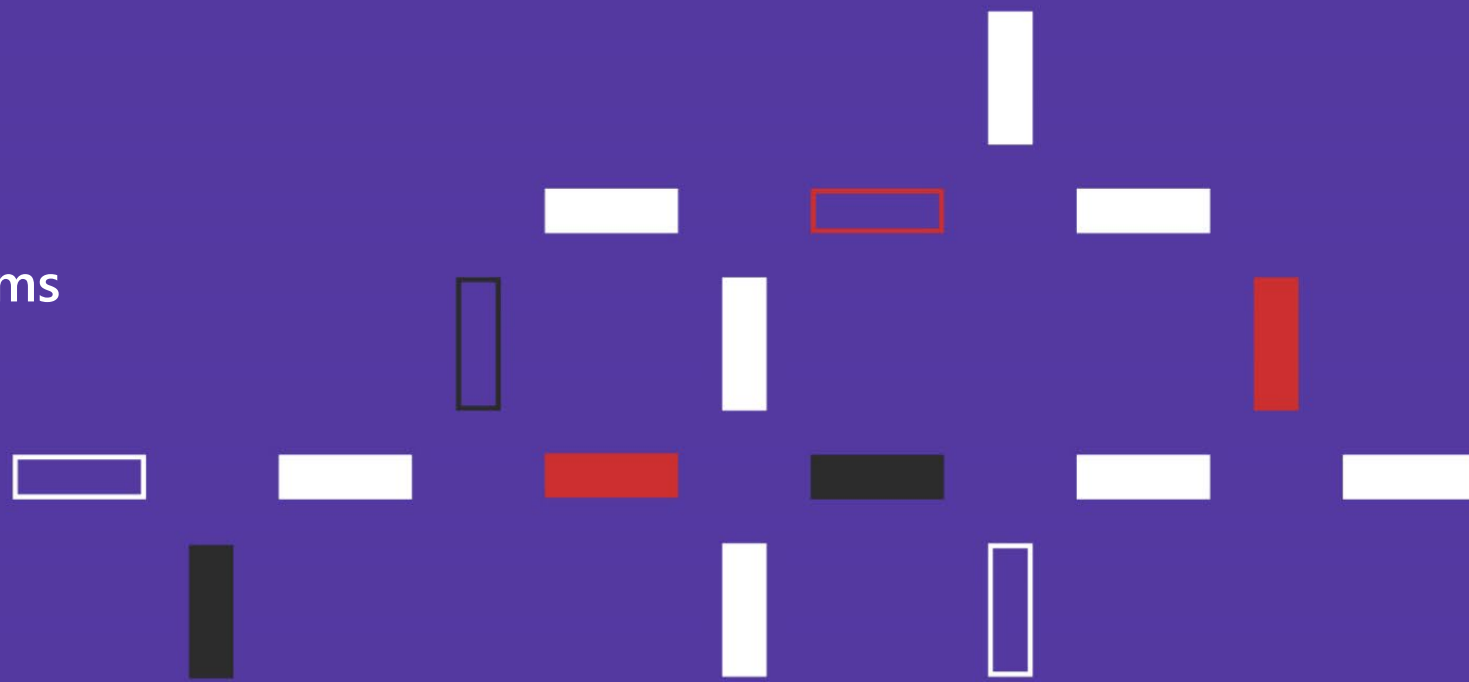




# Backing visionary entrepreneurs

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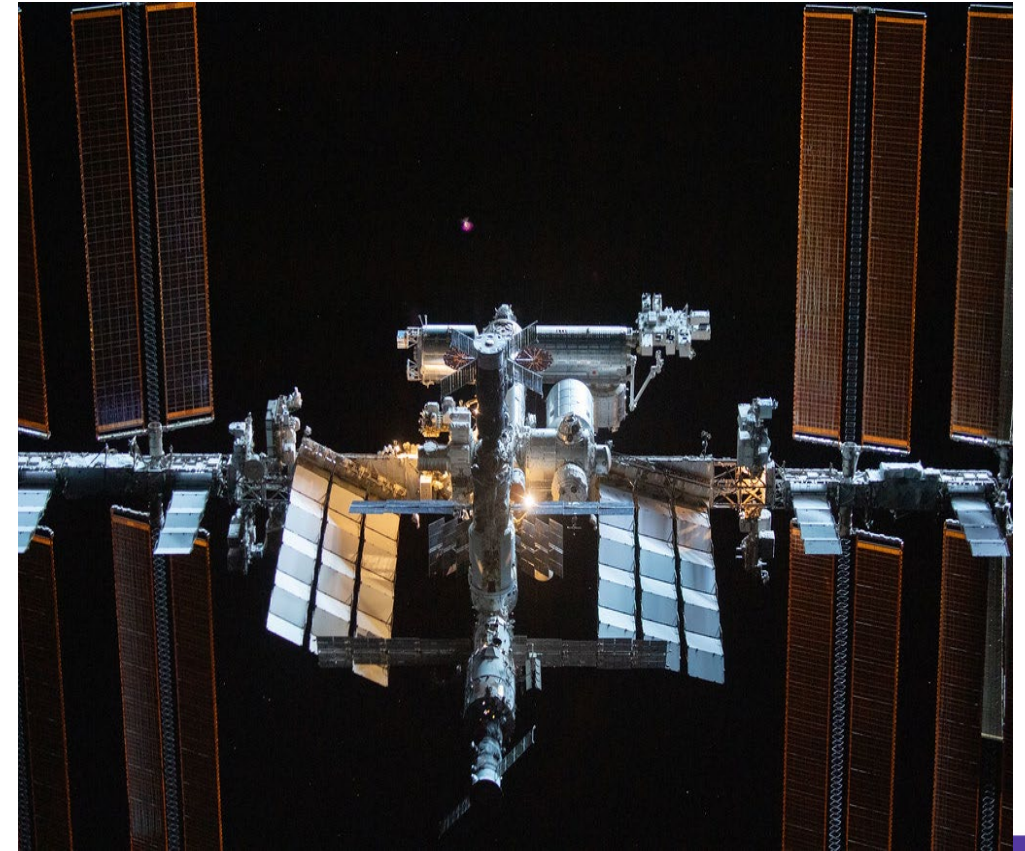
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