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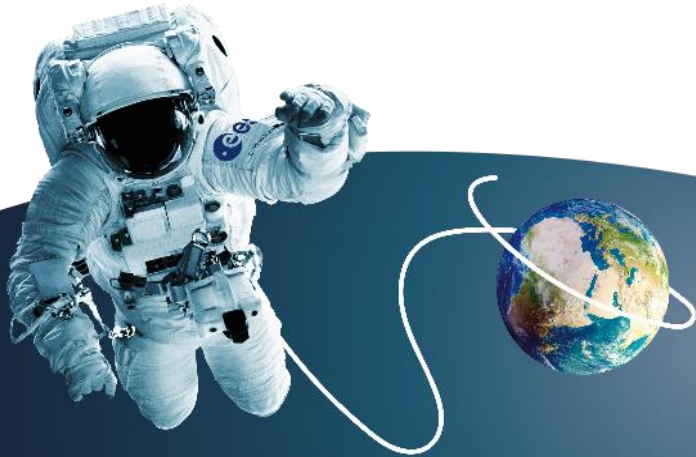


CREATING  
A CIRCULAR  
**FUTURE**

# MELISSA

## Memorandum of Understanding

ESA MELISSA Project Team  
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## What is the purpose of the MoU?

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- Creates a clear and common understanding of the MELISSA Project
- Establishes the cooperative framework, rights and obligations of signatories to ensure a proper implementation and coordination of all MELISSA Activities
- Enables exchange of information and know-how as well as licensing in support of MELISSA Activities
- 8 successive MoUs signed since 1991, present one valid until end 2024
- Start of discussion for a MoU follow-on framework that responds to the current project needs



# Main MoU Structure

(exemplary subchapters)

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- I General Provisions
  - MELISSA Development Plan
  - Rights and Obligations
- II Intellectual Property Rights
  - Exchange of information
  - Patent application
- III Publicity
  - Publications
- IV Project Coordination
  - Meetings and Conference
  - Decision-Making Principles
- V Final Provisions
  - Liability
  - Financial arrangements
  - Dispute resolution



## Main Benefits of MOU Parties

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- Recognition as a Partner to the MELiSSA Project
- Propose MELiSSA Activities to the Development Plan
- Dedicated access to the know-how and information in the project, cross-licensing for MELiSSA Activities
- Easier facilitation of joint development with other MELiSSA partners
- Involvement in the project coordination through bi-annual meetings
- Voting rights for Project decisions



## Who can become a Party to the MoU?

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European Space Agency

- Any legal entity in research and industry may join the MELISSA MoU following an application process described in the MoU and approval of the present MoU signatories
- What are we looking for?
  - A clear motivation for joining the MELISSA Project
  - With available resources and workforce to support and implement MELISSA activities and actively participate to the project
  - Background and experience that demonstrates added value to the project.

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**THANK YOU.**