

Preparing the paradigm shift for changing the way space systems are designed, built and operated 11



PERIOD DEMONSTRATION MAIN OBJECTIVE

From a satellite kit...







...to a functioning assembled satellite, including inspection,

On Orbit Services (OOS) and In Space Manufacturing & Assembly (ISMA) is the way to increase functionality, capacities & resilience of space assets while reducing costs



Demonstrating ISMA capabilities, the PERIOD mission will

initiate the transformation of the lifecycle of space sys-

tems toward higher value, higher system capacities, higher

resilience and lower capital expense, and toward indepen-

dent European capabilities allowing Europe building the

future orbital infrastructure and being competitive on the



reconfiguration, attachment, refuelling.

... via the Orbital Factory...

MISSION STATEMENT



Higher system capacities will be provided by larger re-flectors for communication or telescope and larger hub to integrate and operate numerous payloads.



Higher resilience comes from the built-in servicing capabilities of the spacecraft.

Lower capital expense (Capex) for providing additional and new capacities is made possible as not the overall €. spacecraft needs to be replaced on a regular basis but potentially only the parts related to the payload.

ORBITAL FACTORY ACCOMMODATION



ISMA market.

- \diamond the factory box containing robotic manipulators, required tools, the system avionics and observation hardware.
- \diamond a satellite assembly box including the required material and workbench infrastructure.





After the successful demonstration of the satellite assembly and re-configuration, the empty box will be replaced by an attachment and refueling element providing both the fuel depot as well as to receive a Xenon propellant (used for electrical propulsion).

TECHNOLOGY MATURATION & STANDARD INTERFACES BENCHMARKING



Further development of key technologies of the Strategic Research Cluster's Building Blocks is currently in progress to assure that by the end of the project phase A/B1 (2022) they are at TRL5.

The availability of reliable Standard Interfaces (SIs) is critical for ISMA applications. A benchmarking of the SI technologies SIROM and HOTDOCK is also in progress.













OUR TEAM