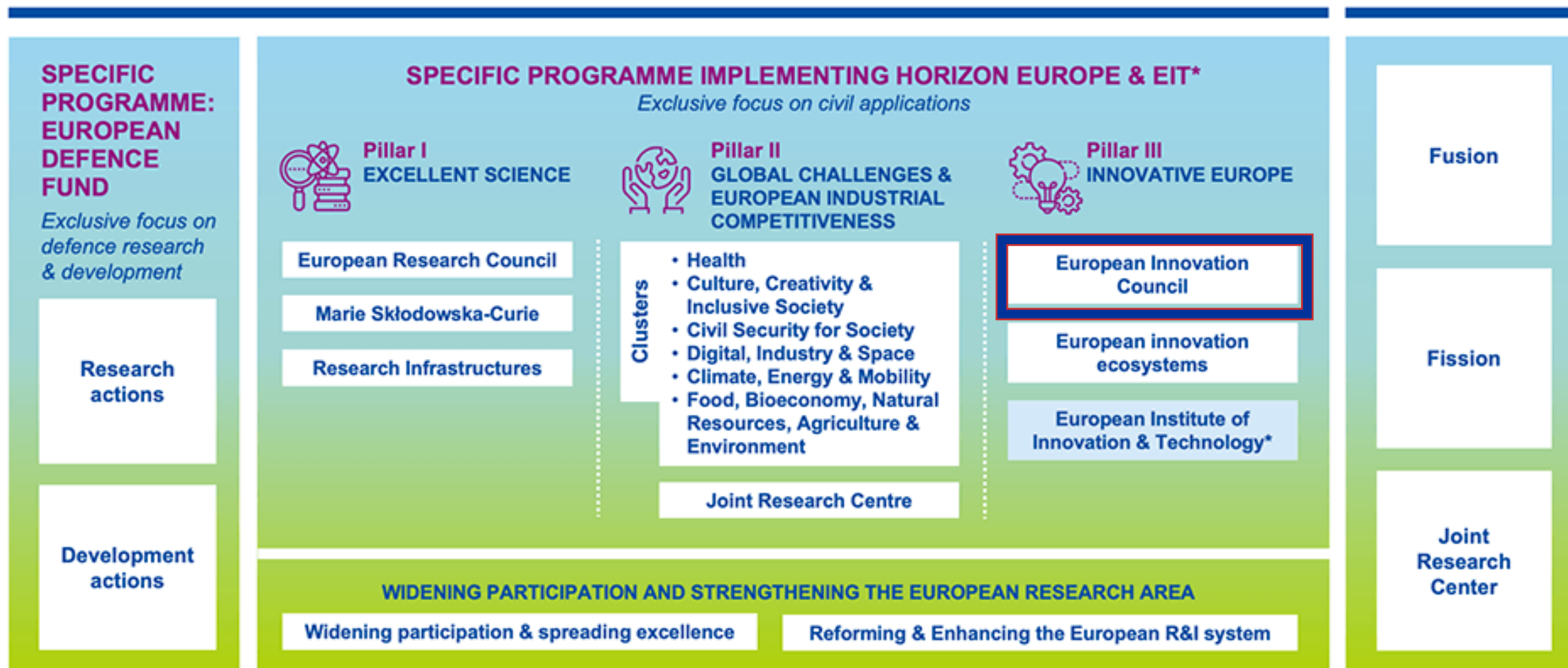
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# Horizon Europe Structure



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# Europe's most ambitious innovation initiative

