

# THE EUROPEAN SPACE AGENCY

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“To provide for and promote, for exclusively peaceful purposes, cooperation among European states in **space research** and **technology** and their **space applications.**”

Article 2 of ESA Convention

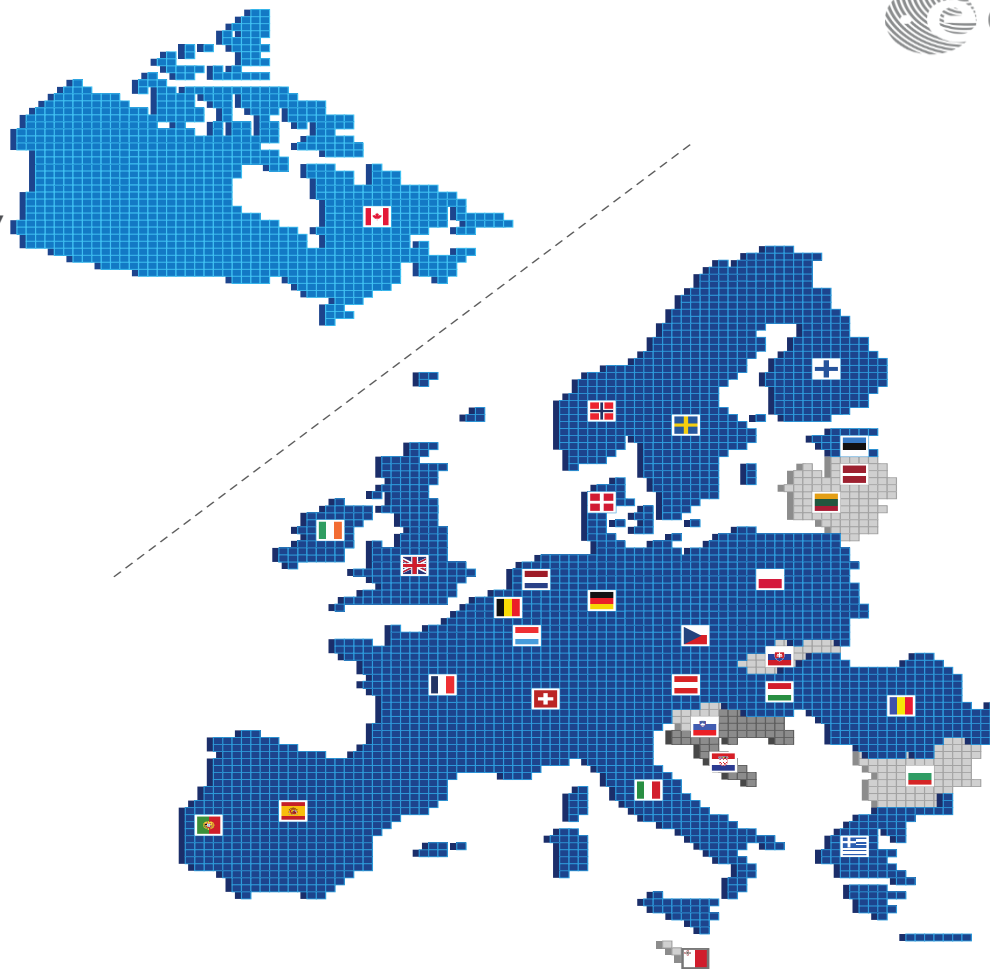


# Member States

**ESA has 22 Member States:**  
**20 states of the EU (AT, BE, CZ, DE, DK, EE, ES, FI, FR, IT, GR, HU, IE, LU, NL, PT, PL, RO, SE, UK) plus Norway and Switzerland.**

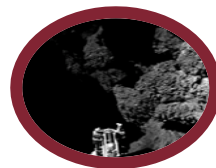
Seven other EU states have Cooperation Agreements with ESA: Bulgaria, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Slovakia and Slovenia. Discussions are ongoing with Croatia.

Canada takes part in some programmes under a long-standing Cooperation Agreement.



ESA is one of the few space agencies in the world to combine responsibility in nearly all areas of space activity.

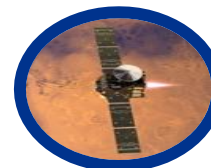
\* Space science is a Mandatory programme, all Member States contribute to it according to GNP. All other programmes are Optional, funded 'a la carte' by Participating States.



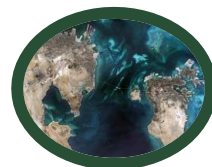
**space science**



**human spaceflight**



**exploration**



**earth observation**



**launchers**



**navigation**



**operations**



**technology**



**telecommunications**