

# EUMETSAT Polar System Second Generation (EPS-SG) Programme Status

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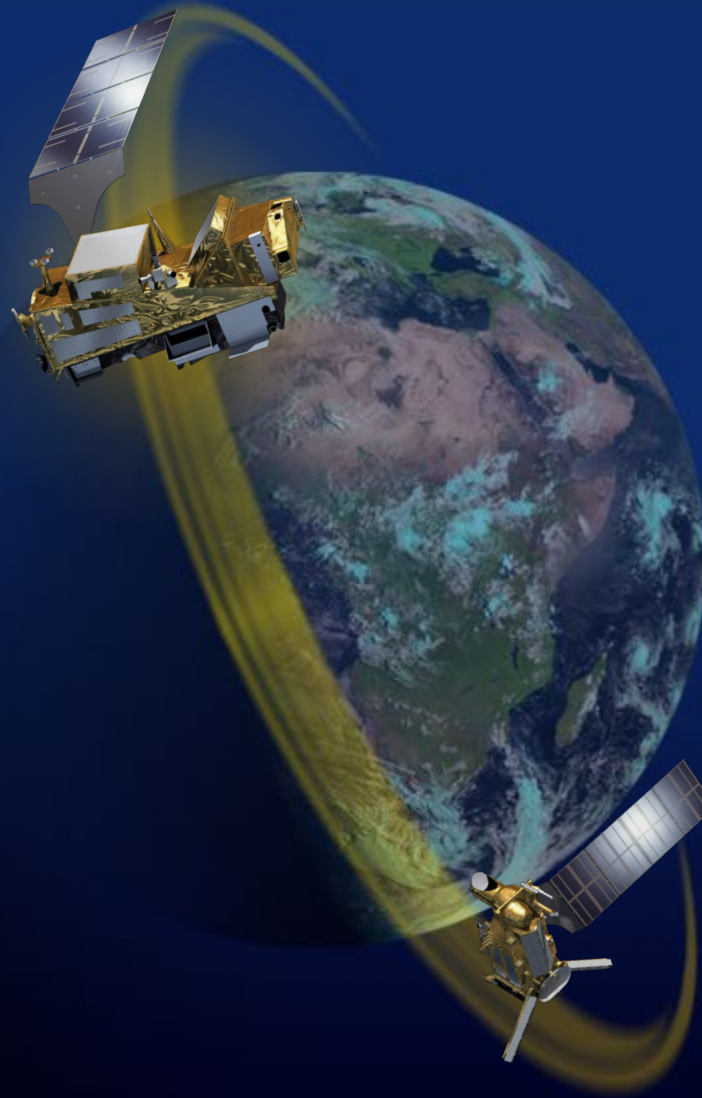


- **Primary mission:** further improve observational inputs to Numerical Weather Prediction models.
- **Continuation and enhancement of service** from mid morning polar orbit in 2025 – 2046.
- Significant contributions to other **real time applications:** Nowcasting at high latitudes; Marine meteorology and operational oceanography; Operational hydrology; Air quality monitoring.
- **Climate monitoring:** expand by 20+ years the climate data records initiated in 2006 with EPS (first generation).