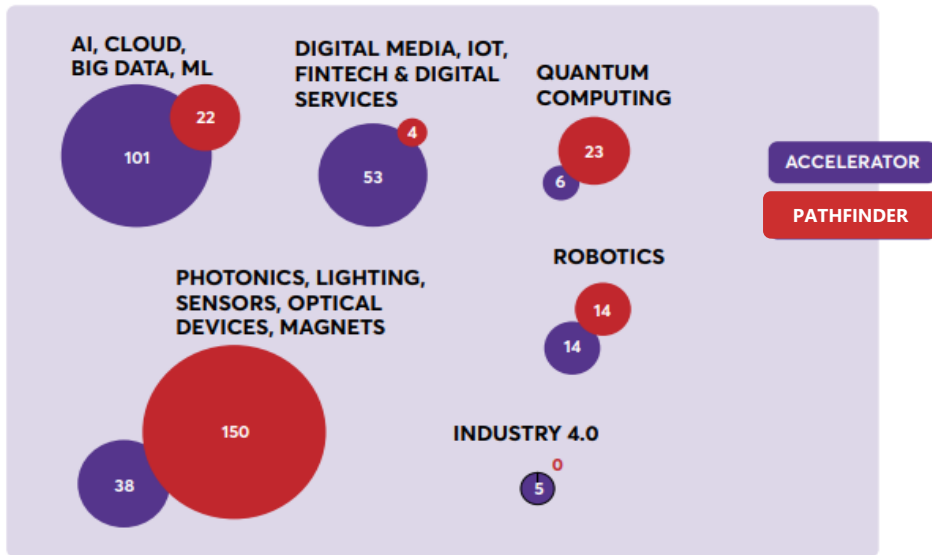
- **€10 billion** programme to identify, develop and scale up breakthrough technologies and disruptive innovations in Europe
- **Unique** in the world to combine research on emerging technologies with Accelerator for start-ups, SMEs and scale-ups
- EIC set to become **largest deep-tech investor** in Europe (over €3 billion)
- Enhances the **European innovation ecosystem** (partnerships with EIT, ERC, etc)
- **First work Programme** adopted 18 March 2021, €1.5 billion
- **Second Work Programme** adopted 7 February 2022, **€1.7 billion**



