

# Civil Security & Crisis Response from Space



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Enhancing European and Canadian capability to address **civil security challenges** and support rapid response to **disasters**

# There is urgency to act...

## ... for the protection of Citizens, Natural Resources and Critical Infrastructures

Devastating events are escalating with higher impact

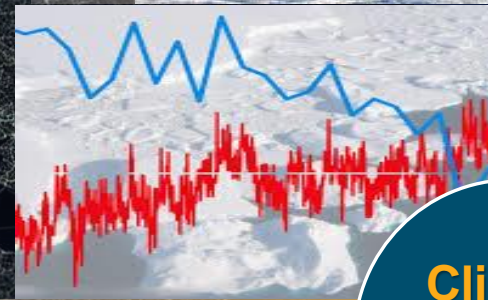
Europe needs to be better equipped to monitor, mitigate and respond to events affecting society and state



Geopolitical challenges



Greece, 2023  
20,000 evacuated  
174,000 ha burnt  
€1.7 billion cost



Climate Induced Disasters



Germany, 2021  
+€30 billion cost



Accidents & Emergencies



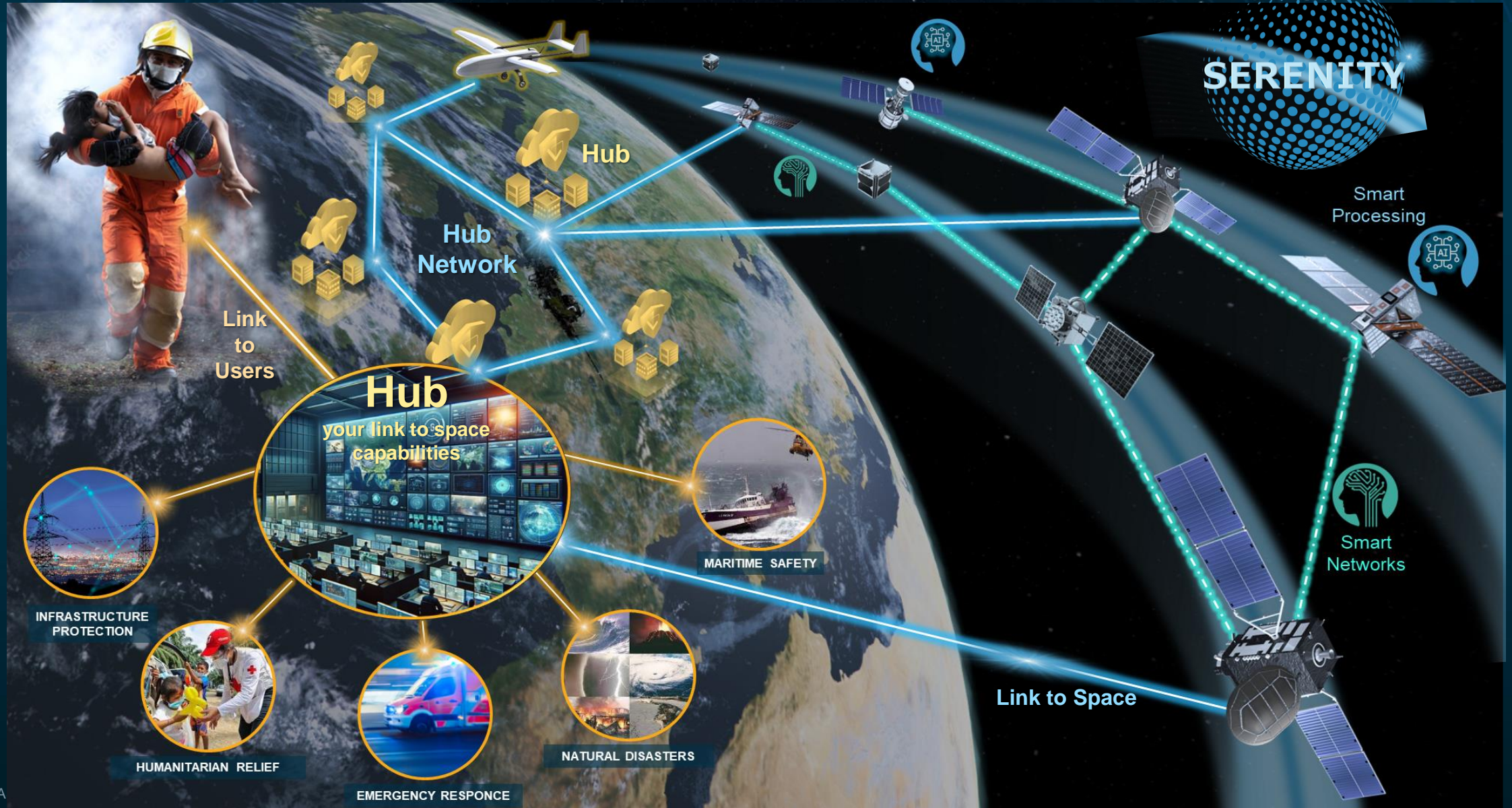
Turkiye, 2023  
273,000 buildings destroyed  
€34 billion cost



