

- ECSS -
A tool for space projects, at your disposal



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Aim of the presentation is to:

- Present the ECSS system and the space standards,
- Provide practical information how to obtain and how to use the ECSS standards, and
- Establish how we can receive your comments and suggestions on ECSS standards



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1- Space Projects/Business Facts

- ECSS primary users are the projects and programmes of ESA ,of the other European space Agencies and of the main Prime Contractors.
- ECSS includes in its DNA all what is necessary to make it usable in a customer/client relationship for different types of projects
- A number of ECSS standards are already converted and published in the ISO and CEN (Comite Europeen de Normalisation) system .
- Electronic versions of ECSS standards are downloadable free of charge.



2 – What is ECSS exactly?

- Joint initiative of several partners: the European Space Agency, other European Space Agencies, and Eurospace (a grouping of about 50 European companies active in the space business)
- **Goal:**
 - To create a complete set of European standards developed jointly and consensually by the different European partners to the advantage of the whole European space community.
- An isolated system from other standardization organisations ? **NO**



2.1 - ECSS and standardization organizations

- Link with ISO (TC20/SC14 – Space systems and operations)
- Link with CEN (Comité Européen de Normalisation)
 - 46 ECSS standards converted et published in CEN
- Link with CCSDS, ESCC, IAQG and AECMA-STAN

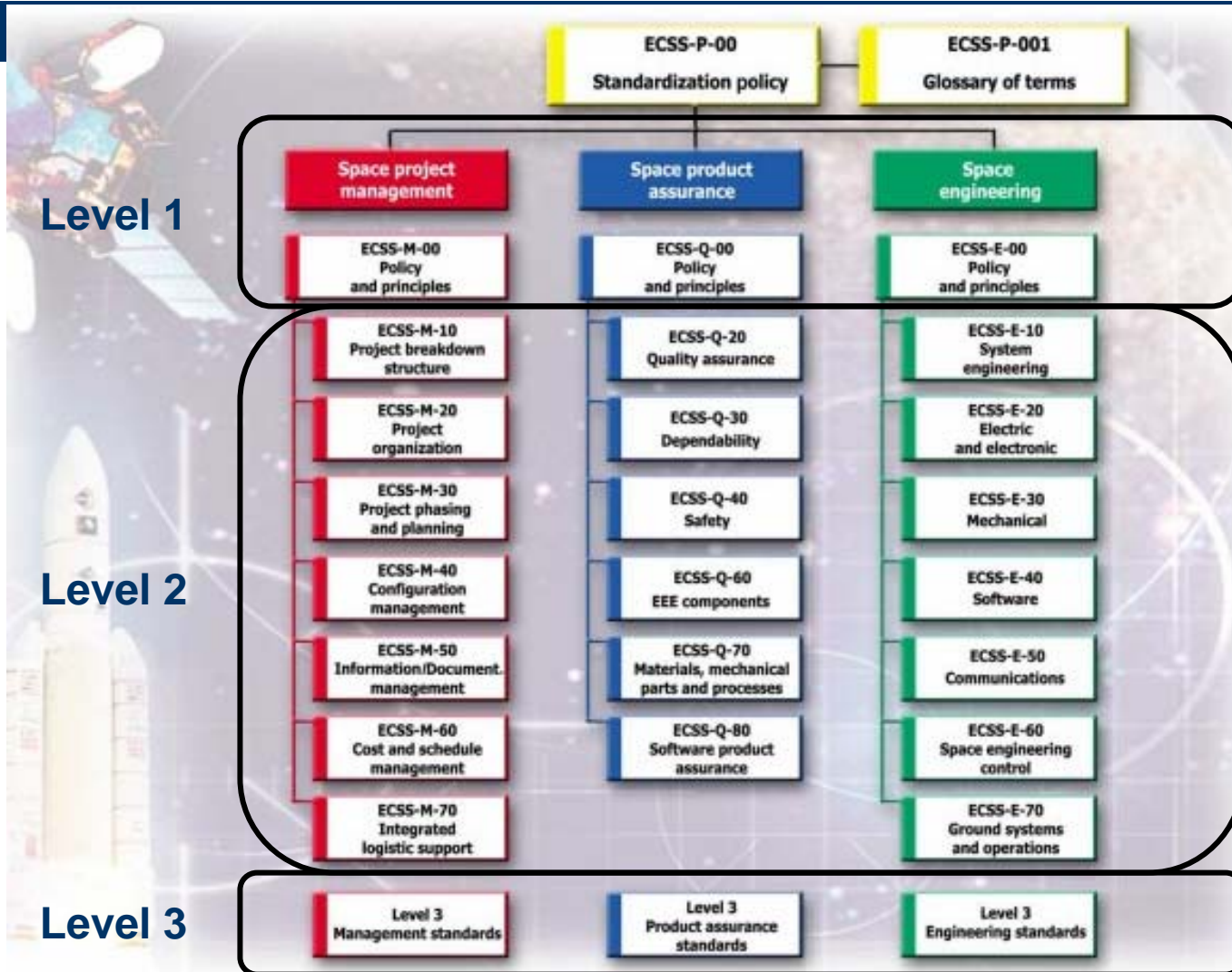


3 –Which are the requirements on ECSS standards?