**3 x Metop-SG A  
Sounding & Imagery**

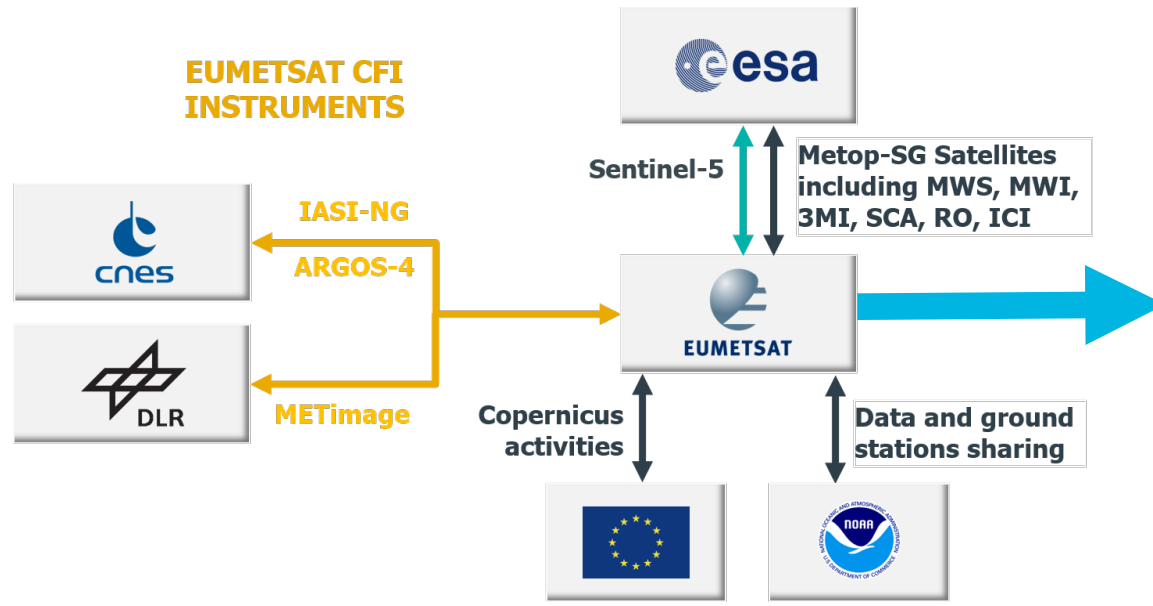
Two series of satellites in the same mid-morning orbit as Metop satellites (EPS first generation).



**3 x Metop-SG B  
Microwave Imagery**



# EUMETSAT Role and Partnership



## EUMETSAT Responsibilities vis-à-vis Partners



Polar Stations Svalbard & McMurdo



6x Launch Service

Credits: ESA



6x LEOP Service



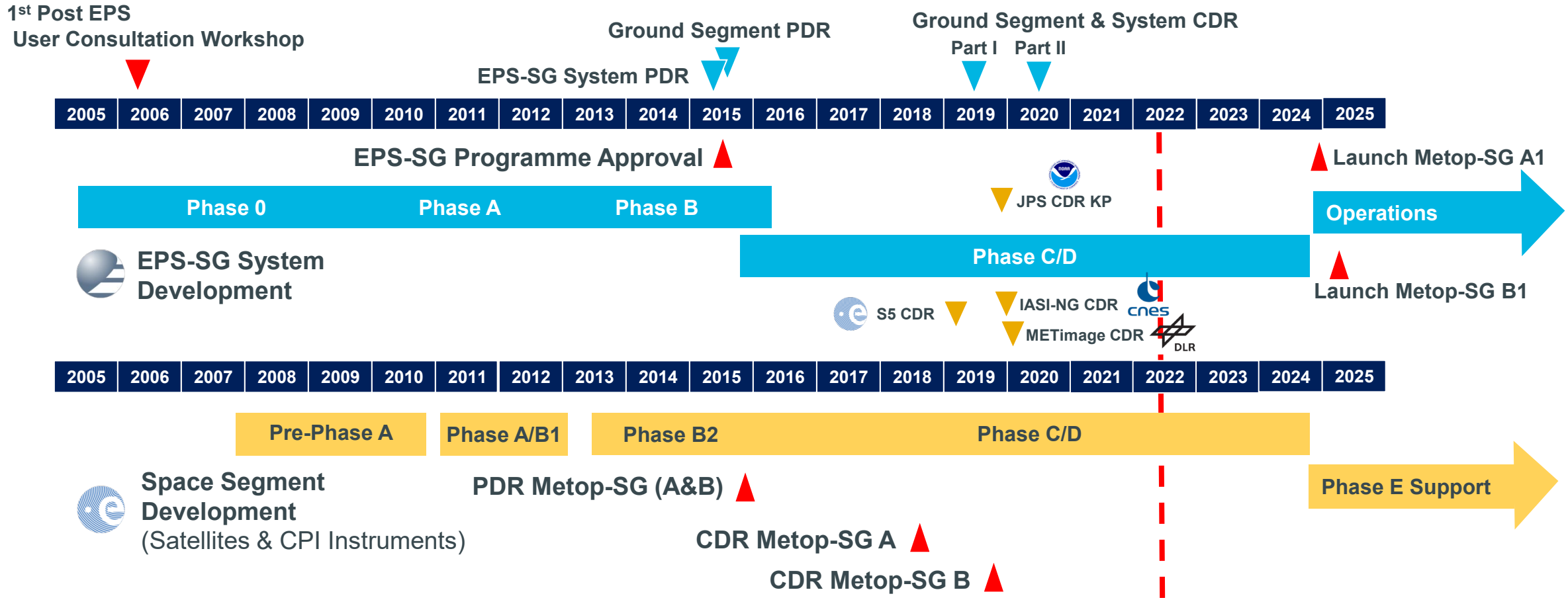
Ground Segment and 21 years of system operations



