

ESA SSA SWE Element Status Report

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Outline



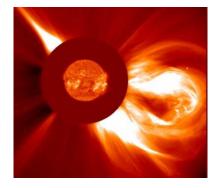
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SSA SWE Objectives



Detection and forecasting of Space Weather events and their effects on European space assets and ground based infrastructure:

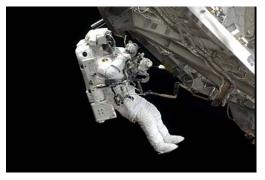
- Comprehensive knowledge, understanding and maintained awareness of the natural space environment
- Detection and forecasting of SWE and its effects
- Detection and understanding of interferences due to SWE
- prediction and/or detection of permanent or temporary disruption of mission and/or service capabilities
- provision of predicted local spacecraft and launcher radiation, plasma and electromagnetic environment data

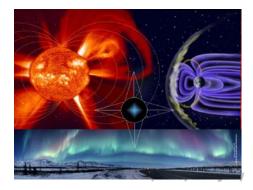












SSA SWE user domains and services



- 1. Spacecraft designers
 - Environment specification and post event analysis
- 2. Spacecraft operators
 - In orbit environment and effects monitoring/forecasting, post event analysis, mission analysis
- 3. Human space flight
 - In flight and cumulative crew radiation exposure, increased crew radiation exposure risk
- 4. Launch operators
 - In flight monitoring, estimates and forecasts of radiation effects in electronics, atmospheric density forecasts
- 5. Transionospheric radio link users
 - Real-time and forecast TEC maps, scintillation maps, ionospheric disturbances monitoring
- 6. Survey and tracking
 - Atmospheric estimates, geomagnetic and solar indices archives and forecast for drag calculation
- 7. Data services
 - Space weather data archive, event based alarms
- 8. Non Space Systems Operators
 - Power systems and pipeline operators, airlines, resource exploitation system operators, auroral tourism sector

SSA SWE Status Pt 1

SSA SWE CRD

2009



SN-II: Implementation design study of Space Weather instruments:

- Identification of spaceborne instruments for SSA SWE services
- Characteristics of the instruments and the planned satellite missions for suitable orbits
- Identification of needs for dedicated SWE missions

2011

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 Implementation design studies for selected piggyback missions

2010

SN-I: SWE Segment Precursor Services:

- Review of SWE assets and services from the SWE CRD
- Re-deployment of the initial precursor services
- Service assessment with the user in the loop

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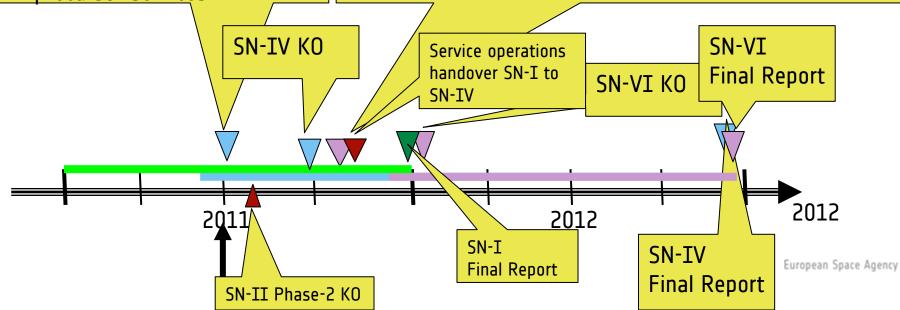


SN-IV ITT:

- Testing, validation and operation of established SWE precursor services
- Enhancement of the SWE user services beyond the initial precursor services
- Integration of more precursor services

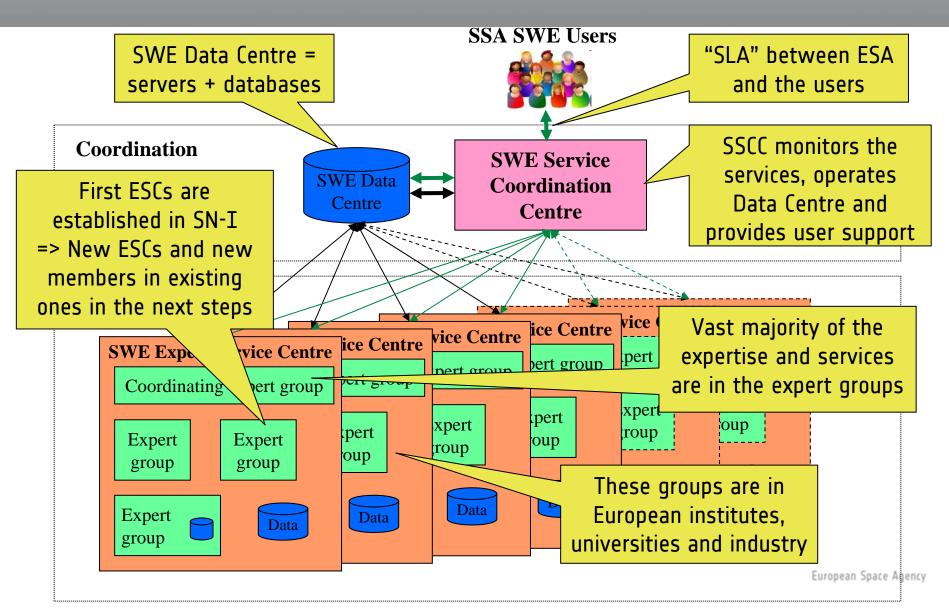
SN-VI ITT:

- Integration of new federated SWE precursor services
- Development of SWE metrics for assessment of the service accuracy
- Development of new services to semioperational level
- Takes advantage of the results of the service assessment in SN-I



SSA SWE utilisation of existing services and assets





Other Ongoing Activities



- Core element evaluating system requirements, governance and data policy issues in parallel to segment specific activities
- Currently performing internal part of the System Requirements Review (CO-1 Part 2 study)
 - Expect this to be opened to external expert review post-summer
 - Will include an analysis of the CRD, System Requirements Document and product specification
- CO-II Architecture Design study ITT expected shortly
 - PDR to take place in 2012
- Work on proposal for next phase of SSA will start THIS year
 - Will build on work done during the preparatory programme
 - ESWW good opportunity to raise awareness of work currently ongoing & community needs

European Space Weather Weeks



- ESWW8: 28th Nov-2nd Dec, Namur, Belgium
- Major event in the European space weather calendar
- Builds on initial series of ESA application workshops started in 1998
- Collaboration between the STCE, ESA, the SWWT, and the COST ES0803 communities.
- Provides opportunity for exchange links researchers with the latest information on user requirements and application development, particularly important in case of e.g. EC projects where complementarity is a requirement





SSA Related R&D Activities



- SSA activities cover service development in response to user requirements
- ESA R&D programmes: TRP, GSTP, GSP etc
- TRP
 - E.g. Vispanet, due to conclude later in 2011
- GSTP-5 activities (elements, 1/2/3/4)
 - Includes SSA technologies (instrumentation & software developments)
 - E.g. Virtual Space Weather Modelling Centre, Phase 1
- Lower TRL development & prototype technologies that may be adopted later by SSA
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Summary



- First SSA SWE activities have been started in August and November 2010
- SSA SWE services are expected to be open to the public by autumn 2011
- More services will be federated into the SSA system in the new activities in 2011 – 2012
- System and R&D studies running in parallel
- Work will start on the proposal for the next phase of SSA this year
 - Include service requirements, measurement requirements and system requirements
- Collaboration through ESWW & SWWT a focal point



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