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OHB-I nanosatellite constellation for Earth observation: a contribution to IRIDE

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OHB Italia has been awarded a contract for the delivery of a complete system, composed by a Space Segment, a Flight Operation Segment for constellation operation, and the Ground Processors for products generation. OHB-I activities also include the launch campaign, the procurement and in orbit operation of the constellation; for a true turnkey customer experience. The system is characterized by a short manufacturing time and affordable price.

> The OHB Italia constellation can be configured on a wide range of Low Earth Sun-Synchronous Orbits and orbital planes, to optimize the system performances (e.g., Revisit Time, Latency, Coverage, etc.). The Space Segment is composed of 12 Eaglet-2 Satellites, with options for additional batches, compatible with several Ground Station Network providing a flexible and cost-effective solution. The Flight Operation Segment is based on a customizable solution deployable in the customer Mission Control Centre, or cloud-based, or operated by OHB-I own operators. The Processors can be integrated into the customer own payload data processing and distribution segment. The products are geolocated, orthorectified, calibrated multispectral and panchromatic images, both as spot and strip acquisitions. Images are combined with AIS data, generating a data fused product.

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- Land coverage monitoring
- Coast and sea monitoring
- Change detection
- Naval traffic monitoring

CONSTELLATION		
Satellites	12 + 12	
Geometry	12 satellites per plane	
Orbit	Sun-synchronous	
Nominal Altitude	525 Km	
Daily Imaging	~ 1 Million Km ²	
Communication	S + X Band	

What is

A CONSTELLATION OF CONSTELLATIONS

IRIDE is an *End-To-End System* consisting of:

- Several LEO constellations (Upstream Segment)
- A ground operational infrastructure (*Downstream* Segment)
- Services for the Italian public administration (*Service* Segment).

IRIDE is unique since it provides *microwave imaging* (Synthetic Aperture Radar, SAR), optical imaging at various spatial resolutions and in different frequency ranges, including panchromatic, multispectral, hyperspectral, and infrared bands.



GLET 2 EAGLET-2 is a 25 kg nanosatellite based on OHB-I M³ (Multi-Mission Modular) platform equipped with a TDI (*Time Delay Integration*) Multi-Spectral payload with high resolution (< 2m GSD) paired with an Automatic Identification System (AIS) receiver. The satellite is based on COTS units, to have the best combination of cost, performances, reliability and delivery time.

Security AES 256 (all links) In-house or by customer Operations **Production Rate** 2 Sats/Month

EAGLET-2



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The satellite is based on flight-proven Commercial Off-the-shelf units, to have the best combination of cost, performance, reliability and delivery time. Careful selection and control of the supply chain is implemented to shorten the time-to-orbit and to support just-in-time production rates. Suppliers have been vetted to assess their financial stability and industrial capabilities and are regularly audited to verify the quality level of their processes and products. Assembly, integration and testing (AIT) is performed in a dedicated area that can be scaled to increase the rate of production. Design-to-Production and Producibility aspects has been considered in the design of the Eaglet-2. The first Eaglet-2 satellites will fly in Q1 2024. In 2024 OHB-I will deliver the

complete system to be integrated in the

Italian IRIDE Constellation, with a launch in

SATELLITE				
Mass	25 Kg			
Launch Envelope	< 30x30x57 cm			
Lifetime	3 years			
Propulsion	Electric, 150 m/s			
Altitude	450-650 Km			
IMAGING @525 Km				
Bands	RGB (550-900 nm)			
Swath	18 Km			
Strip Length	> 500 Km			
Ground Sampling Distance	1.96 m			
SNR	> 100			
MTF	10%			
Geolocation	CE90 < 100 m			
Storage	24 GB			
SHIP DETECTION (AIS)				
Always on, ~ 300 messages/minute				

About the IRIDE constellation

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