8 Satellite Application Facilities (SAF)

**EUMETSAT is the overall system authority**

# EPS-SG Development Timeline



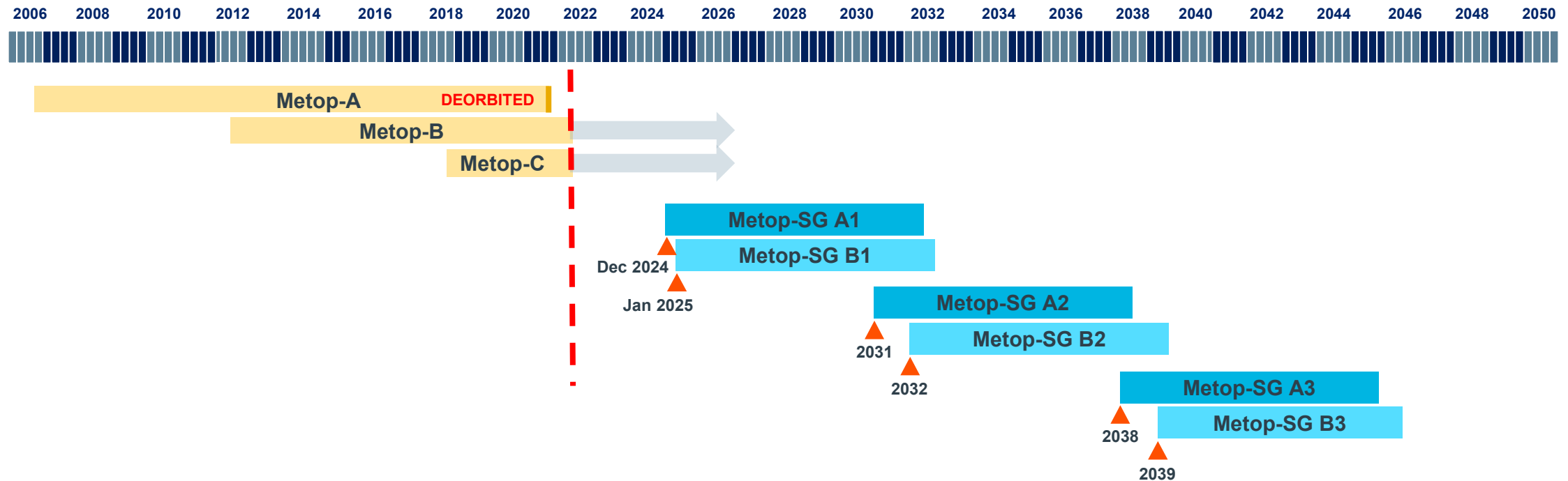


# Metop-SG Satellites Deployment Schedule

## EUMETSAT POLAR SYSTEM (EPS)

### First Generation

### Second Generation



- ✓ Metop-SG satellites nominal lifetime: 7.5 years (9.5 years extended)
- ✓ Satellites will be actively de-orbited