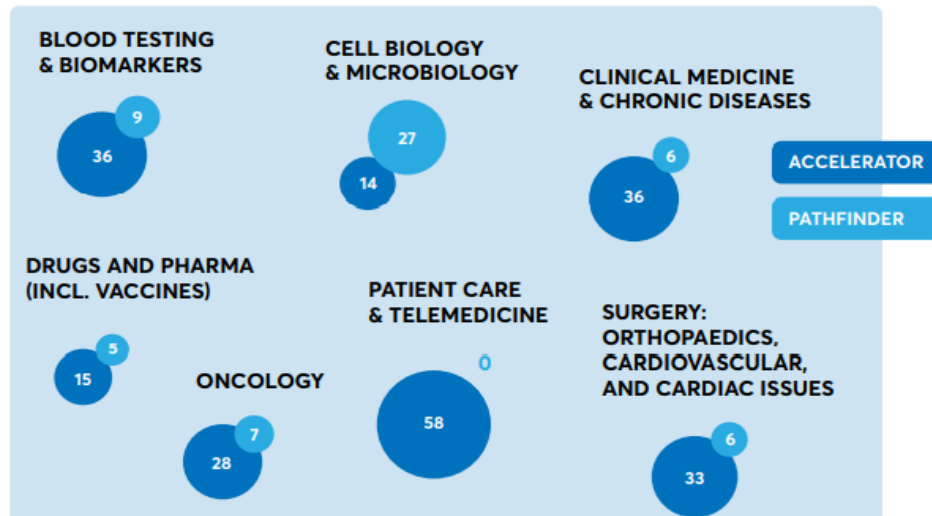
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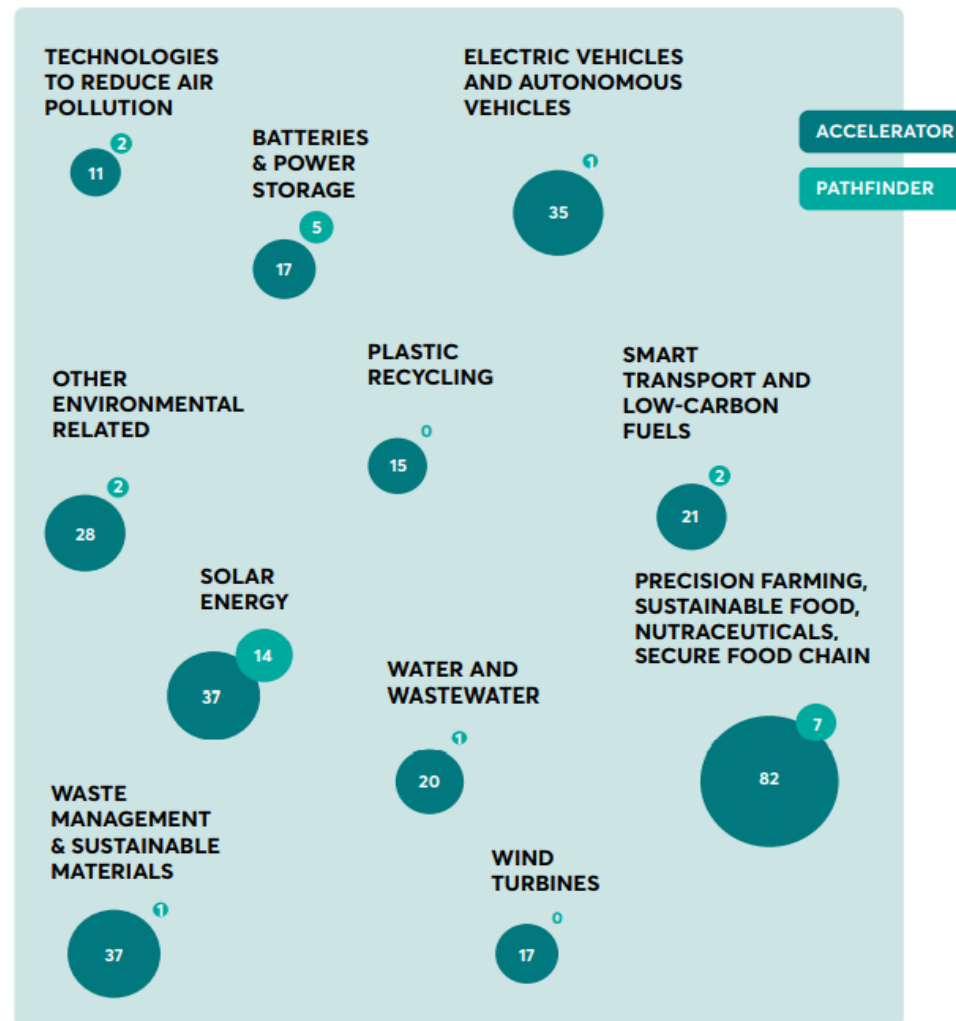
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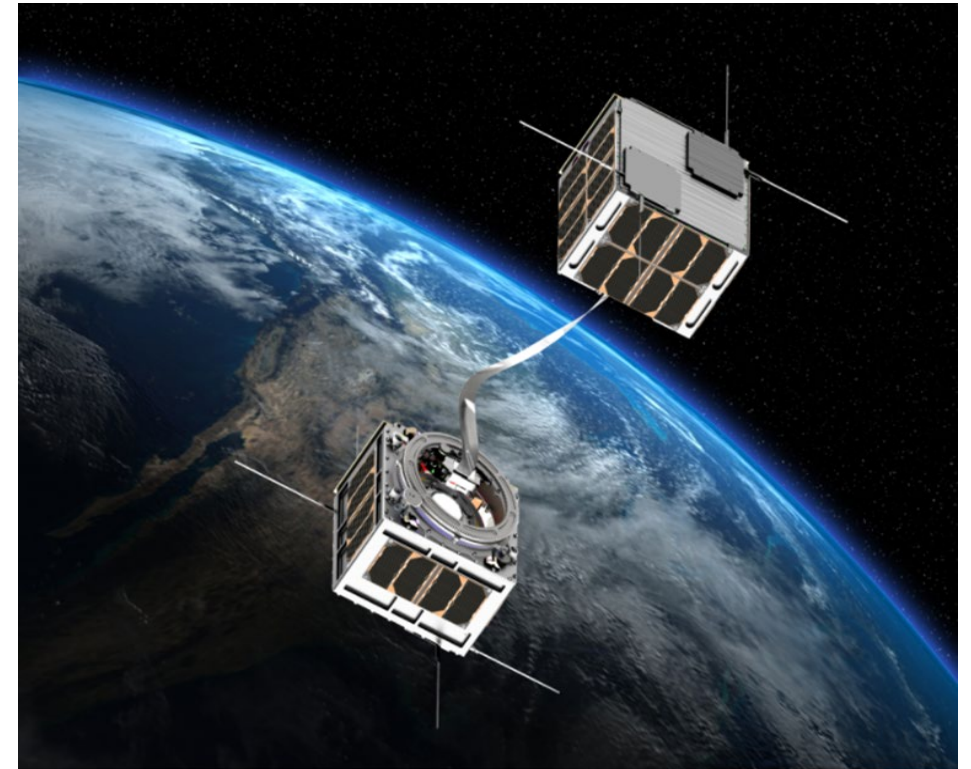
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# EIC Role in the EU Space eco-system

- EIC objective is to identify, develop and deploy high risk innovations with a focus on breakthrough market creation and deep tech innovations
- The EIC supports breakthrough technologies and game changing innovations for space SMEs and start-ups
- Funding their disruptive/high-risk ideas and supporting them in the process of disruptive innovation, demonstration and commercialization with transversal EIC Pathfinder, Transition and Accelerator programs



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# EIC Programs

## Pathfinder (TRL1-4)

- **For consortia**
- Early stage research on breakthrough technologies
- **Grants up to €3/4 million**

## Transition (TRL 4-6)

- **For consortia and single entities**
- Technology maturation from proof of concept to validation
- Business & market readiness
- **Grants up to €2.5 million**

## Accelerator (TRL 6-9)

- **For individual SMEs**
- Development & scale up of deep-tech/ disruptive innovations by startups/ SMEs
- Blended finance (**grants up to €2.5 million; equity investment up to €15 million or above**)

