

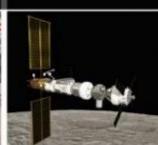


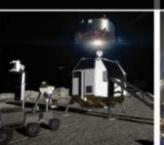
The European Space Exploration Programme

Leading Europe's human journey into the Solar System

using robots as precursors and scouts





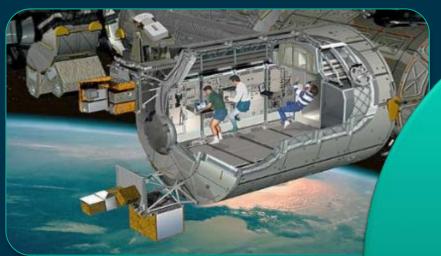






# Why explore?





New knowledge

Challenge driven innovation

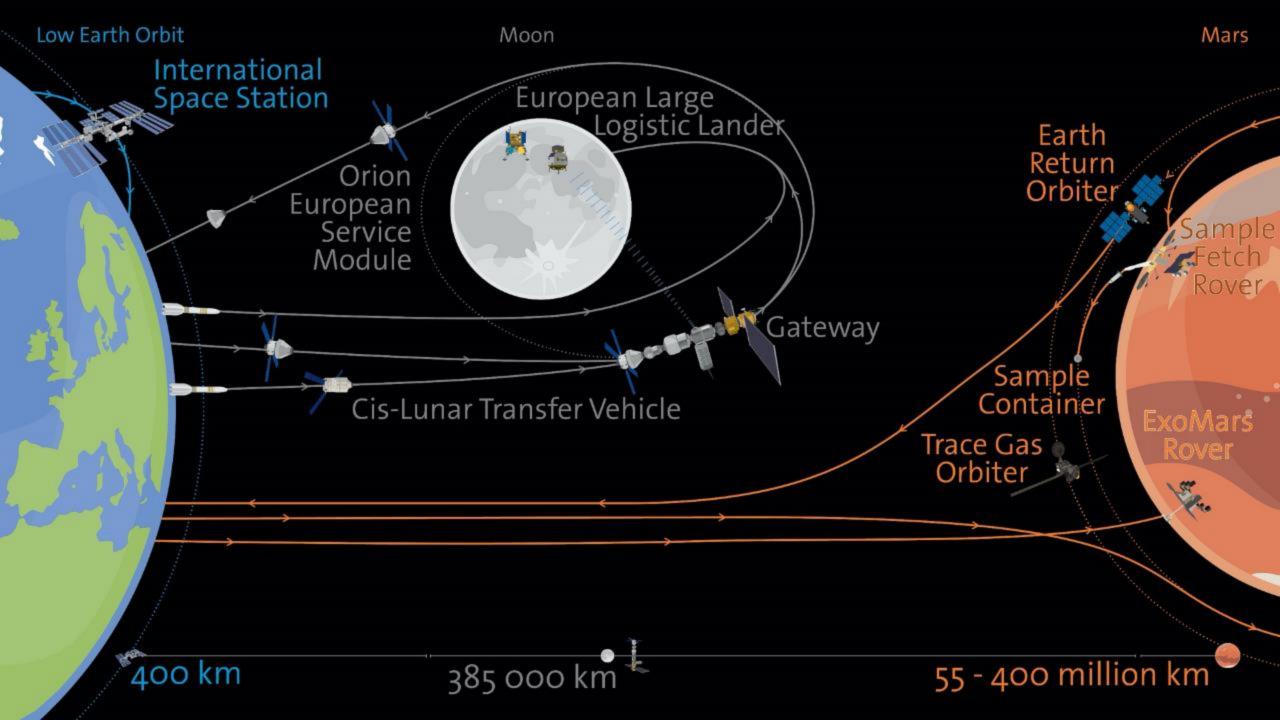




Inspiration Motivation Education

Global partners

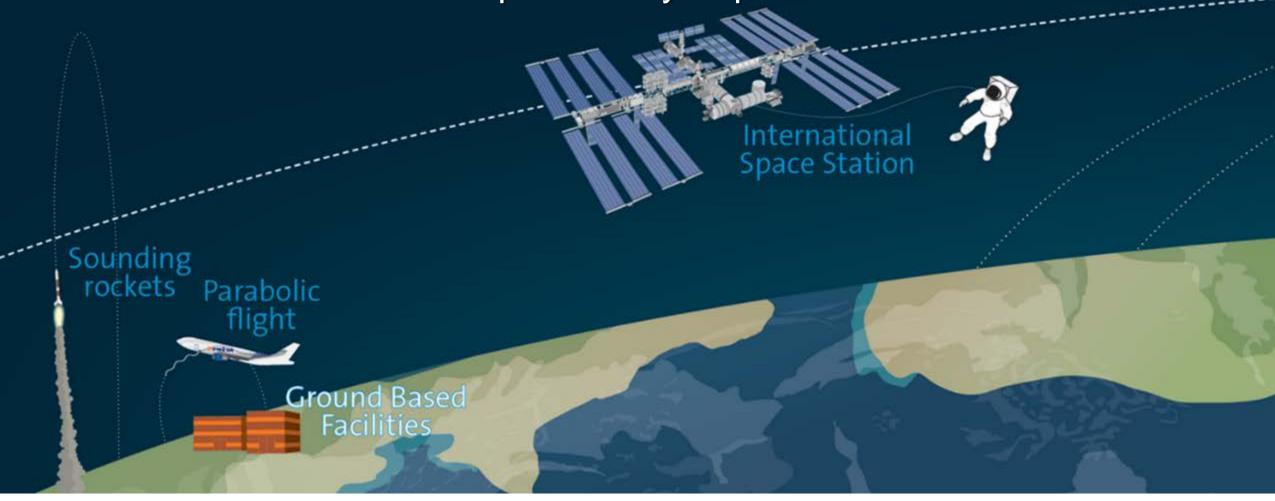
• The Global Exploration Roadmap, *January 2018* 