# Metop-SG Satellites – Payload Overview (Video)

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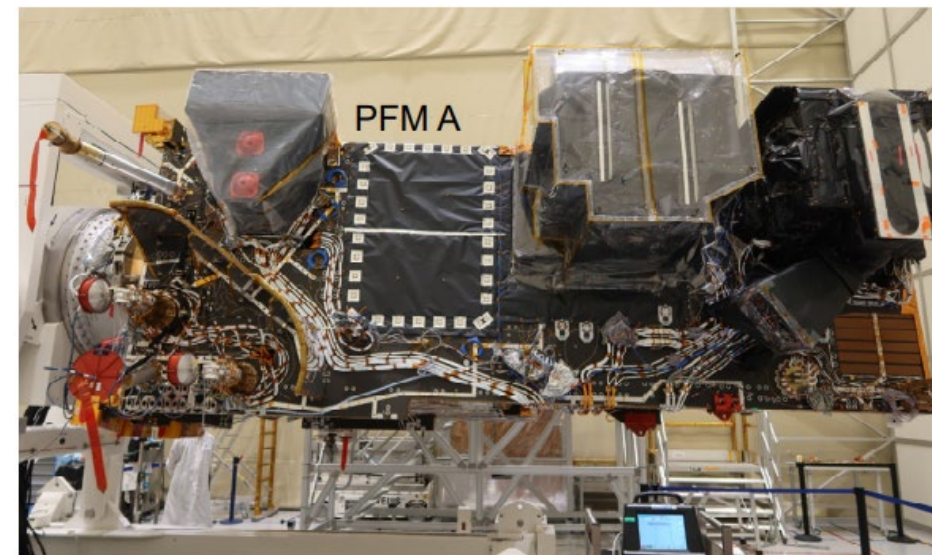
## Metop-SG A1

- Qualification Review: closed
- Assembly, integration and test of the platform is completed, except for the Solar Array,
- RO PFM, 3MI PFM, Sentinel-5 and METImage intermediate models integrated.
- MWS delivered in May,
- Awaiting IASI-NG in August prior to start the satellite environmental test campaign.

## Metop-SG B1

- Qualification Review: April to June 2022
- Platform partially completed with RO FM2, ARGOS-4 FM3, and MWI intermediate models integrated
- ICI, SCA and MWI PFM's to be delivered

Metop-SG A PFM  
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Metop-SG B PFM  
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# Instruments delivery status

## Metop-SG A1

### Microwave Sounder (MWS)

→ PFM delivered in May 2022.

### Multi-View -Channel -Polarisation Imager (3MI)

→ PFM delivered and integrated in April 2022.

### Visible Infrared Imager (METimage)

Intermediate integration model on Metop-SG A1.  
Assembly of the proto-flight model on-going.

→ PFM delivery in early 2024.

### Sentinel-5

Intermediate integration model on Metop-SG A1.  
Assembly of the proto-flight model on-going.

→ PFM delivery in Q3 2023.

### Infrared Atm. Sounder Interferometer (IASI-NG)

Functional and performance testing on-going.

→ PFM delivery in Q3 2022.

## Metop-SG B1

### Microwave Imager (MWI)

Intermediate integration model on Metop-SG B1

→ PFM expected in Q2 2023.

### Ice Cloud Imager (ICI)

→ PFM expected in Q3 2022.

### Scatterometer (SCA)

→ PFM expected in Q4 2022.

