

## PRESS RELEASE

### COSMO-SkyMed confirmed to support Copernicus

- **The constellation of the Italian Space Agency and the Italian Ministry of Defence will continue providing SAR data for the European Commission's Program services; e-GEOS strengthens its role as a service provider for Copernicus, contributing to the Leonardo synergetic commitment to deploying its technological innovations at the service of citizens.**

*Brussels, 29 January 2025* – At the ongoing European Space Conference in Brussels, e-GEOS (Telespazio 80% and ASI 20%) and the European Space Agency (ESA) announced the signing of a contract worth approximately €5 million for **distribution of COSMO-SkyMed data in Copernicus services**, continuing the Italian constellation's support for the Programme, which has lasted for over a decade.

The COSMO-SkyMed constellation - owned by the Italian Space Agency and the Italian Ministry of Defence, for which e-GEOS is the exclusive worldwide distributor of data for commercial purposes – is therefore confirmed **as one of the leading Copernicus Contributing Missions (CCM) of the European Commission's Earth Observation Programme**, ensuring the timely provision of SAR data complementary to those of the Sentinel missions.

The licence was granted following a **Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS)** procedure established by ESA for the purchase of commercial Earth Observation data to support Copernicus services. As part of the procedure, for the COSMO-SkyMed mission, e-GEOS was defined as a **consolidated European commercial data provider for Copernicus**.

Users will enjoy **access to COSMO-SkyMed constellation data** through ESA's Rapid Response Desk (RRD) developed by a consortium led by GAF AG (a 100% e-GEOS company) together with e-GEOS, Sinergise Solutions, Telespazio Ibérica, T-Systems and TAITUS.

*"This contract confirms the leading role e-GEOS plays in Copernicus, attesting to the centrality of Italy and its strategic assets in European space programmes", commented Milena Lerario, CEO of e-GEOS. "Thanks to its cutting-edge technological know-how and access to the COSMO-SkyMed constellation, e-GEOS provides European Union citizens with countless services, including maps for emergencies and disasters, analysis of the stability of the territory and infrastructure, and solutions for urban resilience to climate change".*

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#### ABOUT e-GEOS

e-GEOS, an ASI (20%) / Telespazio (80%) company, is a global leader in delivering applications and services through highly technological and innovative Geoinformation platforms based on Artificial

Intelligence and cloud technology. e-GEOS offers a unique portfolio of application services, from data acquisition to analytical report generation, also thanks to its optical and radar capabilities and fast access to the superior monitoring capabilities of the first- and second-generation COSMO-SkyMed constellation, of which e-GEOS is the exclusive distributor worldwide. e-GEOS manages the Matera Space Center for the acquisition, storage and processing of multi-mission satellite data. The Center is one of the stations of the Core Ground Segment of Copernicus and receives radar data acquired by Sentinel-1 mission.

## ABOUT ESA

The European Space Agency (ESA) provides Europe's gateway to space. ESA is an intergovernmental organisation, created in 1975, with the mission to shape the development of Europe's space capability and ensure that investment in space delivers benefits to the citizens of Europe and the world.

ESA has 23 Member States: Austria, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom. Latvia, Lithuania and Slovakia are Associate Members.

ESA has established formal cooperation with four Member States of the EU. Canada takes part in some ESA programmes under a Cooperation Agreement. By coordinating the financial and intellectual resources of its members, ESA can undertake programmes and activities far beyond the scope of any single European country. It is working in particular with the EU on implementing the Galileo and Copernicus programmes as well as with Eumetsat for the development of meteorological missions.

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