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### **Company profile**

e-GEOS is the exclusive commercial worldwide distributor of COSMO-SkyMed

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## AWARE for a global knowledge of assets & infrastructures

Deformations & movements identification by the use of Satellite interferometric products, GNSS monitoring, IoT technology, RPAS video

Monitoring the assets and infrastructure changes and activities in the surrounding by the use of specific *Encroachment* and *Change detection analysis, spatial analysis, RPAS video,* high resolution *cartography* and 3D models to monitor the surrounding area

**percitions platform** for continuous data management, integration and analysis













## THE CONTEXT

## Water: the most important resource

#### The need

- Water Leaks imply significant losses (M€) and waste of a valuable resource (More than 40 Billion of liters lost every day ww).
- Water Leaks are critical in water infrastructure management being very difficult to be detected over wide and underground network.

2015/1787/EU: from the retrospective control on the distributed waters, to the prevention and management of risks in the drinking water supply chain



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## PAST & (NEAR) FUTURE

#### UP TO NOW:

Random in situ inspection with acoustic instruments



Costly, time consuming, often not solving, based on non-specific consumption data

#### FROM NOW ON:

Satellite analysis to guide the in situ acoustic campaign



Costs and time reduction, effectiveness, based on the radar response to humidity and on capillarity of water!









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### THE PARTNERSHIP

• A first prototype has been developed in collaboration with

• The prototype has been developed to be immediately ingested in the operational workflow of the

infrastructure manager

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• ACEA will validate and certificate the results

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### THE TECHNIQUE

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- The technique is based on the property of SAR data to penetrate in the ground, mixed to the capillarity property of water
- The model uses <u>one</u> **L-band** SAR data (ALOS-2  $\lambda \approx 24cm$ )
- The detection is based on the **contrast between the dielectric properties** of liquid water ( $\varepsilon \approx 80$ ) and dry soil ( $\varepsilon \approx 6$ )
- Quality controls using optical VHR data

A WL map is generated associating areas with higher moisture level to the aqueduct network.









Legend

## AWARE WATER LEAKS DETECTION PRODUCT

#### **Product & main Evidences**

- Provision of qualitative value (H/M/L) of leaks and of Quantitative value (I/sec)
- First estimation leads to an increase of 6+ times of detected leaks
- A monthly inspection is possible vs 1-5 years of in situ inspections
- Rain close in time with satellite acquisition is the only limitation







- High water leakage Low water leakage
- Middle water leakage

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Information products

New products specific for infrastructures & assets

Synthetic Reports ready for operations





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