### ARGOS-4

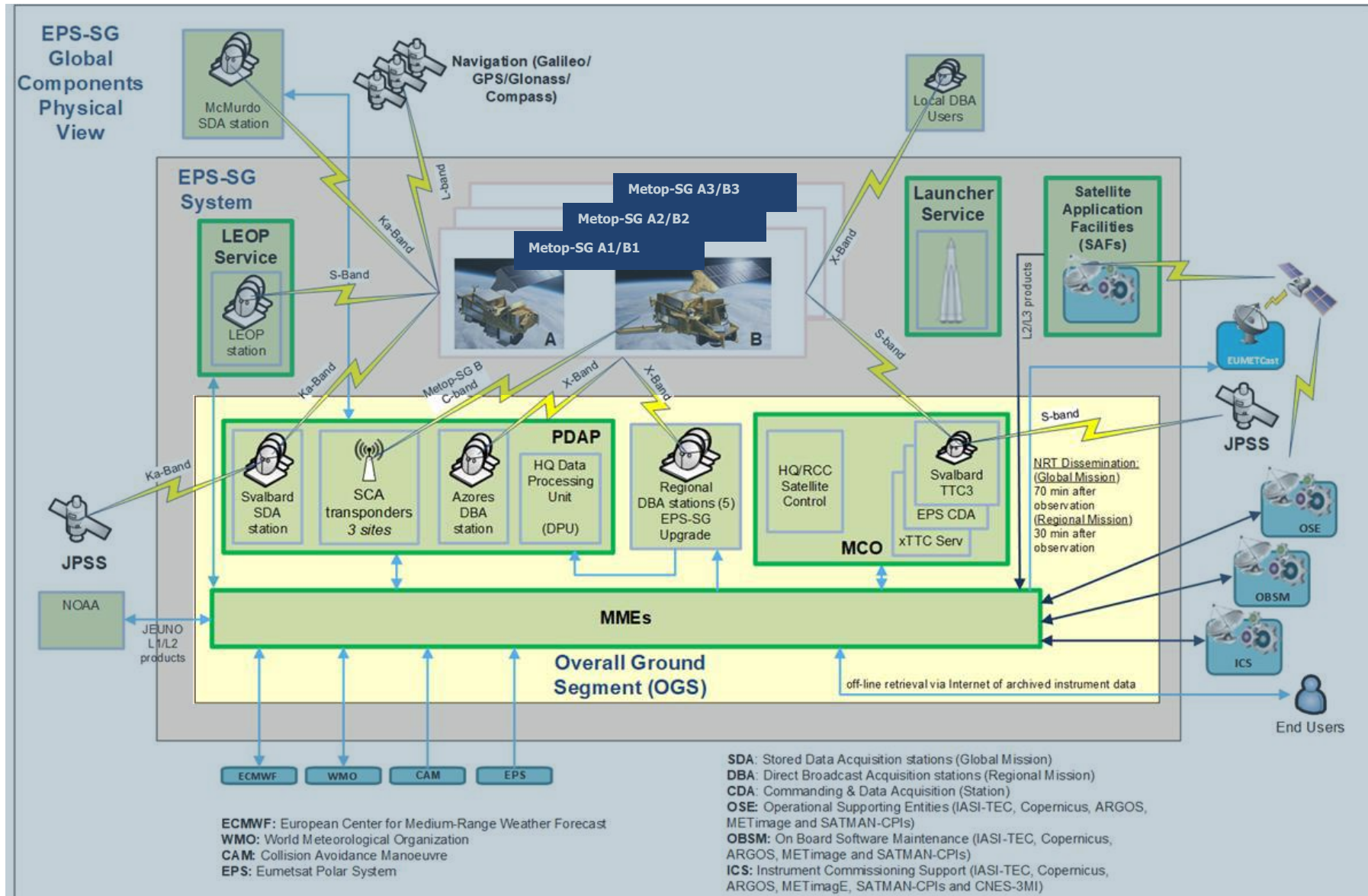
→ FM delivered and integrated.