- ECSS Standards are developed for use in space programs and projects:
 - To be applicable to all customer /supplier interfaces in the contractual structure of the project ,
 - To cover the whole life cycle of a project
 - To be usable on projects/programmes of different size
 - ⇒ To this purpose they foresee a process of adaptation (tailoring) to the needs of different projects in different phases
- ECSS standards are written by a pool of experts in response to well identified needs
- ECSS standards are structured



3.1 - The ECSS hierarchy of standards





3.2 – Three levels of ECSS standards

Level 1	Documents defining strategies specific to each branch. They contain the generic requirements of a branch .
Level 2	Documents defining requirements specific to each discipline within a branch (Requirements on What to do)
Level 3	Documents defining methods,procedures and solutions mandatory in certain areas (requirements on How to do it)

- Note: This level definition does not enter the contractual relationship, which calls standards applicability directly



3.3 – Some figures

- 96 standards were published, since 1996:
 - 11 in the Management branch,
 - 51 in the Product Assurance branch, and
 - 34 in the Engineering branch
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- 48 are in the review process before publication



3.4 Present ECSS activities

- In mid 2006 an assessment of the utilisation of the standards led all partners to agree to :
 - optimize standards for a more direct use in contracts ,minimizing the tailoring sometimes necessary and better separating standards from handbook-like information
 - Complete the set of standards ,particularly in the Engineering branch
- This activities are foreseen to last until end of 2007
- In the meantime published standards are in use



4 – Some constraints

- ECSS standards are interconnected and support one another. They cannot in general be used in isolation .
- They are not meant to influence or drive the internal organisation of the Suppliers or their quality systems (they offer the possibility to refer to existing structures and procedures)



5 – Who use them? Some examples

- An ESA internal directive make compulsory for all ESA ITTs/RFQ's the utilisation of the ECSS system .
- CNES,DLR ,ASI follow similar practices

Examples:

- **ESA & CNES:** Galiléo (European GPS), Alphabus (generic telecom platform)
- **DLR:** MEDIS-SAT & -ISS (ISS wideband communication system), Terra-SAR (laser communication), Rokviss (ISS robot)
- **ASI:** COSMO-SkyMed (constellation for earth observation), Agile (Gamma and X-ray astronomy)



6 – How to get hold of them?

- The electronic version in English:
 - From the ECSS website (www.ecss.nl)
 - And this is free of charge
- Paper Versions
 - In English: ESA Publications Division (*)
 - In French: CNES (*)
 - In German : DLR (*)

(*) Full addresses can be found in the Website ECSS



6.1 - The ECSS Website (www.ecss.nl)

The screenshot shows the ECSS website homepage. At the top left is the ECSS logo. A horizontal navigation bar contains the following links: HOME, ORGANIZATION, STANDARDS, PUBLICATIONS, DISCUSSION FORUM, and ECSS HELPDESK. On the right side of the page, there is a search box labeled "Commands...".

On the left side, there are three vertical menu sections:

- [Home]**
 - Agenda 2002
 - Background
 - Contact Details
 - News Archive
- [My Settings]**
 - My Questions
 - My Profile
 - My Teams
 - Logout
- [Search]**
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 - Advanced search
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The main content area features a large image of a satellite in orbit. Overlaid on the image is the ECSS logo and the text: "EUROPEAN COOPERATION FOR SPACE STANDARDIZATION". Below this, a bolded paragraph states: "The European Cooperation for Space Standardization is an initiative established to develop a coherent, single set of user-friendly standards for use in all European space activities."

Below the main image is a "What's new" section with a list of recent updates:

- 5 September 2002 - ECSS Website training sessions – 1st or 8th October in ESA/Estec
- 2 August 2002: ECSS-E-30 Part 5.1A published
- Extension of Deadline for public review
- 25 July 2002: Start of public review of ECSS-M-20B Draft 1
- 22 July 2002: Start of public review of ECSS-E-10 Part 1-1B Draft 2
- 18 July 2002: ECSS-Q-30B published

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7 – How to use them in a project?

- The Customer needs to adapt the ECSS standard to a specific project's characteristics e.g. type ,complexity, acceptable risks, financial constraints .
- A typical adaptation process (tailoring) includes:
 - Selection of a subset of ECSS standards directly applicable to the project
 - Identification and elimination in this subset of those requirements which are not applicable to the project
 - Modification or addition of specific requirements



8- Comments and suggestions are welcome...

- ...because
 - standardisation is a continuous improvement process
 - it is necessary to have feedbacks to check that the ECSS product meets the needs of its users

- ...and you can send comments and suggestions about e.g.:
 - Problems you identify in any of the standards
 - Lack of one or more standards in a certain field
 - Proposals to participate to the development of a standard



9 – How to reach ECSS

- Pretty easy to contact ECSS, either:
 - Adding to our ECSS website a message in the discussion forum or a question to the helpdesk.
 - Sending a mail at:
 - TEC-QR
 - Keplerlaan, 1
 - P.O. Box 299
 - 2200AG Noordwijk ZH
 - The Netherlands



Conclusion

- The ECSS system is a reality: not only the existence of the standards but also their use in European Space projects widely.
- They work for our projects, feel free to use this tool for your own benefit, and communicate your suggestions and comments

Thank you for your attention



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Any question?