

### Giornate INAF 2-5 maggio 2023

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Divisione Nazionale Abilitante della Planetologia ed Esplorazione del Sistema Solare

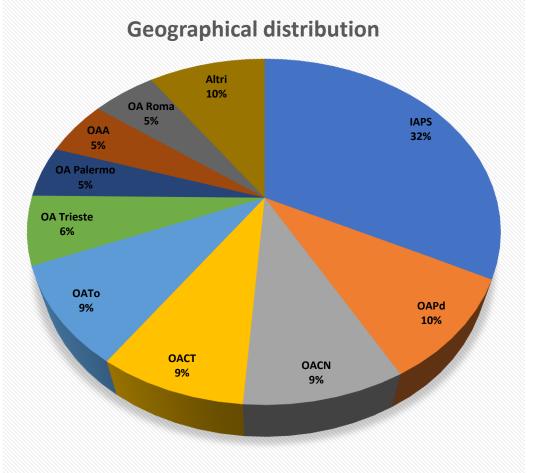
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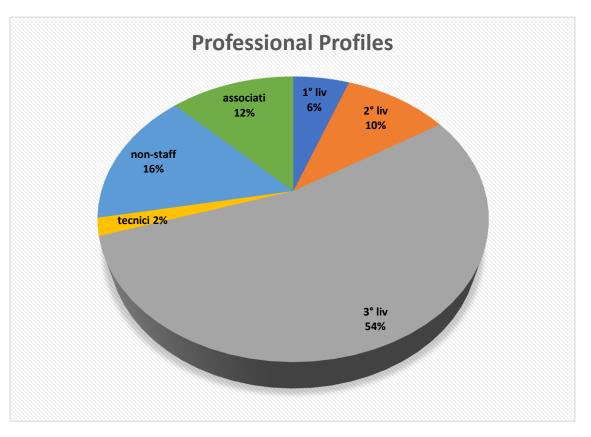
# Planetary Science and Exploration of the Solar System @ INAF

### Personnel

250 personnel units:

- ~219 located in 15 INAF Institutes
- ~ 31 associates





### **Science topics**

- Planetary Science
- Sun & Space Weather
- Astrobiology
- Laboratory astrophysics
- Space technology



### INAF Technologies & science contribution: Space missions in operations

**Osiris-REX** 



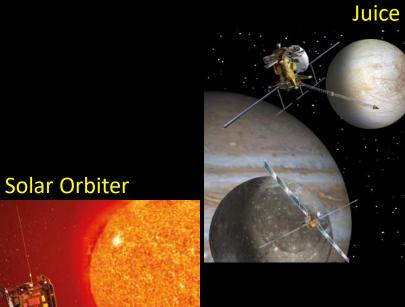


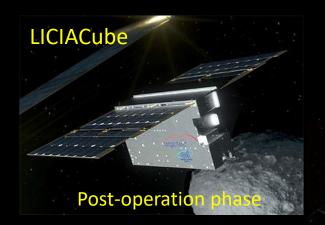












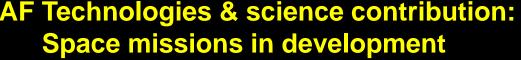


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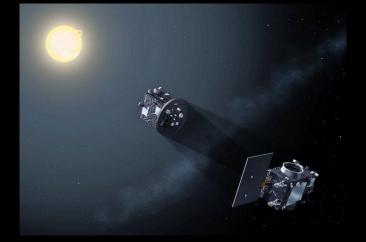


**INAF Technologies & science contribution: Space missions in development** 



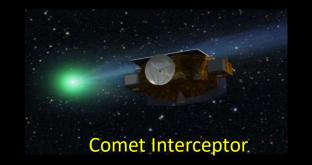




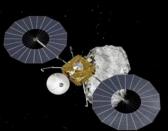


### **ExoMars Rosalind Franklin 2028**

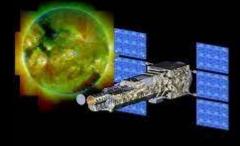




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### Solar-C EUVST





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### Prospect / CLPS 2025/2026