## **Destination Low Earth Orbit (LEO)**



- ✓ Continued utilisation of ISS until 2030
- ✓ Continued access to complementary capabilities



### **Destination Moon**

✓ ESM 1-6 under contract



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✓ Design work in 2021

Cis-Lunar Transfer Vehicle

✓ Design work underway

Gateway
I-HAB and ESPRIT
in development

✓ PILOT precision landing system

✓ PROSPECTice-drill



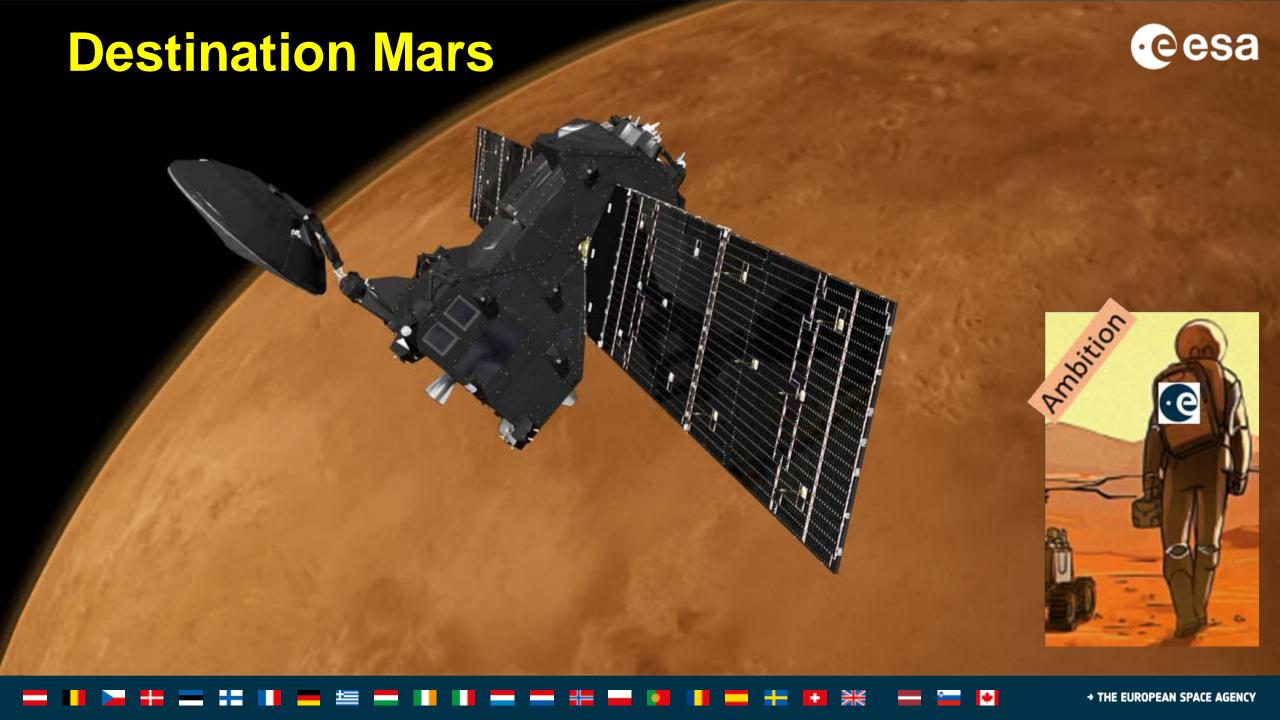
✓ First ESA science for Gateway in development

