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TAKING THE PULSE  
OF OUR PLANET FROM SPACE



## BoostFutureEO early phases:

A smart evolution for the Earth Explorers process –  
From early preparation towards implementation  
(DeepDive Agora Session)

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## Monday

Agora EUROPA/ESA

NEOMI: are you ready to Boost Future Earth Observation Space Missions? ☆

11:15 am - 12:45 pm  
Topic : Open Forum  
Form : Agora Oral  
Chair(s): Dr. Craig James Donlon (ESA - ESTEC)

Step 2



## Wednesday

Agora SAPIENS

BoostFutureEO early phases: A smart evolution for the Earth Explorer – ESA's world-class science missions for Earth ☆

10:40 am - 11:40 am  
Topic : Deep Dive  
Form : Agora Oral  
Chair(s): Dr. Vanessa Keuck (ESA - ESTEC), Florence HELIERE (ESA - ESTEC)

All steps

## Friday

Agora EUROPA/ESA

Earth Observation Science Strategy

08:30 am - 10:30 am  
Topic : Deep Dive  
Form : Agora Oral  
Chair(s): Dr. Florence Rabier (ECMWF), Prof. Johnny A. Johannessen (Nansen Environmental and Remote Sensing Center)

Step 1

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EO Science Strategy  
Foundation Study Open  
ITT:

<https://esastar-publication.sso.esa.int/ESATenderActions/details/42846>

(\*1-11373 - EO SCIENCE STRATEGY FOUNDATION STUDY - EXPRO+ Issued - closing date: 15/07/2022 13:00:00.)



**Wednesday 25 May**

**10:40-11:40**

**Agora SAPIENS**

**How can we enable ambitious and challenging Earth Explorer missions for the future?**

**Please come and help us to make it feasible and sustainable**



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# Who are we?

## Moderators:



Florence Hélière  
Future EO Research  
Missions Coordinator ESA



Vanessa Keuck  
Strategy Coordinator ESA

## Panellists:



Kathy Whaler  
Advisory  
Committee EO  
Member



Mark Drinkwater  
Head of the Earth  
and mission science  
division ESA



Pierluigi Silvestrin  
Senior Advisor of EO  
Director ESA



Dominique Gillieron  
Earth Explorer  
Programme Manager  
ESA



# How can we enable ambitious and challenging Earth Explorer missions for the future?

*Earth Watch*

*Earth Explorer*

*Scout*

*Mission of Opportunity*

**Feed the full tree**



## **Our ambition:**

“ESA maintains high levels of scientific excellence and technological innovation by pursuing different classes of missions that must include **large, ambitious and challenging Earth Explorer missions** to secure its position of international leadership in Earth Observation.”

(Independent Science Review, 2021)

## How do we enable?

- A. **User (science) driven ideas** and enable the **implementation of world class Earth science**
- B. **European leadership** through science and technological innovation
- C. **New blue sky mission proposals (more opportunities)**
- D. **Stimulating new idea** generation through international cooperation of scientists and industry across Europe
- E. **Frequent and regular opportunities for engagement**
- F. **Reliable time to launch**

## BoostFutureEO early phases “Global scenario outline”

Step 1: New approach to a revision of LPC including observational gap analysis

Step 2: New EO Mission Ideas (NEOMI)