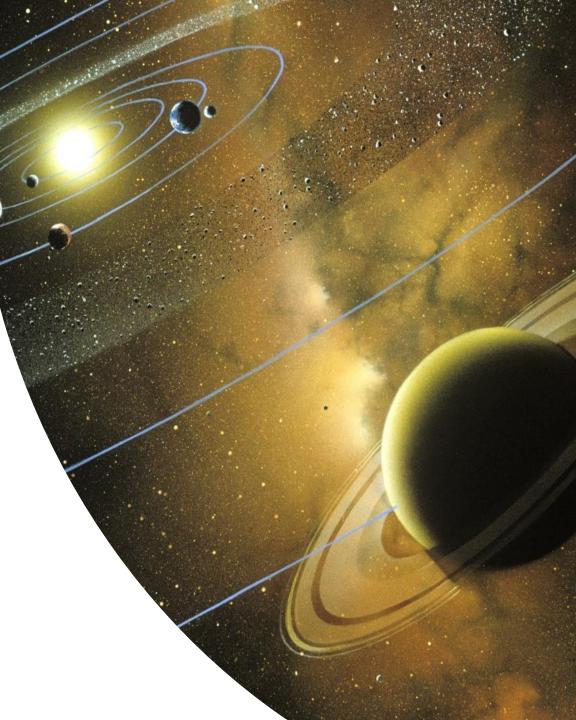
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Research activity for the national scientific community in the field of Sun, Solar System and Exoplanets

This initiative aims to support the national scientific community to:

- Consolidate the role acquired in the international context;
- Bring together the know-how acquired in the fields of the Sun, the Solar System and exoplanets in a network of competences distributed throughout the national territory;
- Stimulate the national scientific community to foster synergies between complementary research groups according to common scientific objectives;
- Promote the study and development of innovative concepts;
- Provide guidance for the definition of the roadmap for the next 15 years.

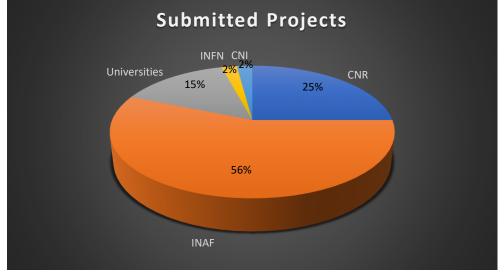




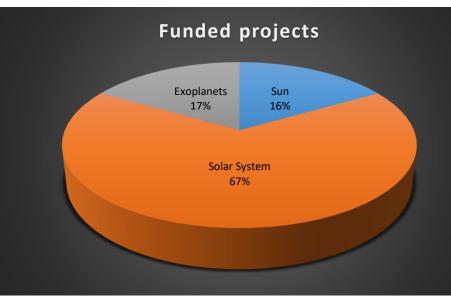
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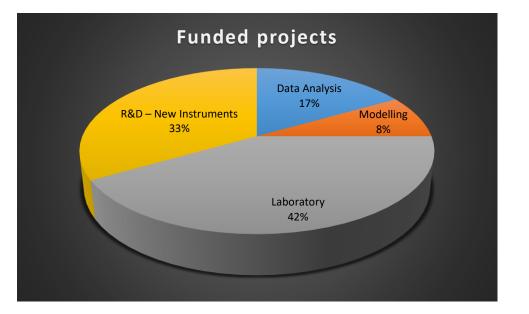


# Sun, Solar System and Exoplanets



	CNR	INAF	Universities	INFN	National Inter- University Consortium	Total
Submitted	_					
projects	12	27	7	1	1	48
Funded						
projects	3	7	1	1	0	12
Success						
rate	25%	26%	14%	100%	0%	25%



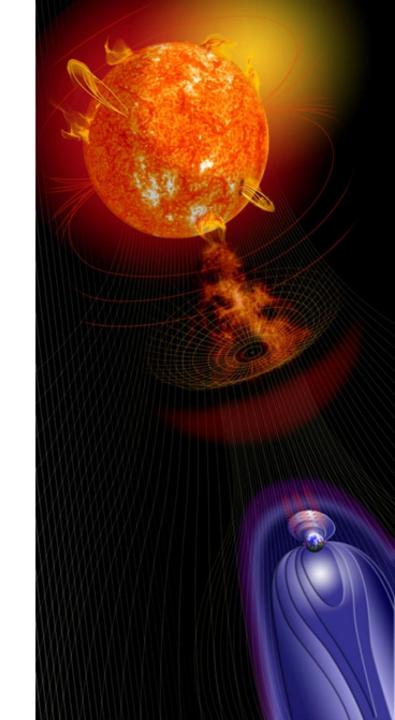


Research activity for the national scientific community in the field of Space Weather

Creation of a prototype scientific centre for the collection, processing and distribution of Space Weather data already available to the Italian scientific community, called **ASPIS** (ASI Space Weather InfraStructure), to be built at the ASI Space Science Data Centre (SSDC).

36 months

To be concluded end of January 2024



# **Toward an Italian roadmap for the Moon**

Two national surveys to collect the scientific interest and the relative payload that the Italian scientific community can offer in the field of lunar exploration:

- INAF led white paper for lunar exploration;
- ASI workshop: "Una roadmap per la Luna: Scienza e Tecnologia"

This is a first step toward the definition of an Italian roadmap for lunar exploration.