- Focus on **breakthrough, game-changing, market-creating, deep-tech**
- **Mainly bottom up** complemented by targeted funding on strategic technologies/ challenges
- Steered by **EIC Board** of leading innovators (entrepreneurs, investors, researchers, ecosystem)
- **Business Acceleration Services** (coaches/ mentors, corporates, investors, ecosystem)
- **Pro-active management** (roadmaps, reviews, re-orientations, etc) with EIC Programme Managers
- **Fast track access** to Accelerator for results from EIT, EIC Pathfinder,





# What's holding back the European space innovation?

## Innovation performance

- **Strong research performance not often translated** into commercialisation

## Innovation funding

- Financing gaps (2 "valleys of death") in
- **Transition** from lab to enterprise
  - **Scaling up** for high-risk innovative start-ups
  - **Limited** VC in EU Newspace SMEs & start-ups

## Innovation ecosystem

- Newspace SME & start-ups companies emerging in all EU member states
- Need to **include all EU regions and all talent** (especially female)





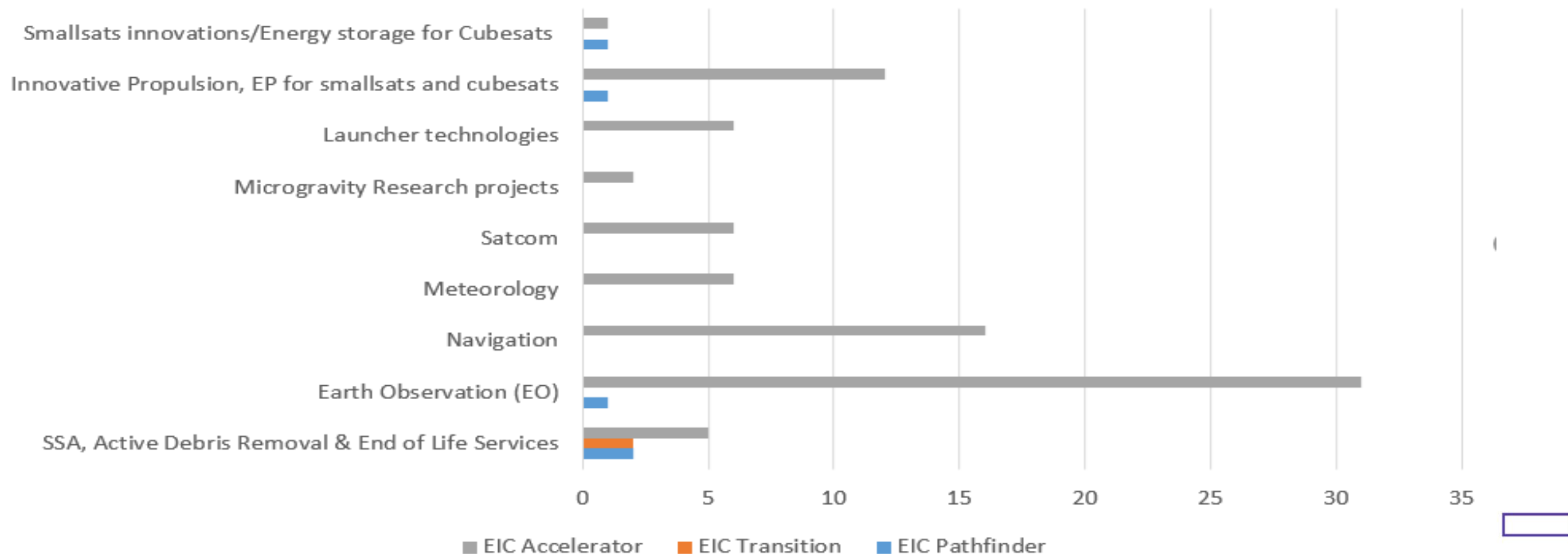
# Emerging Space Industry Trends

- In-Orbit Satellite servicing, Active Debris Removal, In Space Manufacturing and Assembly
- Innovative propulsion technologies, emergence of “space tugs” for satellite servicing, modular satellite concepts and “plug & play” architectures
- Increased demand for fast track flight qualification and launch of satellites and payloads create new opportunities/challenges
- Increased need for innovative and affordable solutions and services for upstream/downstream applications
- Disruptive space technologies are of **critical importance** to the growth the EU Space Economy





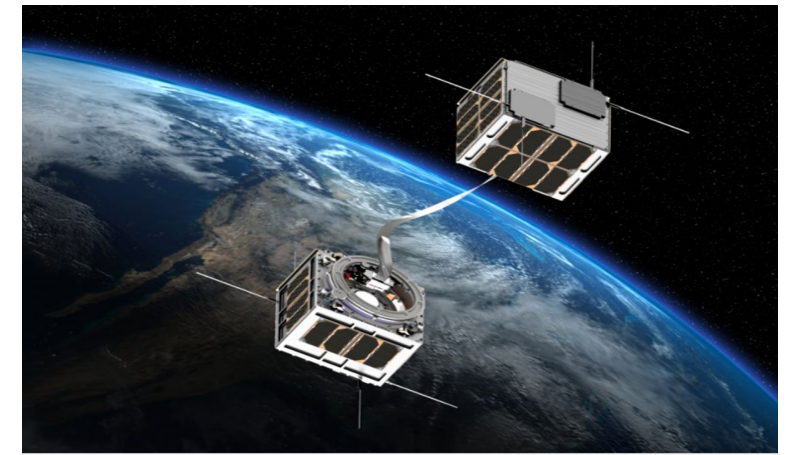
## EIC Space projects portfolio June 2022



