

International Dimension of Human and Robotic Exploration Activities

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Context and Strategy



- Resolution on European Space Exploration Strategy adopted by Ministers at CM14 informed definition of European Exploration Envelope Programme approved at CM16
- Resolution Strategy recognises "global cooperation" among the 4 overarching objectives with a dedicated Chapter III focusing on Global cooperation through flexible partnerships
- E3P Period 1 addresses goals and objectives of ESA Exploration Strategy, including 3 destinations: LEO, Moon and Mars and to support realisation of strategic guidelines, among which the search for **new opportunities for cooperation** with both other space agencies and the private sector, while maintaining NASA as a core partner



E3P Period 1



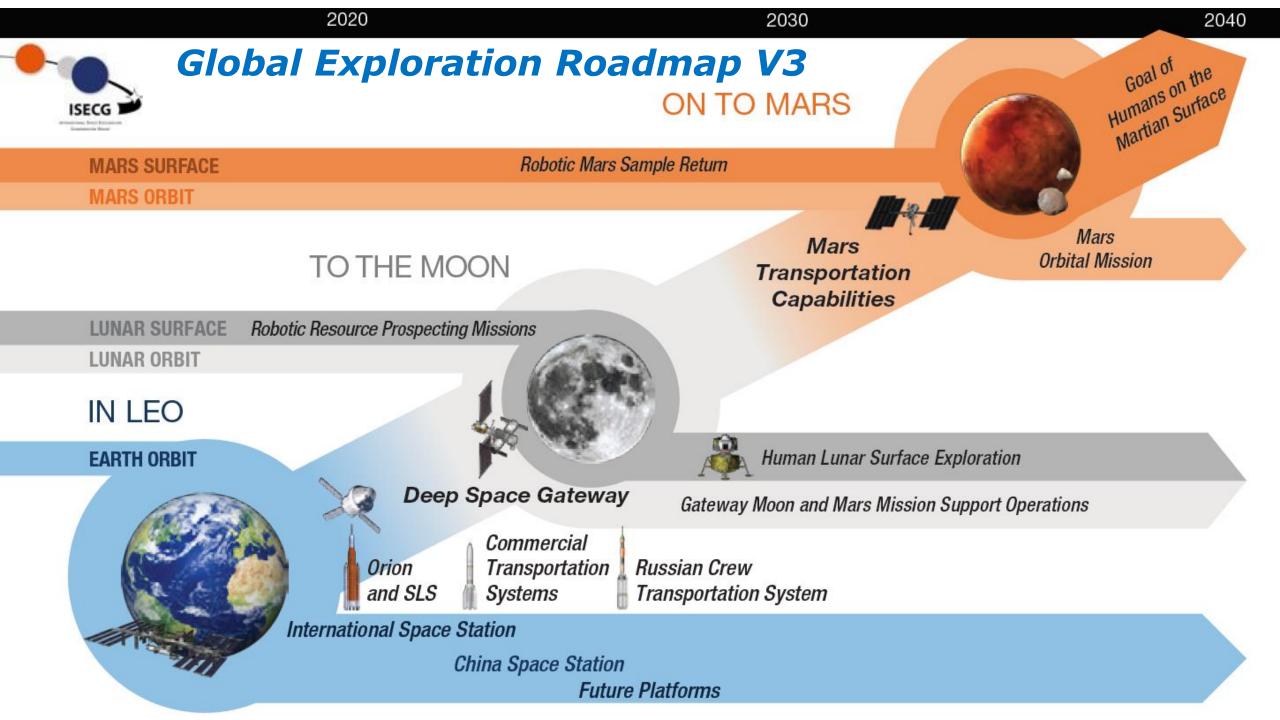
On-going activities include:

- ExoMars TGO operations and completion of ExoMars rover for 2020 launch
- continuation of European participation in ISS until 2024, including utilisation activities, delivery of ESM-1 and provision of ESM- 2 to NASA Orion crew vehicle; complementary barter activities and preparation of beyond LEO activities
- development of European contributions to Russian Moon missions
- preparation of next robotic and human exploration missions beyond LEO (i.e. MSR) and development of selected enabling technology
- the implementation of commercial partnership initiatives in exploration

Majority of activities implemented in international cooperation with existing or new partners

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Exploration mission framework concept



CORNERSTONES

- LEO exploitation >2024 (ISS and transitioning to post-ISS commercial partnerships)
- Early Human mission beyond LEO (ESM + Gateway)
- Long term lunar surface exploration, initiated with robotic precursor mission
- 4. Mars Sample return (back-up Phobos)

TECHNOLOGY DEMONSTRATORS

- 1. rendezvous/docking demonstrator
- 2. ISRU demonstrator

MISSIONS OF OPPORTUNITY

- 1. Cooperation with CMSA on Chinese Space Station (CSS)
- Commercialised lunar missions (communication, logistic services)
- 3. Cooperation with international partners on robotic lunar exploration