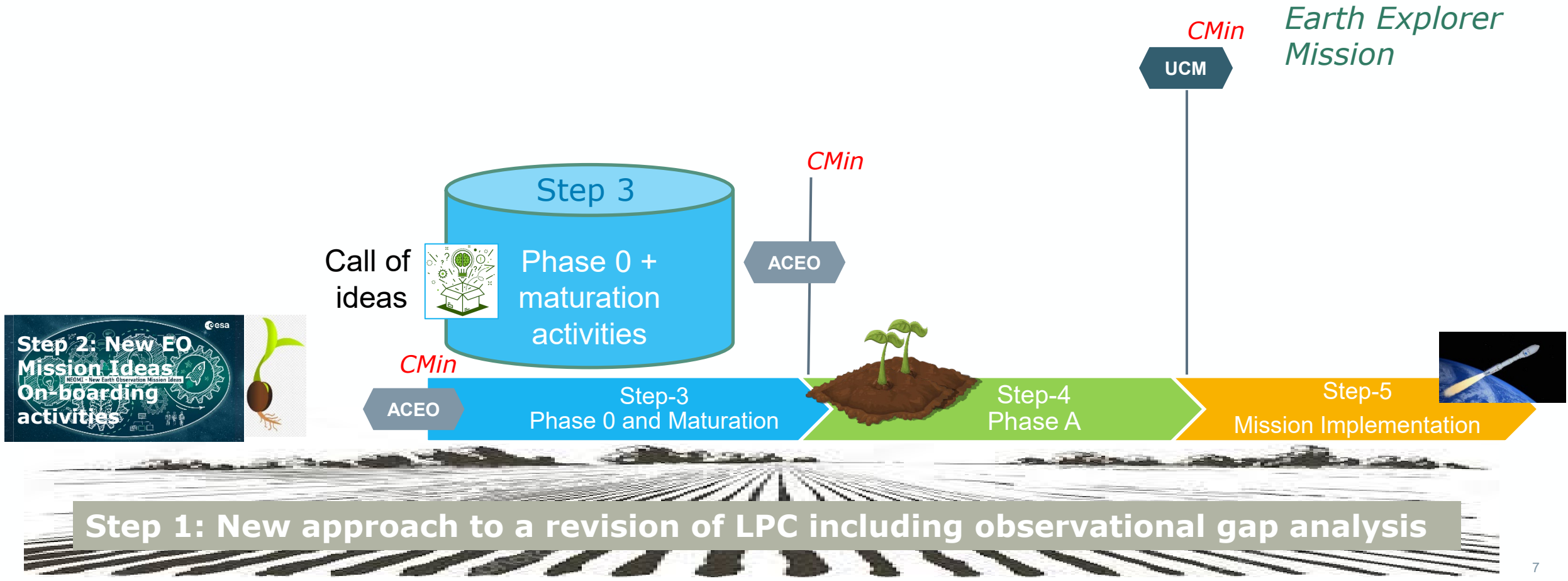
Step 3: Call for ideas followed by Phases 0 and maturation activities for ‘commended’ missions

