

THEIA - Enhancing Copernicus Security services – EU governmental crisis management hub for forced population displacement

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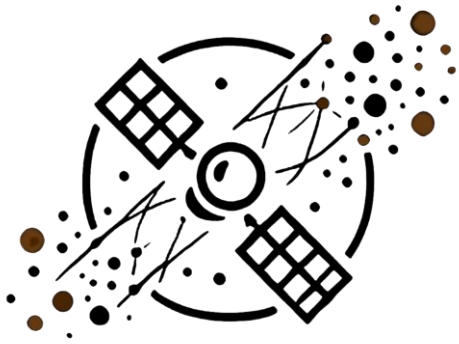
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About



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Objectives



“The overall project scope is to develop SW tools and applications which enable a more resilient and inclusive society via better-informed and integrated emergency response services”

Objectives

- 🎯 Enhance CSS state to better respond to evolving policy and user requirements
- 🎯 Create beyond State-of-the-Art reusable information tools tailored to users' needs
- 🎯 Improve integration of non-space data along end-user intelligence supply chains
- 🎯 Integration of GeoAI and EO data analytics with a variety of other application-specific data sources

Ambition

To enhance civil security, law enforcement operations and crisis management practices across Europe.



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Theia Approach



Component specifications, overall architecture, and design of demonstration use cases to be conducted

The micro-satellites
Cubesats and UAS
based data
acquisition

Data federation and
handling of both existing
and new datasets

Integration of the various
components and tools into
the THEIA platform

Development of key
components such as
the VHR EO

Ground-based
data integration

Development of the GeoAI
and ML tools of THEIA

Demonstration and
validation



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Use Cases Relevant To CSS

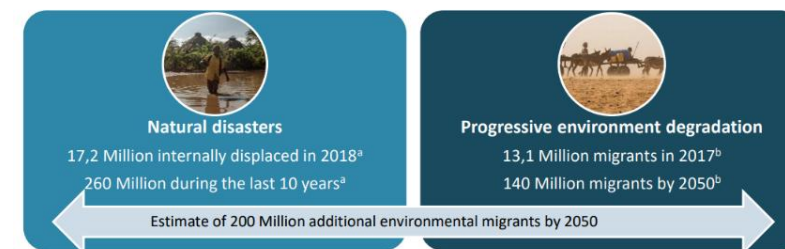
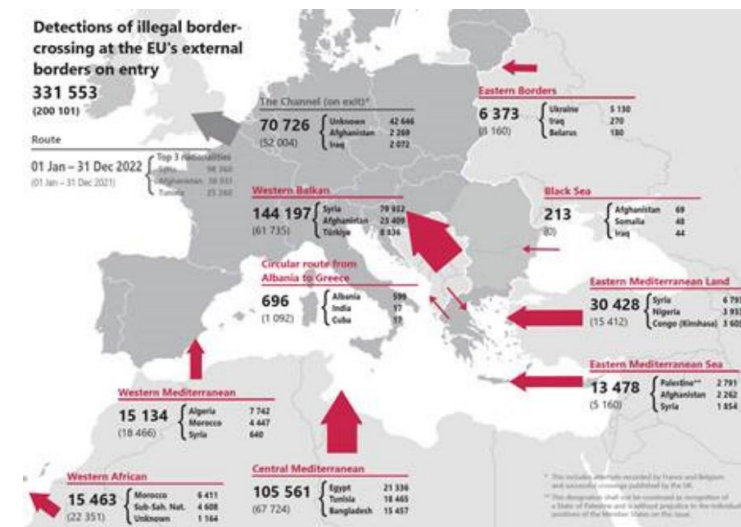


Numerous potential THEIA applications are related to forced displacement of people following marine or land routes.

For THEIA's demonstration activities, the following real-world scenarios have been selected:

- ✓ **Use Case 1** – Enhanced border and maritime surveillance capabilities in response to migration flows.
- ✓ **Use Case 2** – Terrestrial surveillance of population displacement and flows.
- ✓ **Use Case 3** – Population displacement due to climate change and extreme weather events.

