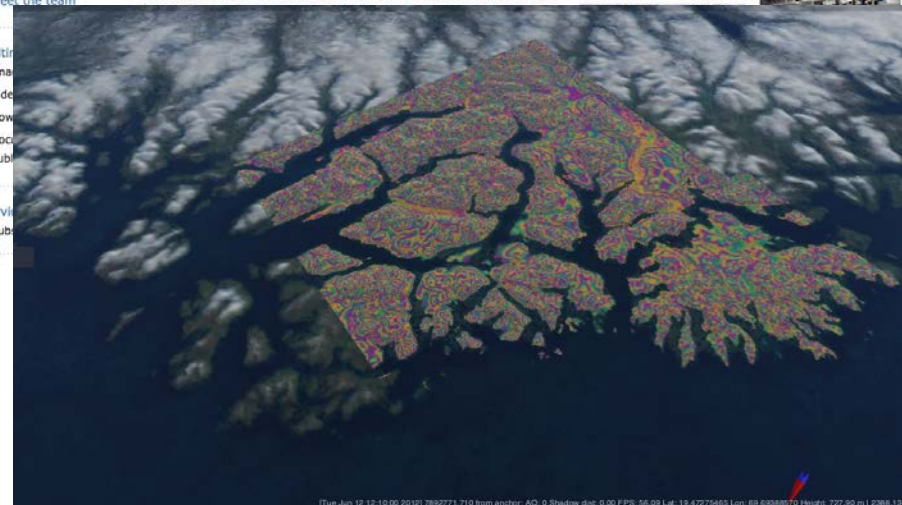
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## NEW TOOLBOXES MAKE USING SENTINEL DATA EASY



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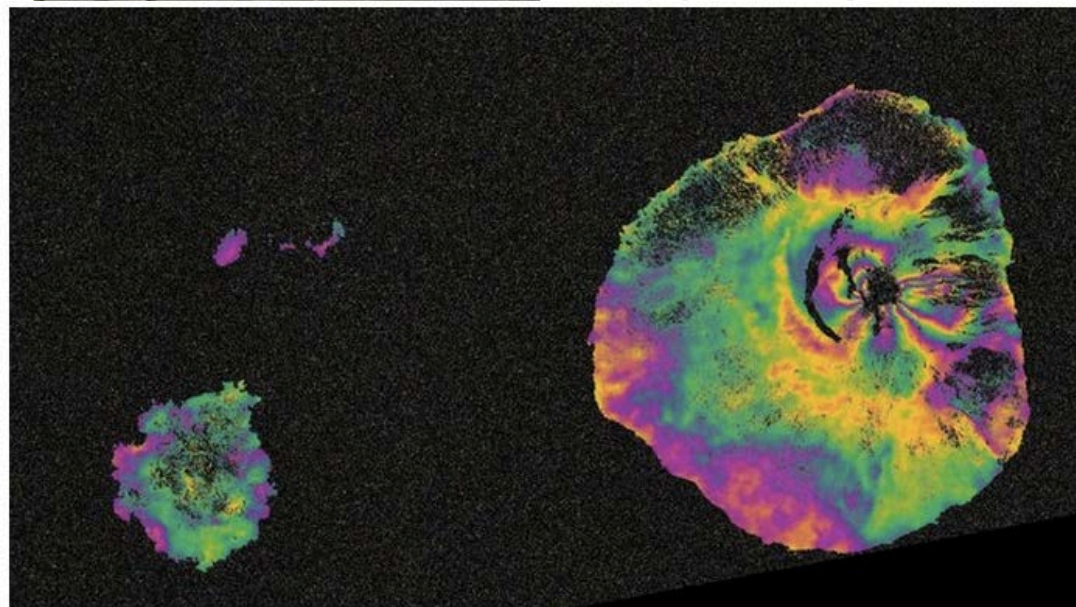


## ESA TRAINS TOMORROW'S EARTH OBSERVATION SCIENTISTS



17 September 2014 World-renowned remote sensing experts gathered in Valencia, Spain, last week to train the next generation of Earth observation scientists in the exploitation of satellite data for land applications.