Una Roadmap per la Luna: Scienza e tecnologia 1 Febbraio 2022 @ 11:00 - 3 Febbraio 2022 @ 17:00

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# Part of the ideas explored in these surveys will be realised in PNRR or ASI projects

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# Earth – Moon – Mars (EMM) PNRR Infrastructures project



# **Objectives and ambition**

The EMM objectives will be articulated in different activities (WPs), which mainly foresee:

- the creation of a new infrastructure for the deep space network (SRT/DSN);
- A phase A study of a lunar infrastructure and its connection with the ground segments;
- the improvement of TRL of scientific payload to be accommodated on the lunar infrastructure in the next future;
- the designing, prototyping and testing of instruments at lower TRL to improve their maturity in perspective of a longer-term plan for further accommodation on the lunar surface;
- the development of a multidisciplinary research network aimed at sharing tools, data and expertise for a joint study of the Earth and Mars.



# **INAF contribution related to payload development**

The High TRL instrument to be developed are:

- Lunar Electromagnetic Monitor in X-rays (LEM-X) scientific responsible: Dr. Marco Feroci, INAF-IAPS
- LUNAr optical POLarimeter surveyor (LUNAPOL) scientific responsible: Prof. Paolo De Bernardis, Univ. Roma "La Sapienza", associated INAF-IAPS

• **PANoramic CAMera (PANCAM)** - scientific responsible: Dr. Claudio Pernechele, INAF-OAPD

