# Opportunities for applied R&D&I, industry projects implementation, prototyping and manufacturing with CASTRA

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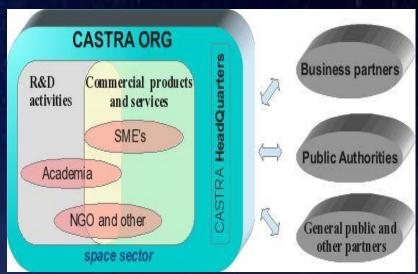


#### Who we are?

CASTRA is an independent NGO <u>industry-driven consortia</u> (cluster) of high-tech SME's, academic institutions and other interested stakeholders with expertise and capacity to <u>jointly</u> develop technologies, products and services in the <u>aerospace domain</u> and its applications serving society.

CASTRA's *vision* is to promote the <u>research</u>, <u>innovation</u>, <u>technology and business developments in the aerospace sector</u> to the benefit of society and to act as a major industry player.



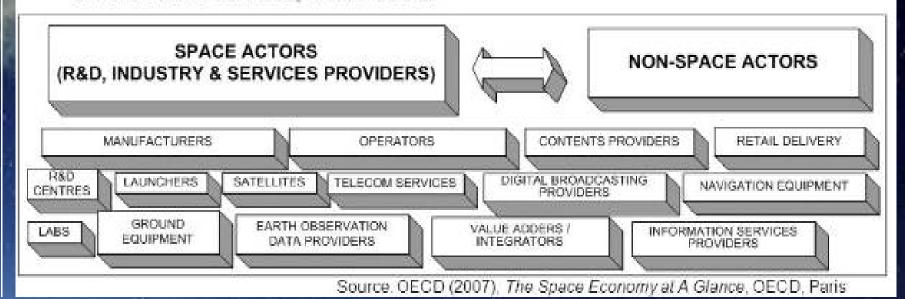


"Together we are stronger" - Bulgaria's strategy to success

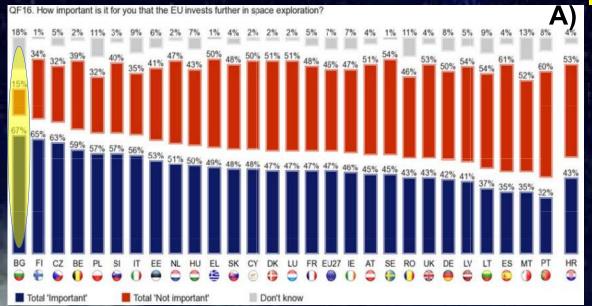
## The GLOBAL SPACE ECONOMY is a MAJOR DRIVING FORCE for developing plenty of business cases

#### The space economy embraces:

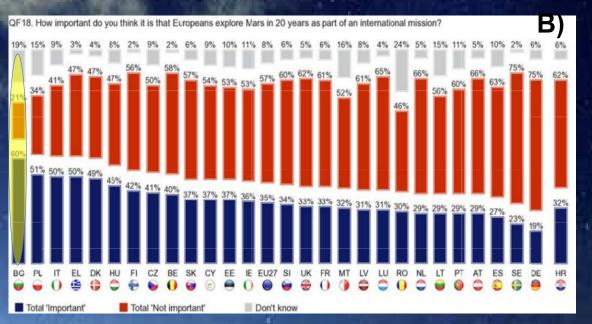
"All public and private actors involved in providing space-enabled products and services. It comprises a long value-added chain, starting with the manufacturers of space hardware (e.g. launch vehicles, satellites, ground stations) and ending with the providers of space-enabled products (e.g. navigation equipment, satellite phones) and services (e.g. satellite-based meteorological services or direct-to-home video services) to final users."



