



PERSPECTIVE ON EUROPEAN SPACE- TECH DEVELOPMENT AND INDUSTRY LEADERSHIP IN EARTH OBSERVATION SYSTEM

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WHAT IS SME4SPACE

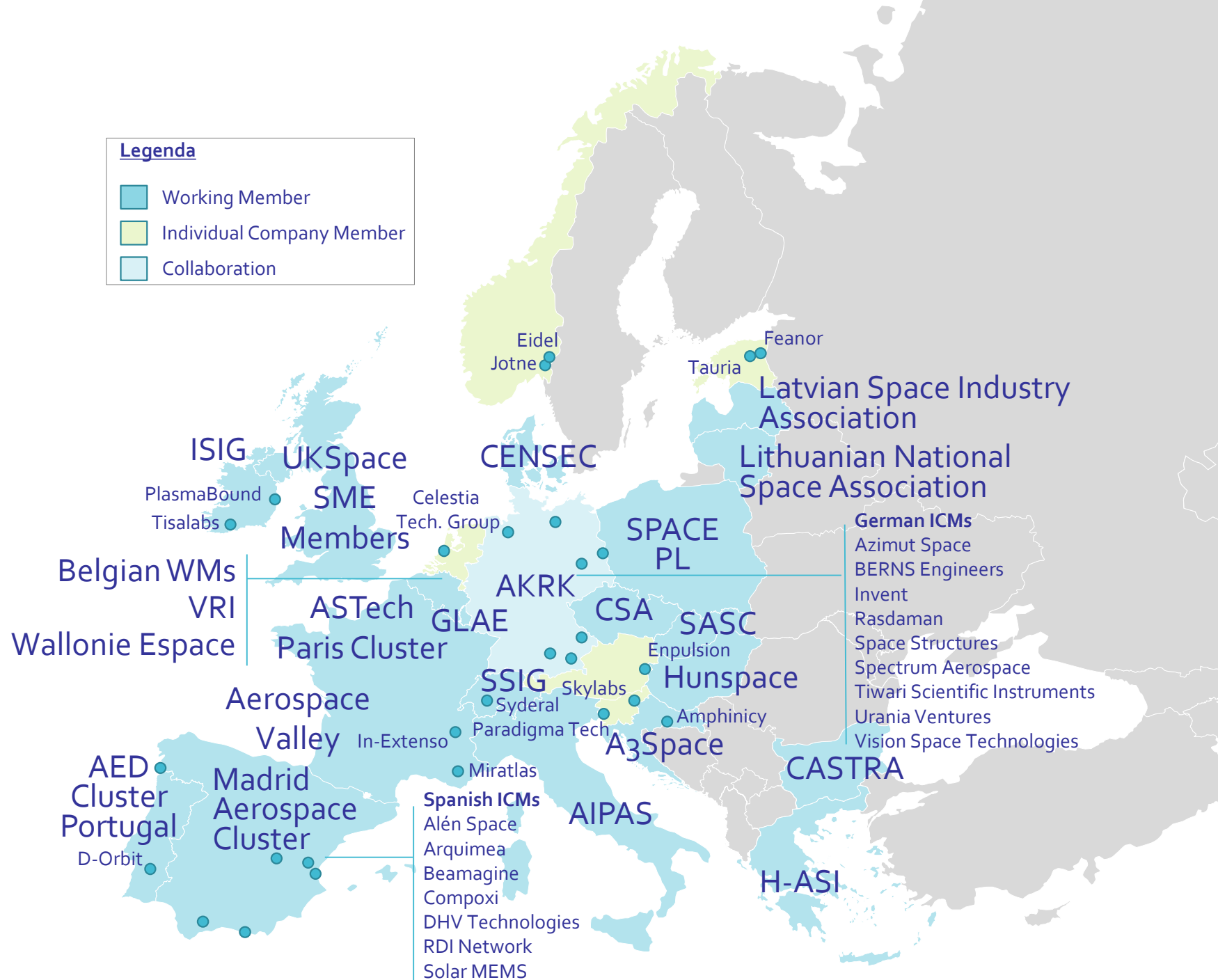
- An Association of Associations (registered in Belgium)
- Membership of individual SMEs also possible
- Representing 21 Working Members + 31 Individual Company Members from 25 Countries so far
- Gathering in total more than 650 SMEs
- MoA with ESA (renewed in Feb. 2019)
- Providing feedback to/from SMEs
- Participating in EU/ESA projects