* *These activities will take place in the Mediterranean region, and in a third-country area.*



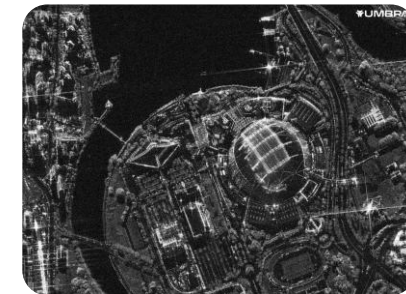
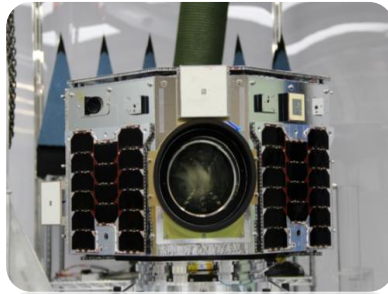
^a Global report on Internal Displacement 2019, Internal Displacement Monitoring Center.
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Complementary added-value components to CSS

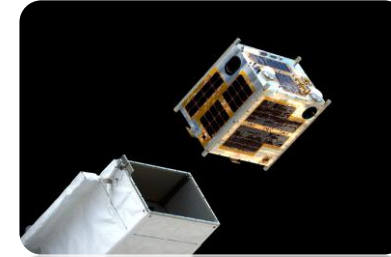
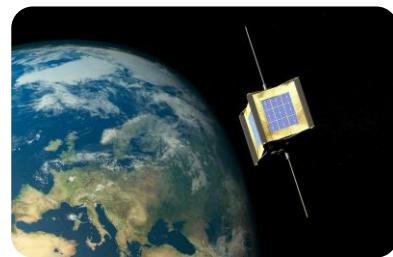


The project leverages various advanced security-related capabilities, including:

- ✓ Utilisation of diverse **satellite data, sensors and services** with including **VHR optical imaging, thermal, SAR data and optical video**



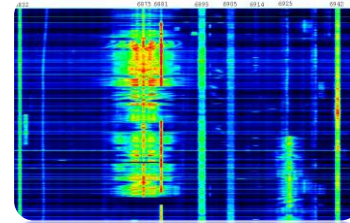
- ✓ Deployment of **micro- and pico-satellites, as well as national constellations**, in security operations.



Complementary added-value components to CSS



- ✓ Exploitation of Radio Frequency (RF) analytics tailored for both maritime and terrestrial cases



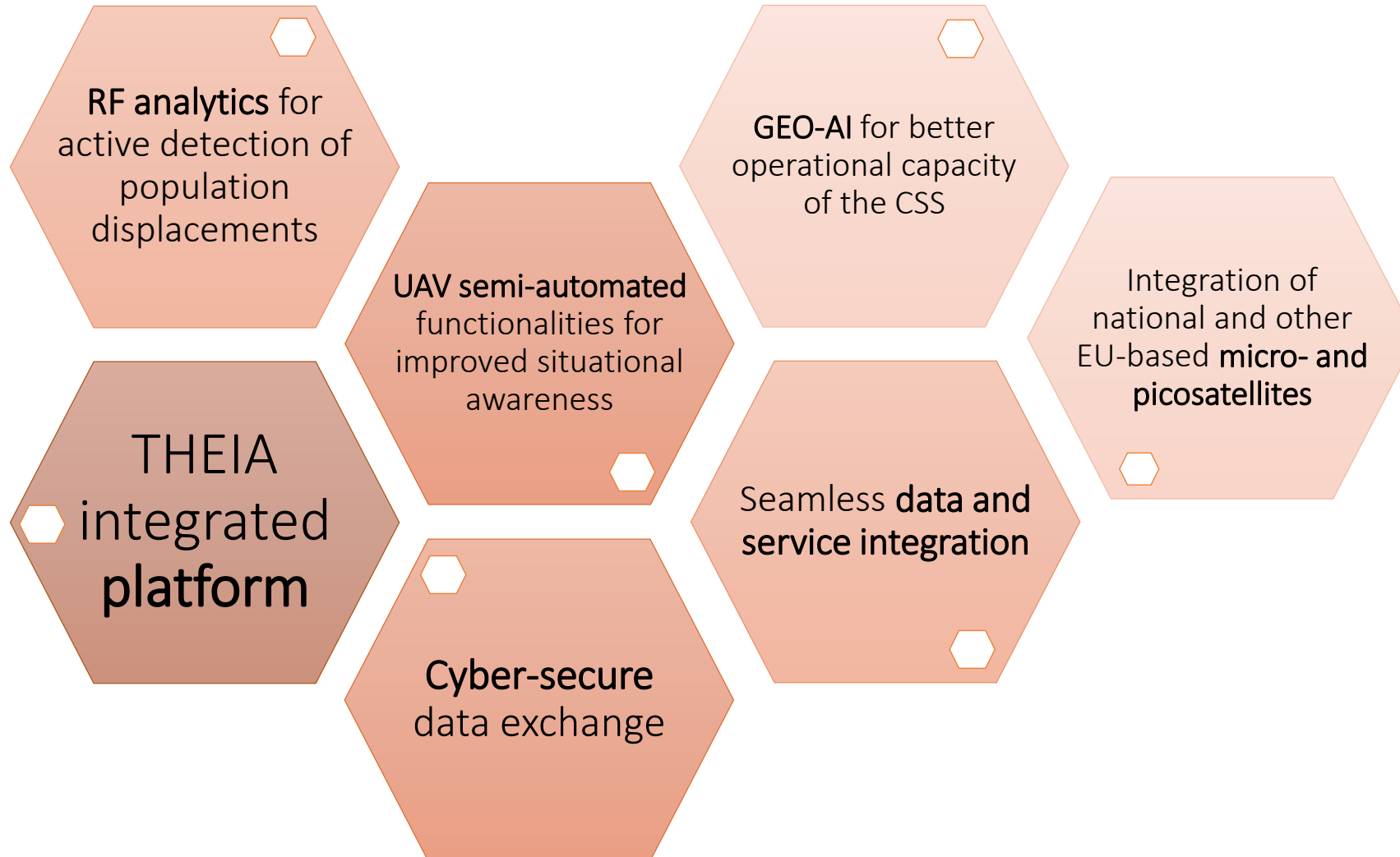
- ✓ Integration of UAV acquired data to enhance these applications