Orion European Service Module

- ✓ ESA received 300+ ideas for applications of EL3
- ✓ ESRIC operational in 2021- Europe's home for space resources research

European Large
Logistic Lander

✓ Design work underway



### ESA Mars exploration science – Past & Present



Core theme for ESA's Mars exploration efforts has been the Search for Life



Mars Express (2003) - Search for water and life through studying atmosphere and climate, and the mineralogy and geology of the surface and subsurface.

Major discoveries include hydrated minerals, recent glacial landforms and possible evidence of a subsurface lake.

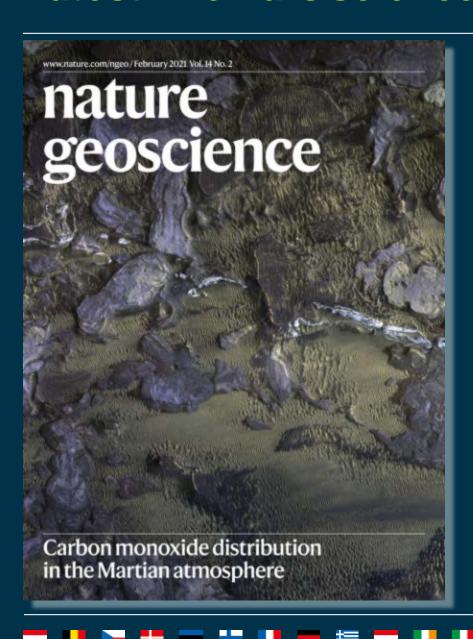
Trace Gas Orbiter (2016) - Search for life through investigation of methane and other trace gases.

Major discoveries include refined measurements of atmospherics chemistry and structure and global mapping of near-surface hydrogen (likely water).



#### Latest ExoMars science results





In Nature Geoscience this week, we publish a paper on TGO results with profiles of CO in the Martian atmosphere

The front page of the issue carries an image from the CaSSIS camera - 20 000 images so far

Tomorrow (on the third day of Mars Year 36), we publish two papers in Science Advances, on the discovery of HCl and on seasonal dependence of the D/H ratio

### **ESA Mars exploration science - Upcoming**





Rosalind Franklin Rover (2022)- Search for past life through reaching deep into the subsurface for the first time

Launch planned in 2022, arrival 2023

Mars Sample Return (2026) - Search for life and preparation for human exploration through investigation of returned samples from Mars



## **Ambitious decade of robotic Mars exploration**



Earth

Return

Orbiter

Trace Gas Orbiter

- ✓ TGO science and data relay continuing
- ✓ Supporting NASA Mars 2020 landing in February

✓ ERO in full development



- ✓ First astrobiology rover with drill and radar
- ✓ On track for 2022 launch





Sample Transfer Arm



### **Future planning**





Horizon Goal

Humans on Mars

- A new Mars exploration strategy is in development at ESA to address planning beyond launch of MSR up to 2040
- The Search for Life will continue to be central to the science strategy
- Exploration science, i.e. science that *enables* future human exploration, will become increasingly important

#### Potential areas of priority:

- ✓ Long-term weather monitoring, storm prediction
- ✓ Astrobiological investigations of special regions Accessing, investigating, and utilizing subsurface ice
- ✓ Geophysics
- ✓ Communications & Navigation