SME4SPACE FOOTPRINT IN EUROPE 2021*

* PROVISIONAL

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10 YEARS 2011-2021

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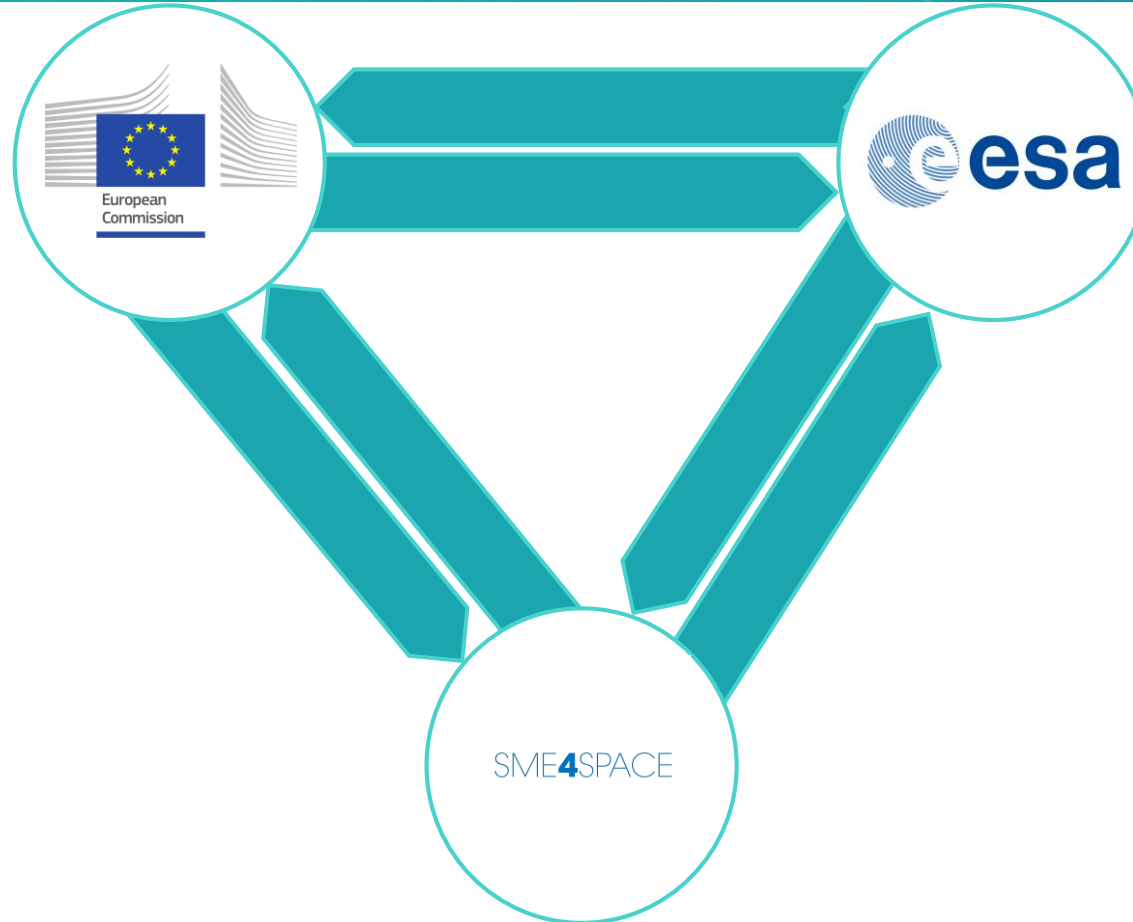


HOW SME4SPACE CAN SUPPORT SPACE SMES

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EU Space Policy

SME4SPACE is in continue dialogue with European Commission and its relevant Services and Agencies to bring there the voice and the requests of our Space SME Community



ESA SME Industrial Policy

SME4SPACE is collaborating with ESA SME Office on a daily basis to support its SME Industrial policy implementation, but not only. SME4SPACE is indeed collaborating with other different Directorates of ESA to bring also there the view point and expectations of Space SMEs

Recognised Space SME Representative Organisation

SME4SPACE is leveraging its representativeness towards both Institutions, also fostering and supporting their relationship

SMES IN EO

- EO is important for SMEs, both upstream and downstream
- Lower hurdles to entry in downstream segment; less capital intensive. Source of innovative services and technologies
- But major partner in upstream as well
 - In supply chain as subcos; success in Copernicus
 - Source of innovative technologies; micro satellites and cameras
 - Leader of major start-up projects, but mostly non-EU

SMES IN EO POLICY ISSUES

- Simple and fair rules across the supply chain and the administrative chain (e.g. in some EU R&D instruments)
- Fair access to data
- Small programming, next to flagships
 - Offering flexibility, also to public authorities
 - Answering challenges posed by new-space and by non-European competitors
- IOV –IOD; EU-ESA initiatives are very welcome

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