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E3P Cornerstone #1 – ISS



Most remarkable international partnership ever conducted

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The Space Station Agreements



The International Space Station legal framework is built on **three levels** of international co-operation agreements:

- The International Space Station Intergovernmental Agreement, often referred to as 'the IGA'
- Four Memoranda of Understandings (MoUs) between the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and each co-operating Space Agency: European Space Agency (ESA), Canadian Space Agency (CSA), Russian Federal Space Agency (Roscosmos), and Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)
- Various bilateral **Implementing Arrangements** between the space agencies have been established to implement the Memoranda of Understandings



E3P Cornerstone #3 – Robotic Lunar Exploration Campaign: Mission Concepts



Implementing the ESA Science and Research Plan through missions with gradually increasing complexity

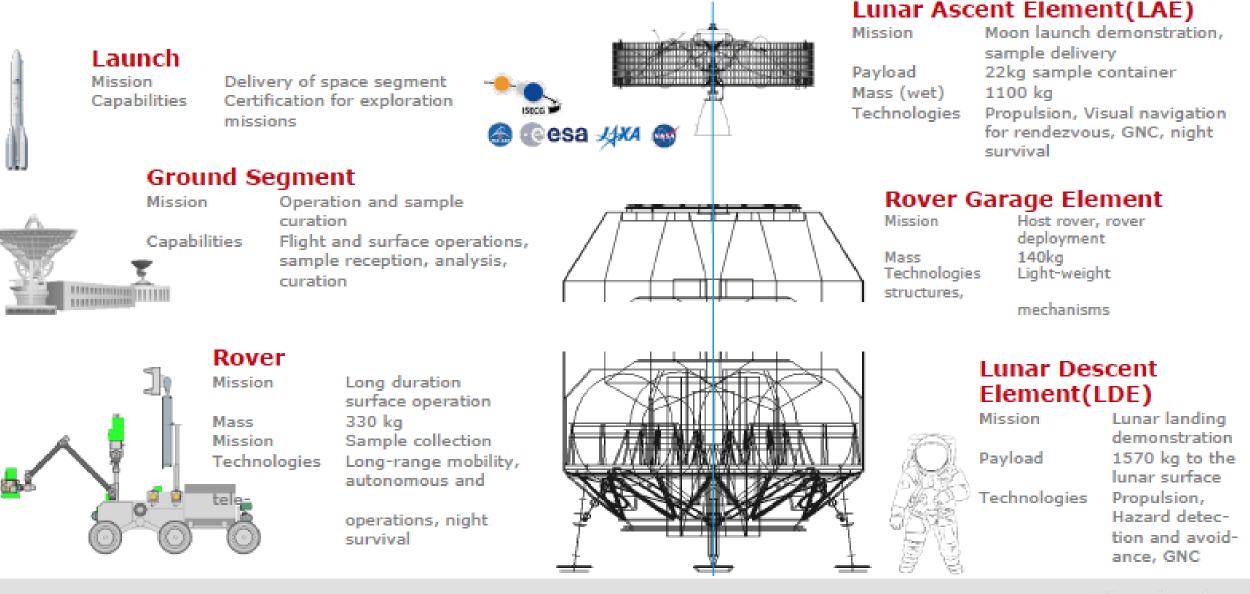
Lunar Pathfinder Robotic Surface Missions HERACLES Luna Resource oopera Ther Sample Return Resource Prospecting Lunar CubeSats Surface Payloads Com/ Nav Service **Delivery Service** Ascent/ Extended Mobility Precision Landing ESA UNCLASSIFIED - For Official Use ESA | 29/10/2018 | Slide 8 European Space Agency

HERACLES



- Based on ISECG work and IECST study, ESA, CSA and JAXA working since 2013 on definition human lunar surface demonstrator mission concept
- Multilateral Mission Definition Study (Phase A) Plan initiated in September 2017, with support of NASA as observer and expected to be concluded by mid-2019
- Letter of Intent (LoI) signed end 2017/early 2018 between CSA, ESA and JAXA on joint study on future lunar exploration activities, with NASA and Roscosmos regularly informed

HERACLES Architecture Elements and Potential Roles COSA



ExoMars





- ExoMars, consisting of 2 missions (2016 and 2020), as one of pillars of ESA's Exploration strategy
- ExoMars has evolved into ESA-Roscosmos cooperation, with NASA contributions
- ESA-Roscosmos cooperation
 Agreement on ExoMars signed in
 2013 (ESA/C(2013)32), while MoU
 with NASA signed by ESA DG and
 NASA Administrator in April 2014
 (ESA/C(2014)79) and amended in
 February 2017

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Cooperation with China - CMSA



- ESA/CMSA Cooperation Agreement on Human Spaceflight Activities signed in December 2014
- 3 dedicated working groups set up in 2015 the areas of
 - ✓ Space Experiments and Utilisation
 - Astronauts Selection, Training and Flight
 - ✓ Space Infrastructure
- Overall objective : possible European contribution to CSS in exchange for European astronaut flights and joint scientific activities