# EIC Space Projects Examples

## EIC Pathfinder (TRL1-TRL4)

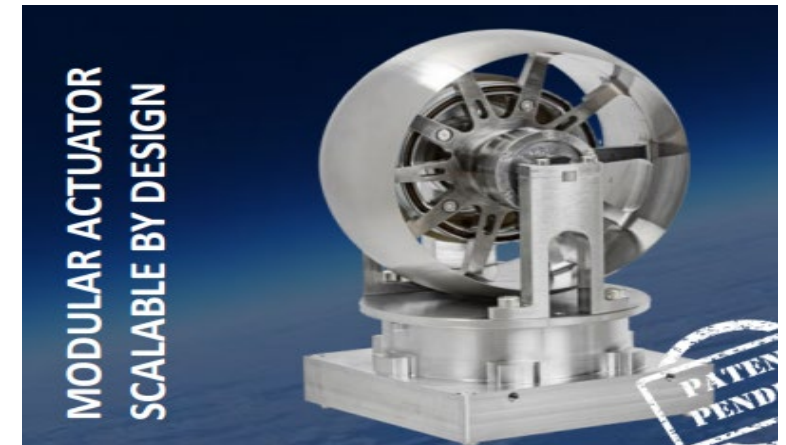
- E. T. PACK - free passive de-orbiting device for space debris removal based on an electrodynamic tether (e.g. Low Work-function Tether (LWT)). On the 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022- E.T.PACK project was invited to present at the 65th Session of COPUOS 2022 at United Nations headquarter in Vienna.



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## EIC Accelerator (TRL6-TRL9)

- SATAGILITY-GO2MARKET- innovative next-gen space actuator technology enabling satellites to maneuver 10 times faster to boost their effectiveness
- EMBRACE II - groundbreaking alternative propellant iodine which can be stored unpressurized as a solid and is almost 100x cheaper than xenon for CubeSats
- CASSIOPEE - optical observation stations using collision prediction algorithms. offering an independent catalogue of more than 100,000 space debris smaller than 10 cm
- CroupCloud – use of Earth observation data and AI algorithm for precision agriculture.



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# EU R&I High Level Roadmap/On-orbit Operations



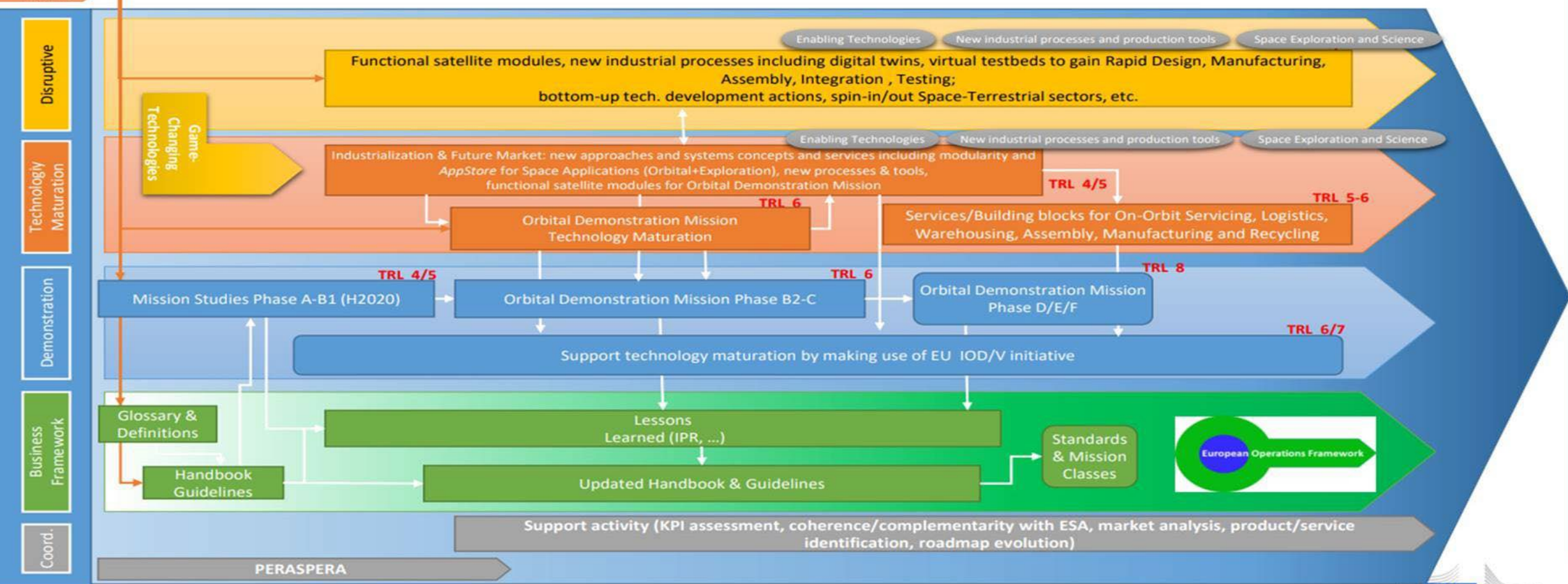
EU Space R&I High-level Roadmap

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## Future Space Ecosystem/On-Orbit Operations