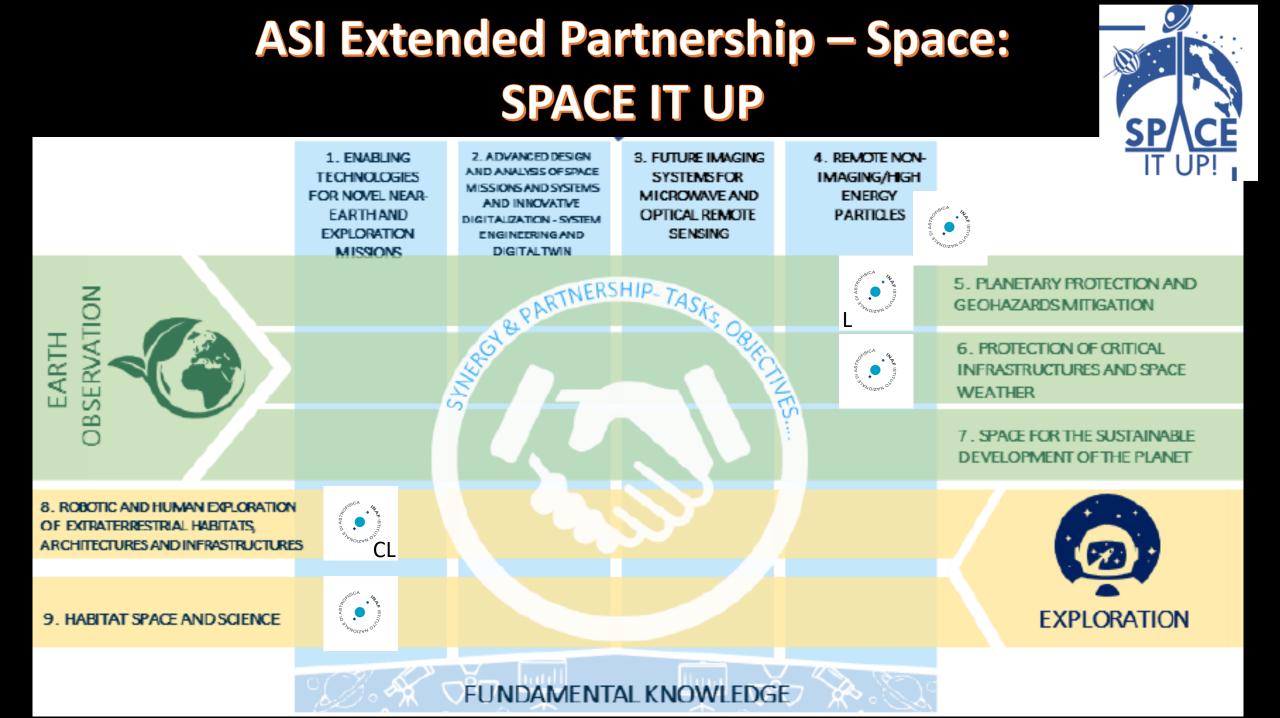
Total budget for INAF: ~ 5.9 Meuro

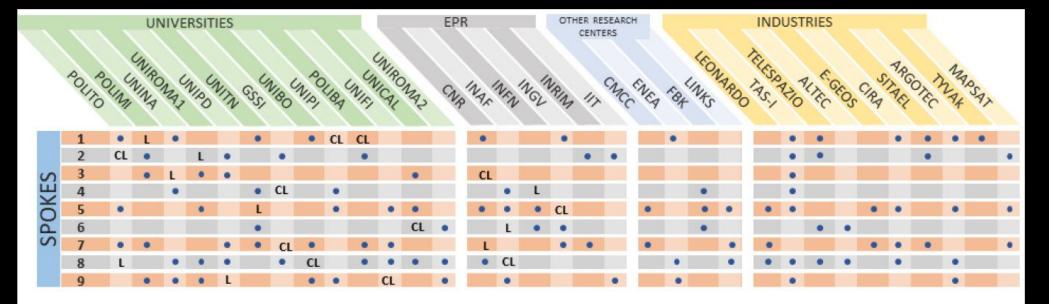
The Low TRL instrument to be developed are:

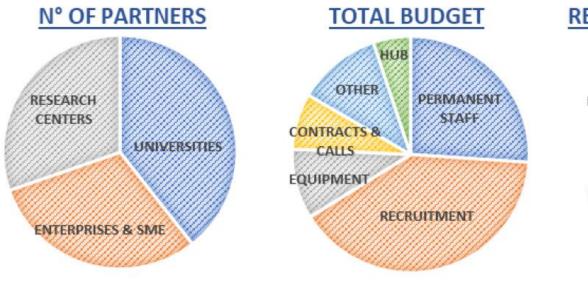
- Lunar Italian Spring Seismometer (LISS) scientific responsible: Dr. Francesco Santoli, INAF-IAPS
- Moon UV Albedo Measurement (MUAM) scientific responsible: Dr. Matteo Lombini, INAF-OAS
- **Dust Electrostatic Collector (DEC)** scientific responsible: Dr. Ernesto Palomba, INAF-IAPS
- Lunar Dust GRID System (LD GRIDS) scientific responsible: Dr. Carmen Porto, INAF-OACN
- Solar X-Ray MOONitor (SXRM) scientific responsible: Dr. Silvano Fineschi, INAF-OATO

# Earth & Mars research network development

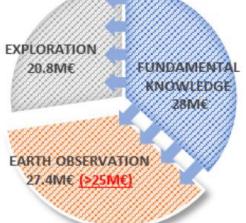
- Martian facility for sand and dust mobilization phenomena: planetary images, laboratory experiments and terrestrial analogues. – PIs: Drs. G. Franzese / S. Silvestro / G. Mongelluzzo
- WP1500-13 Laboratory of molecular spectroscopy in planetary atmospheres. PI: G. Piccioni / M. Snells











Proposal submitted on 30/09/2022 First phase decision expected: May 2023 Tot budget assigned to INAF: 5.6 Meuro

# Where we are, where we are going

#### WHERE WE ARE

- Fully operative missions with important INAF contribution: Solar Orbiter, Mars missions: ExoMars/TGO, Mars Express, MRO
- Recent launched mission with important INAF contribution:
  - JUICE (launched: 14/4/23 arrival 2031 8 years)
  - BepiColombo (launched 10/2018- science phase at Mercury in 2026)
- Analysis of samples returned by Hayabusa 2
- Mission just concluded or close to conclusion: LICIACube, Juno

#### WHERE WE ARE GOING

- New developments with missions to be launched in the middle and end of 2020's:
  - small experiments and/or HW contributions and/or maintenance/refurbishment/re-flight of payload (ExoMars) or scientific participation
- Development of new technology and new ideas

# Where we are, where we are going

### WHAT WE NEED TO FOCUS ON / KEY DRIVERS

- Strengthen the interlocution with ASI (scientific vision, strategic choices):
  - participation in ASI (and ESA) support study groups, workshops, WGs to define roadmaps
- Need to keep the teams and acquired skills alive while awaiting the arrival of major missions
- Take advantage of the many current opportunities for the development of new ideas, and new technologies (PNRR, space partnership, ASI studies, ASI calls for new ideas, that will lay the foundation for the future
- New trends: small fully Italian missions, miniaturised / integrated / compact instrumentation, techniques and studies for the exploration and scientific exploitation of the Moon, support to space missions through groundbased observations, laboratory and field experiments, improved modelling

### SCIENTIFIC CHALLENGES FOR THE NEAR FUTURE

- Moon
- Mars Sample Return
- Small bodies and satellites exploration and sample return
- Ocean worlds
- New Technologies for Studying the Sun and Space Weather