Step 4: Selection of missions for Phase A and implementation of Phase A

Step 5: Selection of mission for implementation followed by Phase B/C/D/E1

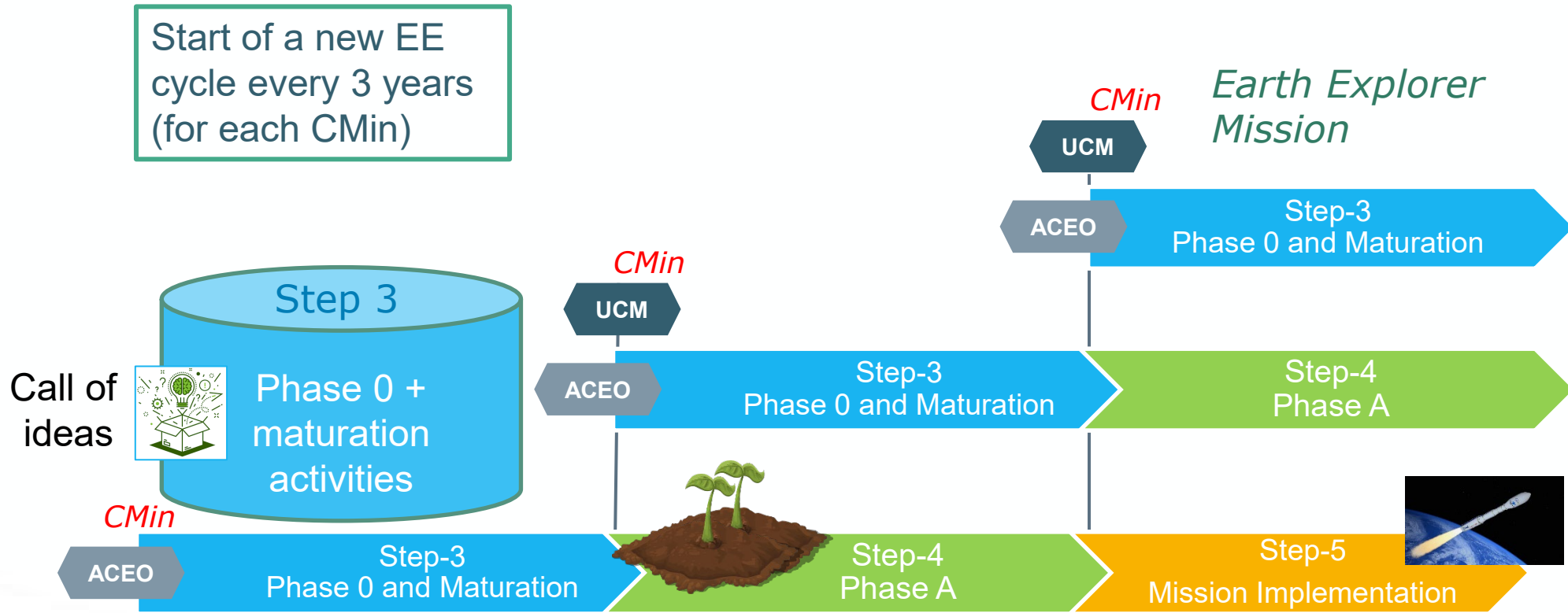
- Contributes to **selection of innovative ideas** based on their **scientific excellence** and provides a **longer-term perspective**.
- **Supports on-boarding of new missions** (EE, others) through step 1, 2 and maturation of the commended missions.
- **Increase competition among missions ideas**
- **Contributes to minimize risk for mission implementation**

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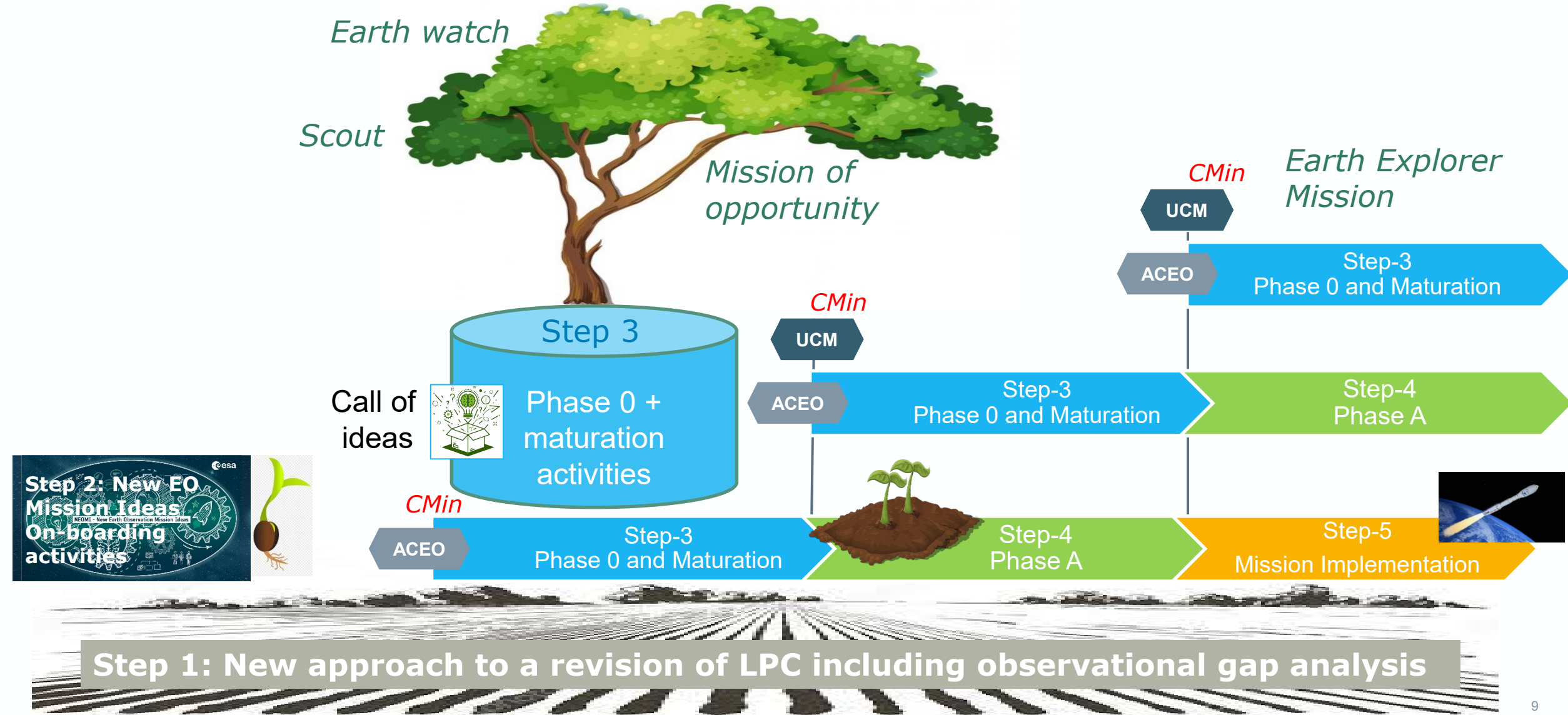
Start of a new EE cycle every 3 years (for each CMin)