## Bulgarian Public Supports THE MOST the EU Investment in space



The public opinion in Bulgaria supports the most in the EU the increase of the EU investments in space exploration (see chart A)



The public opinion in Bulgaria supports the most in the EU the implementation of long-term large scale space programs e.g. mission to Mars

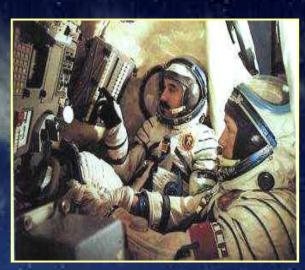
(see chart B)

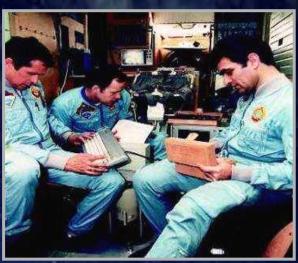
EU survey analysis ('Eurobarometer', 2013)

#### High-Tech space heritage

## Two Bulgarian R&D cosmonaut space flight programs implemented – 1979,1988

Developed unique experience and infrastructure in program management, developed numerous spaceborn and ground instruments and infrastructure, fundamental sciences and other related areas







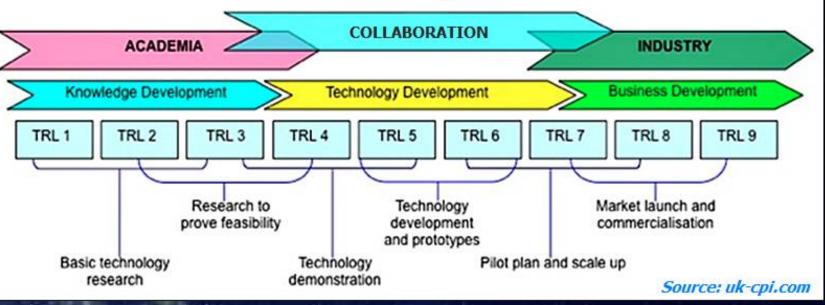
#### **NEW high-tech SME potential**

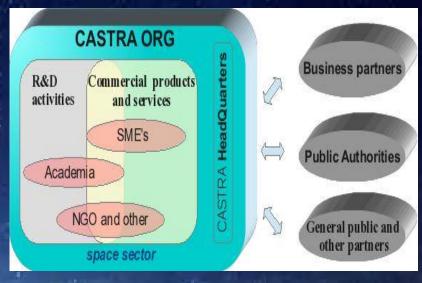
Electronics, IC design, automation, robotics, UAV systems, high-speed satellite communications, software and embedded systems and other.

Examples of our high-tech SMEs industrial products and services with application in space projects **Embedded IoT systems** RAĐIATION **GNSS** tracking **MEMS** HARD ASIG ∕loon bas ions TTTT reenhouse Design & Sensors actuators 2466 Example of a federated **High-reliability digital** modeling and EMP - phase etectronic system size simulations of spa virtual reality took **UAV** systems MW ertical takeoff and Antennas landing Low profile disc shaped UAV 50,000 V/m for 200ns - E 26V for 20-200maps - E3 Satellite Dron detection and counter measures system Jet UAV shooting targets mmunicatio Visual-MWIR camera, laser range finder, spectral analyzer, jammer carbon liber products for automotive, space, robotics, consumer Small Sat platform & missions design. EO **FMCW** panoramic drone radar imaging and data comm payload development speed downlin of specialized equipmen Software tools for multi-Multispectral and SAR remote sensing Al & BigData tools fo systems satellite based ICT systems analysis rocessing from air/space born sensors

### CASTRA's approach and experience with Academia – Business interactions and Technology transfer

#### The Innovation Chain: Converting Science into Wealth





#### CASTRA's APPROACH TO COOPERATION

- ✓ IDENTIFY MATCHING / COMPLIMENTARY BUSINESS <u>VALUE CHAINS</u> OF COMMON INTEREST
- ESTABLISH JOINT R&D AND B2B INTERACTION BASED ON THE CAPACITY AND EXPERTISE OF THE PARTNERS
- PROJECTS IN THE TECH VALUE CHAIN
- ✓ DEFINE AND IMPLEMENT A JOINT PRODUCT/SERVICE

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## A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step! 千里之行,始於足下 (qiānlǐ zhī xíng, shǐ yú zúxià)

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#### LET US DO IT TOGETHER!



Neil Armstrong, the first man on the Moon, has never visited Bulgaria but the Bulgarian space engineer Prof. Widen Tabakoff was a key contributor to the Apollo program