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H2020 results



Future Space Ecosystem



# Hypothetical Future Drivers for ISAM – Part I

## Challenges

- Current satellites are built so that they ***cannot be easily serviced***
- Lack of cost-effective and affordable commercial IOS/ADR/ISAM in Europe
- Diverse market drivers, market complexity and business models will influence satellite owners choices for ISAM mission scenarios
- Unknown direct/indirect benefits from ISAM activities
- ***Increased international competition*** in the domain of In Space Servicing, Assembly and Manufacturing (ISAM)



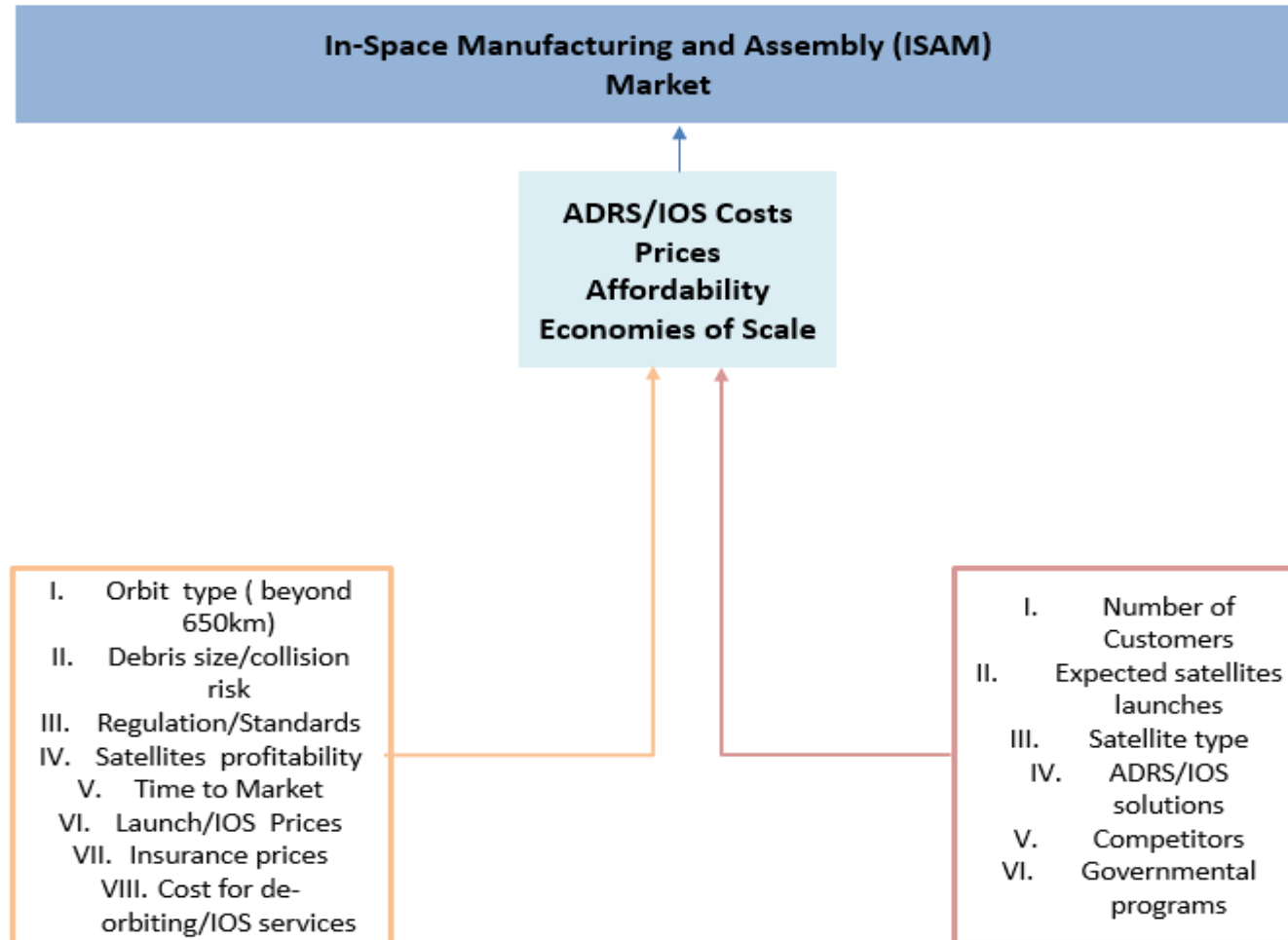


# Hypothetical Future Needs of ISAM Stakeholders— Part II

Space Agencies	Satellite Operators	IOS/ADR/ISAM Service Providers	Insurance companies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Safety &amp; Contingency</li> <li>Cost savings</li> <li>Technology innovation</li> <li>Space debris protection &amp; reduction</li> <li>Job creation, economic and industry spillovers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sustaining customers</li> <li>Technology innovation from new satellite technologies</li> <li>Profitability, due to new customers</li> <li>Cost savings</li> <li>Reduced launch and insurance costs</li> <li>Job creation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Technology innovation</li> <li>Interoperability &amp; scalability</li> <li>Safety &amp; Contingency</li> <li>Space Infrastructure Evolution</li> <li>International partnerships &amp; new markets</li> <li>Revenue Growth &amp; profitability</li> <li>Job creation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International partnerships &amp; new markets</li> <li>Revenue growth &amp; profitability</li> <li>Cost savings</li> </ul>