### Radio Occultation (RO) on Metop-SG A and B

→ 2 FM's delivered and integrated



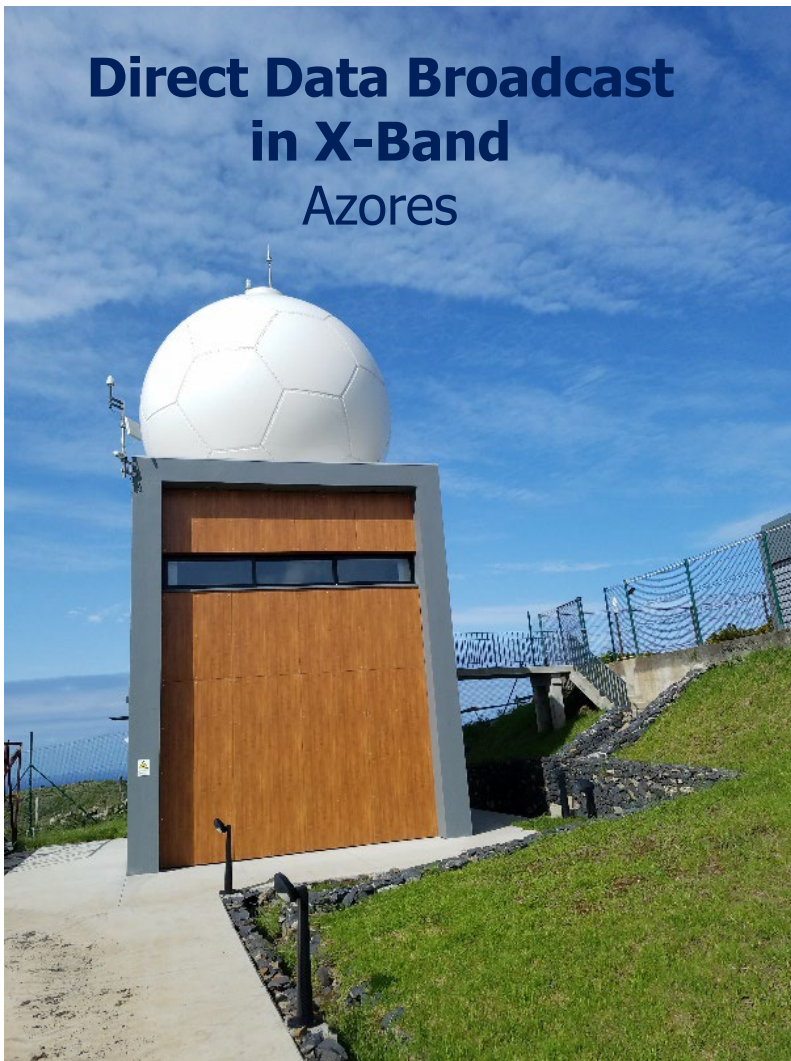
# EPS-SG Overall Ground Segment - Overview



