

Explaining the T&Cs for ESA Third Party Missions data



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ESA's Third Party Missions (TPM) programme enables users, known as Principal Investigators (PIs), to access data delivered by more than 50 missions for use in research and development activities

The Terms and Conditions (T&C) for TPM data describe the conditions PIs must accept to access and utilise products and how they may use the products in any results derived from the data

What is a PI?

PIs can include representatives from:



Research and development organisations worldwide, including research institutions and universities



Research and development teams from European companies, exclusively for non-commercial and non-operational activities



Commercial incubators and business incubation centres



Which data can PIs access?

TPM data are split into two main groups:

OPEN DATA

which do not have technical or financial constraints

RESTRAINED DATA

which are managed differently due to policy, technical or financial constraints

Access to **open data** is provided following submission of a Fast Registration form and acceptance of the Terms and Conditions

Access to **restrained data** requires submission of a Project Proposal or data access authorisation request, which will be evaluated by ESA to confirm its relevance for research and development, and whether the requested data are available

While restrained data from European TPM providers are available to users worldwide, restrained data from non-European TPM providers are only available to users from ESA Member States and ESA Cooperating States

How can data be used?

Data can be used for civilian purposes only, including scientific research and pre-operational application development.

As per ESA policy, very high-resolution imagery over conflict areas cannot be provided.

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