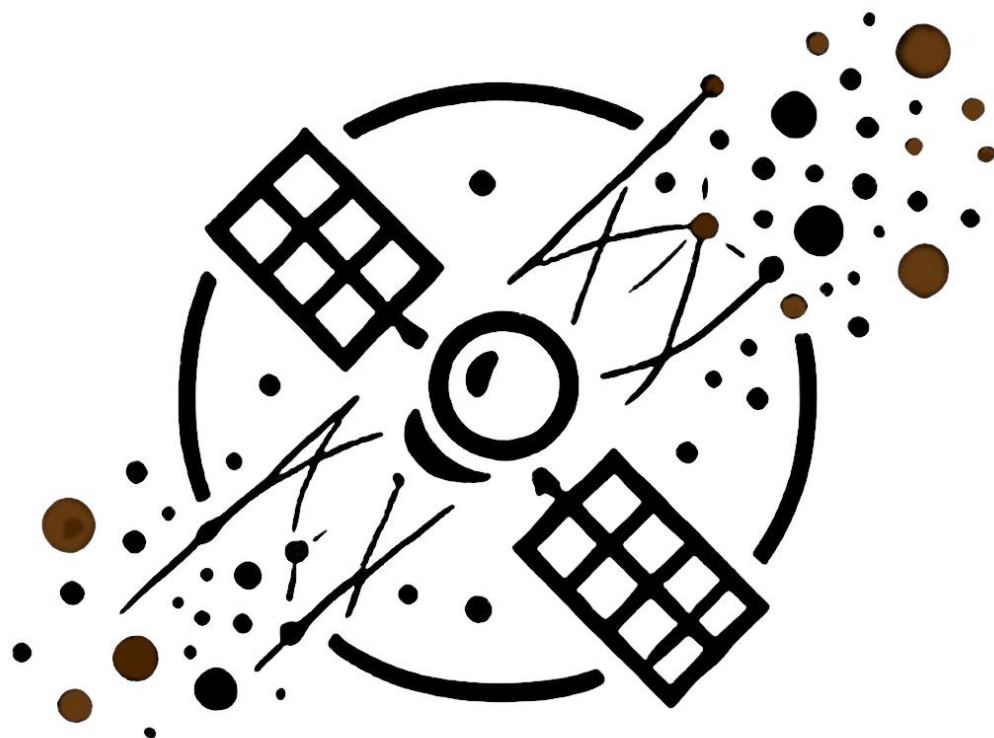


- ✓ Integration of social media and crowdsourced data for comprehensive analysis.



Main expected results of the project





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GeoAI for Security

Thank you for your attention!