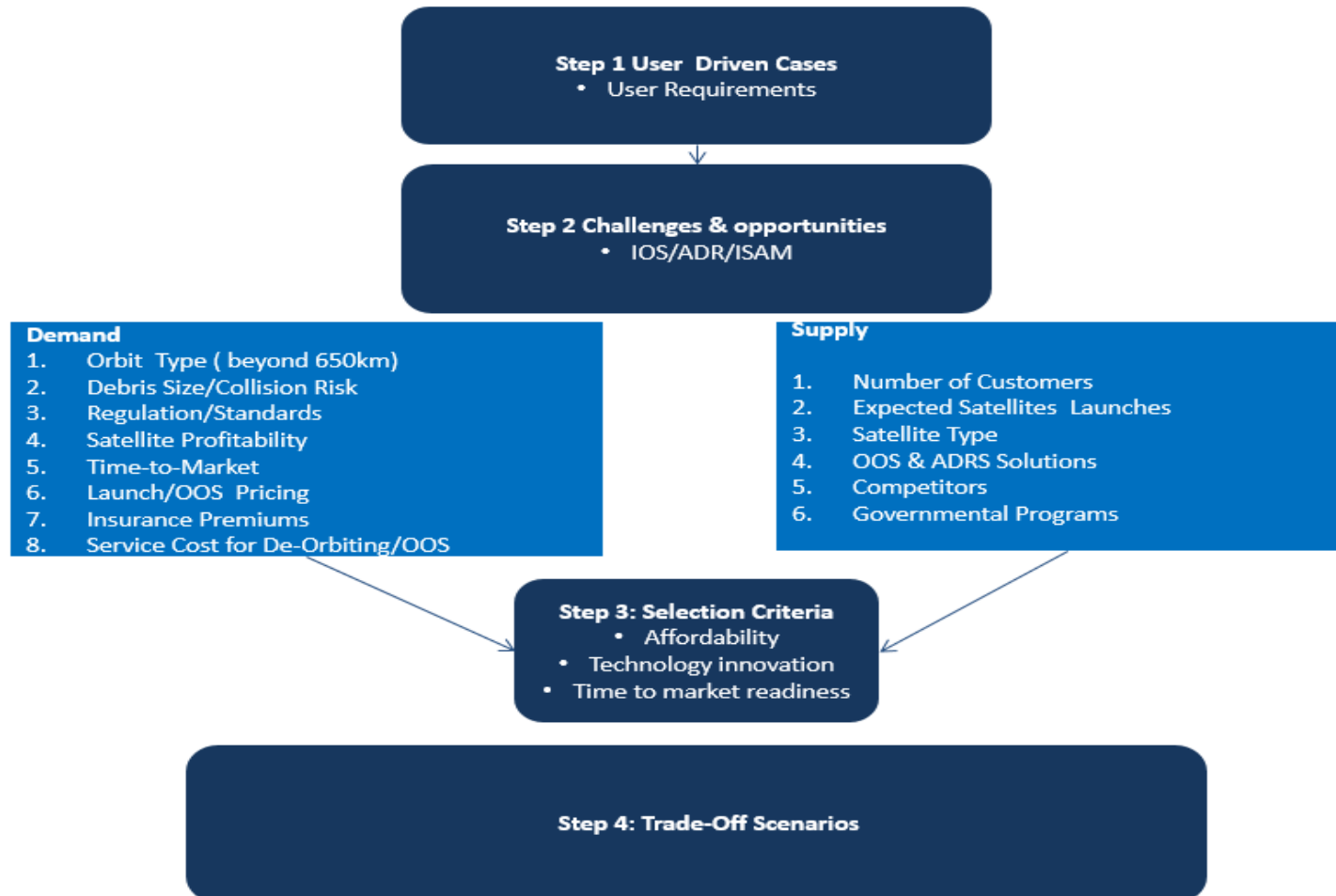


# Hypothetical Future Drivers for ISAM – Part III





# Hypothetical Future Framework – Part IV







# Conclusions

- ***Will ISAM services evolve to offer scalable solutions that fit in the business models and trade-off scenarios of end users?***
- Developing ***affordable*** trade-off mission scenarios for ISAM services is influenced by a number of technology innovation, market and business drivers
- Diverse technologies, market complexity and business models will influence satellite owners choices for ISAM affordable mission scenarios
- Developing interoperable, scalable and cost-effective future ISAM activities is important for the ISAM future success





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