Step 1: New approach to a revision of LPC including observational gap analysis

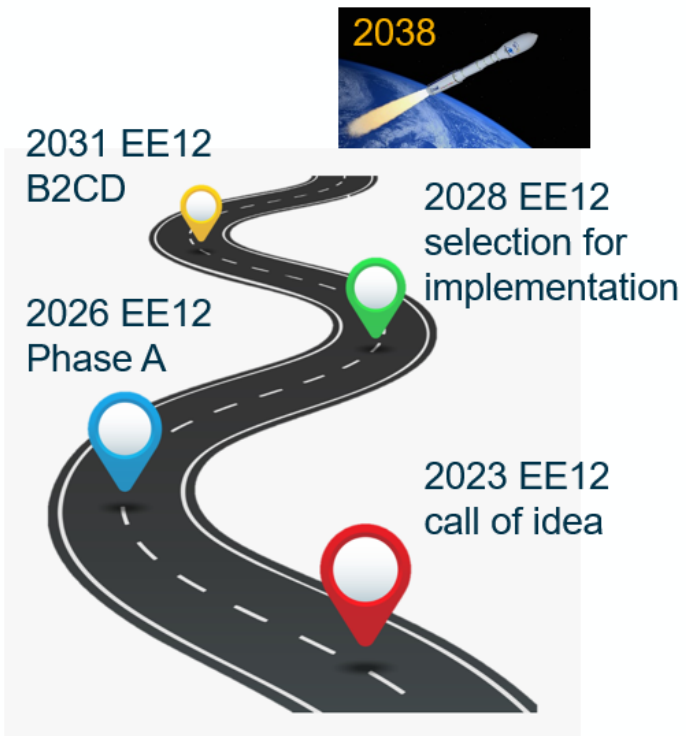


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# The future – impact on the next generation of Earth Explorers

## Earth Explorer 12 Including steps 3,4,5



## Earth Explorer 13 +n ALL BoostFutureEO early phases



Step 1: New approach to a revision of LPC



	Timeline for decision
Call for idea (entry to Phase 0 step 3)	2025
Entry to Step 4 (Selection of 2 phases A)	2028
Entry to Step 5 (Selection for implementation - phase B1 followed by B2CDE1)	2031

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# Thanks for your attention

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