ESA Data Policy is defined by the ESA Member States:

- to maximize the beneficial use of data from both ERS and ENVISAT satellites,
- to stimulate a balanced development of Science, Public Utility and Commercial Applications, consistent with the mission objectives.

**Category 1 use**

- Research and applications development use in support of the mission objectives, including research on long term issues of Earth System science,
- Research and development in preparation for future operational use.

**Category 2 use**

All other uses which do not fall into Category 1, including operational and commercial utilisation.
The Envisat products delivered by ESA to users:

- **level 1B products**: geolocated and calibrated at engineering level - calibrated spectra

- **level 2 products**: geolocated at geophysical level - total columns, profiles
The ESA A.O. projects: a large success since 1986

P.I. Countries

No Projects
1-25 Projects
26-50 Projects
51-100 Projects
More than 100 Projects

P.I.’s geographic distribution

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AO Call 1998:

734 proposals received and reviewed
46 countries involved
674 proposals accepted

Scientific/Research: 434
Calibration/Validation: 120
Commercial: 120

Opening of Cat.1
WebPage End 1999:

100 new projects
The Procedure for CAT. 1 Projects

1) Clear **project** definition (expected results, start/end date, partners, data requirements etc) to be submitted via the web site.
2) Peer review (scientifically, technically, programmatically by ESA staff and external experts)
3) Acceptance of the project - national funding
4) Signature of the Terms & Conditions for the use of data
5) Assignment of the ESA correspondent (technical interface) and the ESA contribution (data volume etc.)
6) Progress reporting via WWW
7) Final report
Level3/4 Products: not provided by ESA to users, Level3/4 (value adding) products generated by Cat.1 PIs can be distributed to any user (except for commercial use)

Level 2 Product development for Cat.1 use: everybody who has an accepted Cat 1 proposal receiving ESA Level 1 products is allowed to derive Level 2 data (also operational even if there is the same ESA product available – delivery only to accepted ESA Cat. 1 project PIs)

ESA is responsible for the distribution, archiving, upgrading and validation of the ESA products.