cost benefit analysis of European space weather services – project overview

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objective

to establish **clear, reliable and objective** *economic, social and strategic* parts of a case for a future space weather programme



why?

- to support decision making on future European involvement in space weather applications
- also to provide contextual feedback to the SDAs



what do we know already?

it has been established that Europe:

- has specific needs in SW
- is subject to significant SW impacts
- has assets for SW

BUT is there a **justifiable** SW programme?



what do we do?

cost benefit analysis:

 this quantifies as many of the costs and benefits of a proposal as possible, including items for which the market does not provide a satisfactory measure of economic value



Context

SDAs: co-funded and independent



benefit assessment (CBA)

parallel studies + others



analysis characteristics

- independent
- provide a balanced review of CBA issues:
 - economic
 - social
 - strategic
- plausible options, including 'do nothing'
- European perspective
- sensitivity analysis and confidence levels



methodology (1/12)





methodology (2/12)





methodology (3/12)





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SDA provider and user surveys





methodology (7/12)



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CBA - Space Weather Workshop, ESA/ESTEC, Nov/Dec 2004



methodology (9/12)



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methodology (12/12)

SWS infrastructure + data provision costs





valued and unvalued impacts

- valued impacts
 - accurate data
 - understand how well the SDA sample represents the whole market
- unvalued impacts
 - careful consideration if these are to be valued somehow
 - otherwise present suitable qualitative argument



initial observations

economic dependence

- more SW-susceptible systems:
 - greater dependence on space borne technology
 - greater dependence on SW-vulnerable technologies in such systems as avionics
- greater awareness/understanding
- \Rightarrow increased economic impact of SW effects



observations from other projects

from a transport study on the possible future of vehicle and road co-operative systems:

- transparent, simple C+B combination
- costs and benefits timing
- individual vs societal issues



organisation



timeline

SDA contracts expire





summary

- key decision and CBA assessment will provide crucial input
- inputs from the SDAs are crucial