That is why I am calling for universal early warning coverage



# SERENITY – Space enabled for full situation awareness



# SERENITY – Strength in Unity

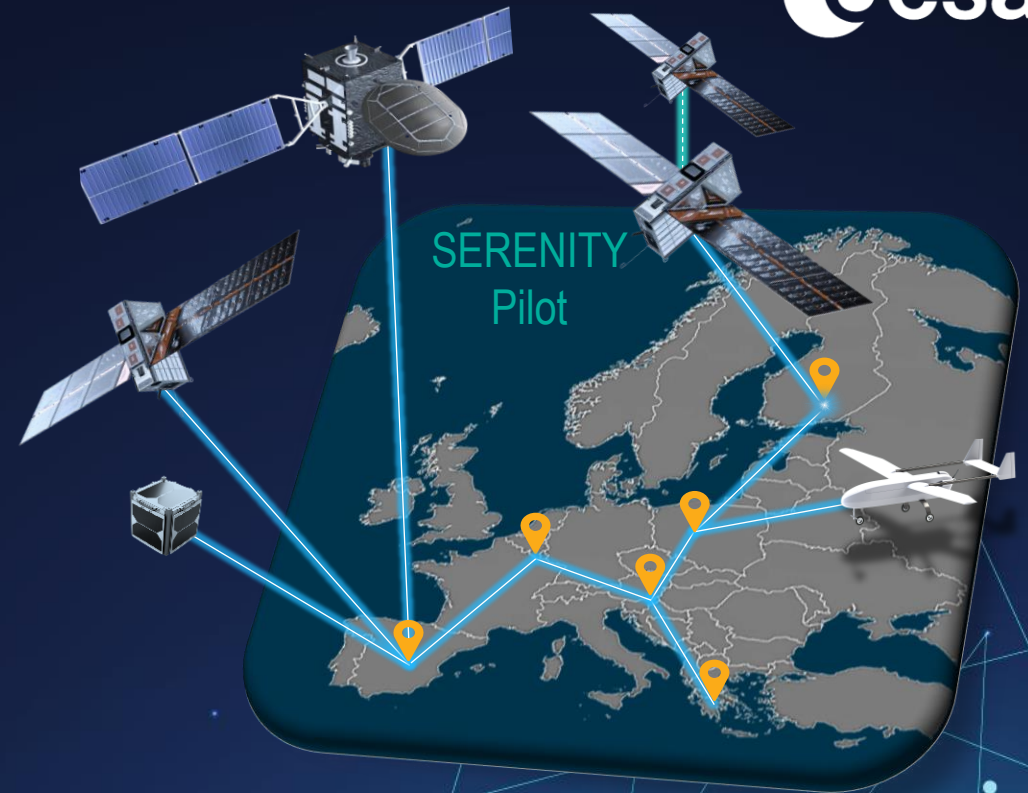


SERENITY is a **virtual federated system**, enabling the European wide collaboration of commercial and institutional EO, Satcom & GNSS space and ground solutions, to deliver the necessary tools to civil security actors anywhere, anytime, swiftly and reliably.



# SERENITY – System Pilot

- Hub network developments and deployments
  - ✓ Customised to user/operator needs
  - ✓ Supporting multiple end user portals
- Integration of virtual federated system
  - ✓ EO+Satcom+GNSS+IoT+ terrestrial + HAPS
  - ✓ Orchestrator developments - pooling & sharing capabilities
- Applications & services addressing multiple usecases
- Demonstrations across multiple regions



## Hub elements



# We need to ....

## Strategic



- ✓ **Ensure Europe is equipped** to monitor, mitigate & respond events affecting society & state
- ✓ **Ensure autonomy** in actions to civil protection and crisis

## Boost



- ✓ **new innovations** to enrich capabilities
- ✓ **interoperable space solutions** – EO, Satcom, GNSS, Ground, Aero ...  
... Commercial / Institutional  
... New space / SMEs ...



## Catalise



- ✓ **commercial opportunities** by engaging institutional users
- ✓ **international cooperation** and boost export opportunities

## Support



- ✓ **EU Green Deal 2050** – Adaptation to Natural Disasters
- ✓ **EC Critical Communication System by 2030** – For civil protection & safety