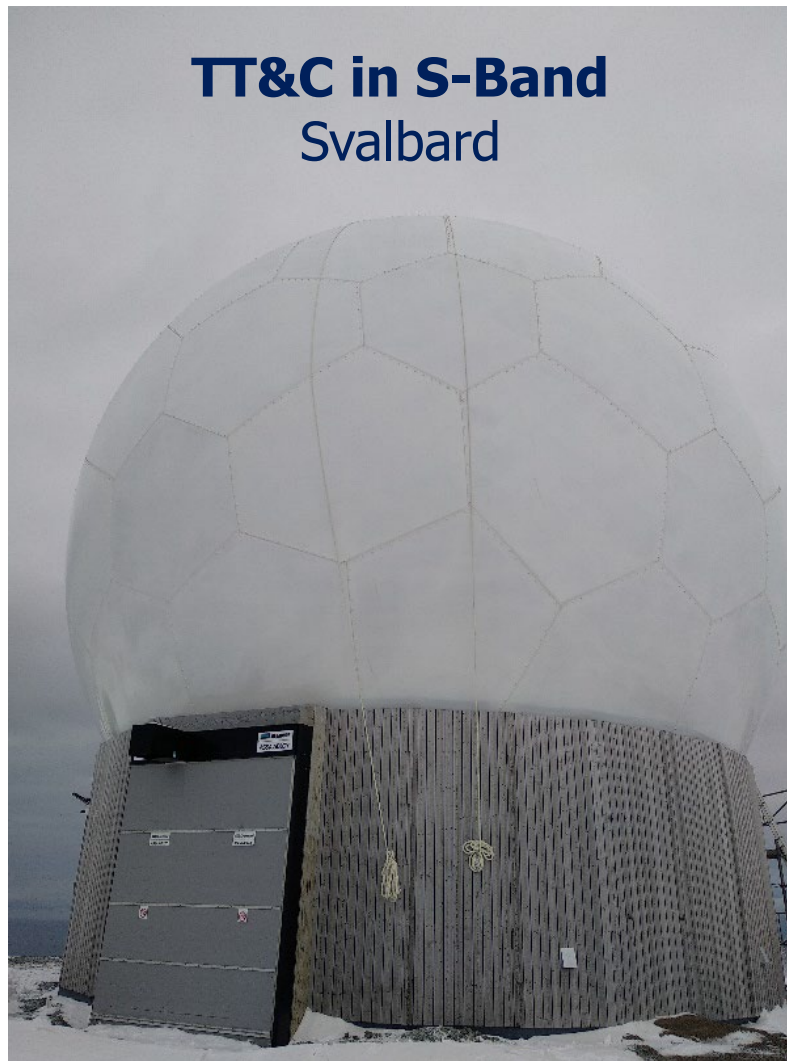


- **Mission Control and Operations (MCO)**: First version delivered. Delivery of the second version ready for launch in Q4 2022.
- **Payload Data Acquisition and Processing (PDAP)**: First version capable to support data circulation tests delivered. Successive versions, progressively enhancing capabilities are planned to be delivered until Q4 2023.
- **Integration, Verification and Validation activities** on-going with initial versions of the monitoring and control and data processing sub-segments incl. their respective ground stations and with EUMETSAT Multi Mission Elements.
- **Science & Processing Specifications** completed for Metop-SG A in 2021 and will be completed for Metop-SG B by 2022. These specifications target the operational processors to be deployed in 2023 to support Calibration/Validation activities in-orbit .
- **Launch Vehicle** for the first Metop-SG A/B satellites is Ariane 62.

**Direct Data Broadcast  
in X-Band  
Azores**



**TT&C in S-Band  
Svalbard**



**2 x Mission Data Acquisition  
in Ka-band  
Svalbard**



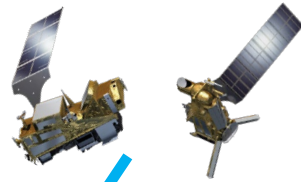


# Joint Polar System (JPS) – System of Systems with NOAA

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NOAA  
JPSS Satellites

EUMETSAT Metop-SG Satellites



Svalbard

NOAA



EUM

NOAA



EUM

Data  
Acquisition  
Stations  
(Ka-band)

NOAA  
Satellites  
Ops. Facility



EUMETSAT  
Satellites  
Control Centre

NSF

NOAA



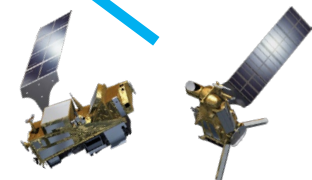
McMurdo

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- **Space Segment:** Good progress of assembly integration and test activities at satellites level. Awaiting delivery of IASI-NG PFM to start satellite level testing on Metop-SG A1.
- **EPS-SG System and Ground Segment:** Integration, Verification and Validation activities on-going with initial versions of the delivered sub-segments and with EUMETSAT Multi Mission Elements.
- **Joint Polar System with NOAA:** Activities on track.
- **Launch of Metop-SG A1** December 2024 earliest.  
Metop SG B1 launch scheduled for Q1 2025 (under review)



**Thank you!**  
Questions are welcome.