As part of the Scientific Exploitation of Operational Missions programme, ESA organises the advanced

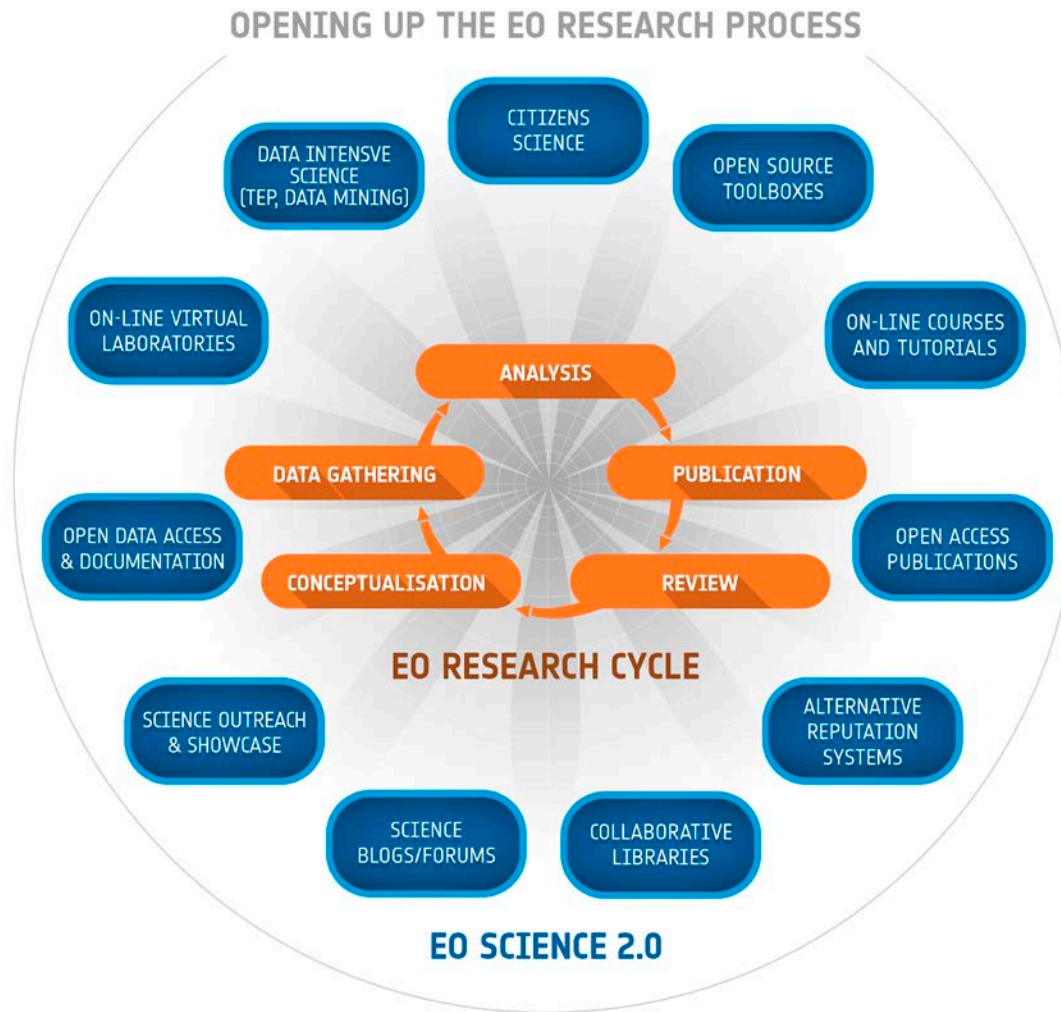


Sentinel-1 maps Fogo eruption

## FOGO VOLCANO ON SENTINEL'S RADAR

2 December 2014 Radar images from the Sentinel-1A satellite are helping to monitor ground

# PREPARING THE FUTURE : ESA contribution to transformative Science 2.0



- Open data, Open API, Open Publications,
- Cloud-based data analytics, Open Source Toolboxes, libraries of workflows for EO processing,
- Virtual Living Labs, App camps, Hackathons,
- Crowdsourcing & Citizens science activities,
- Advanced training of new class of data scientist,
- Scientific outreach on social media,
- E-learning, MOOC on EO for Climate,

**Earth Observation Science 2.0 conference ESA, ESRIN, 12-14 Oct 2015**

Conference website at <http://congrexprojects.com/15c12/background>



1. New exploitation element focused on scientific exploitation (Sentinels)
2. Opportunities for R&D
3. Development of scientific toolboxes ongoing
4. Regular Training for next generation EO scientists
5. Regular Science users workshop consultations
6. Work plan based on science user recommendations and approved at PBEO (every year)
7. Preparation for future in exploitation -> EO Science 2.0

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