



## Improving Disaster Response Capacity

# Improving Disaster Response Capability using Satellite Communication

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Time needed for advanced communications and services for improved mobilization and coordination

T0    T0 + 2 hours

Deployment team  
ready to go

T0 + 12-20 hours

emergency.lu  
installed & operational

T0 + 72 hours

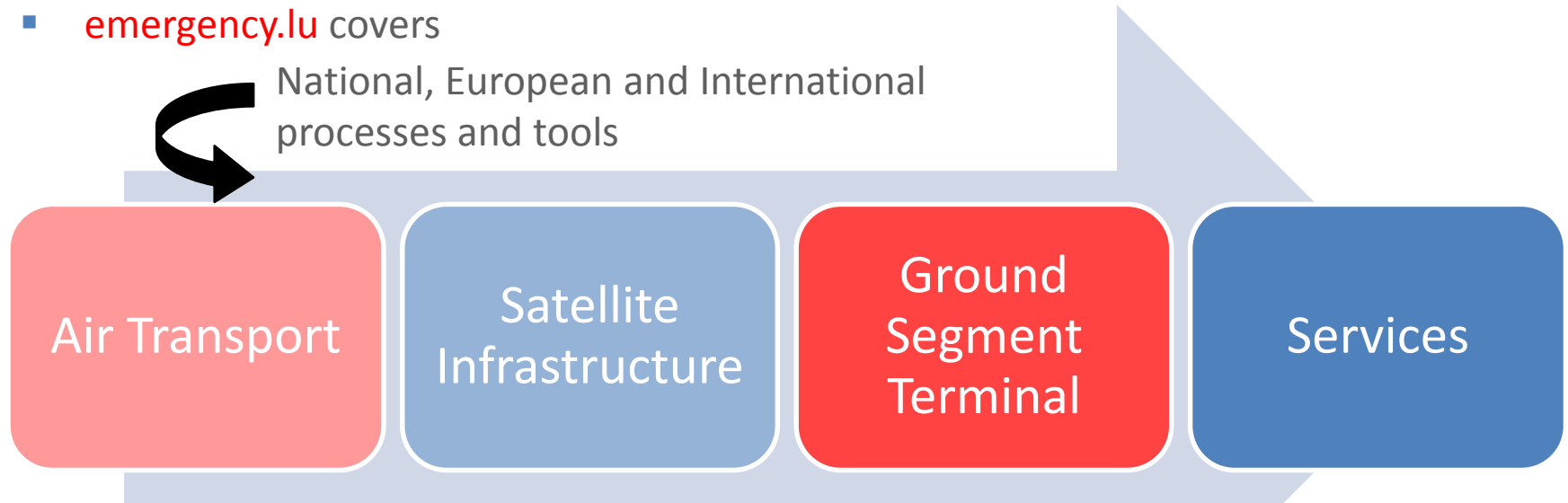
Current services

emergency.lu / IDRC

# APPROACH OF EMERGENCY.LU

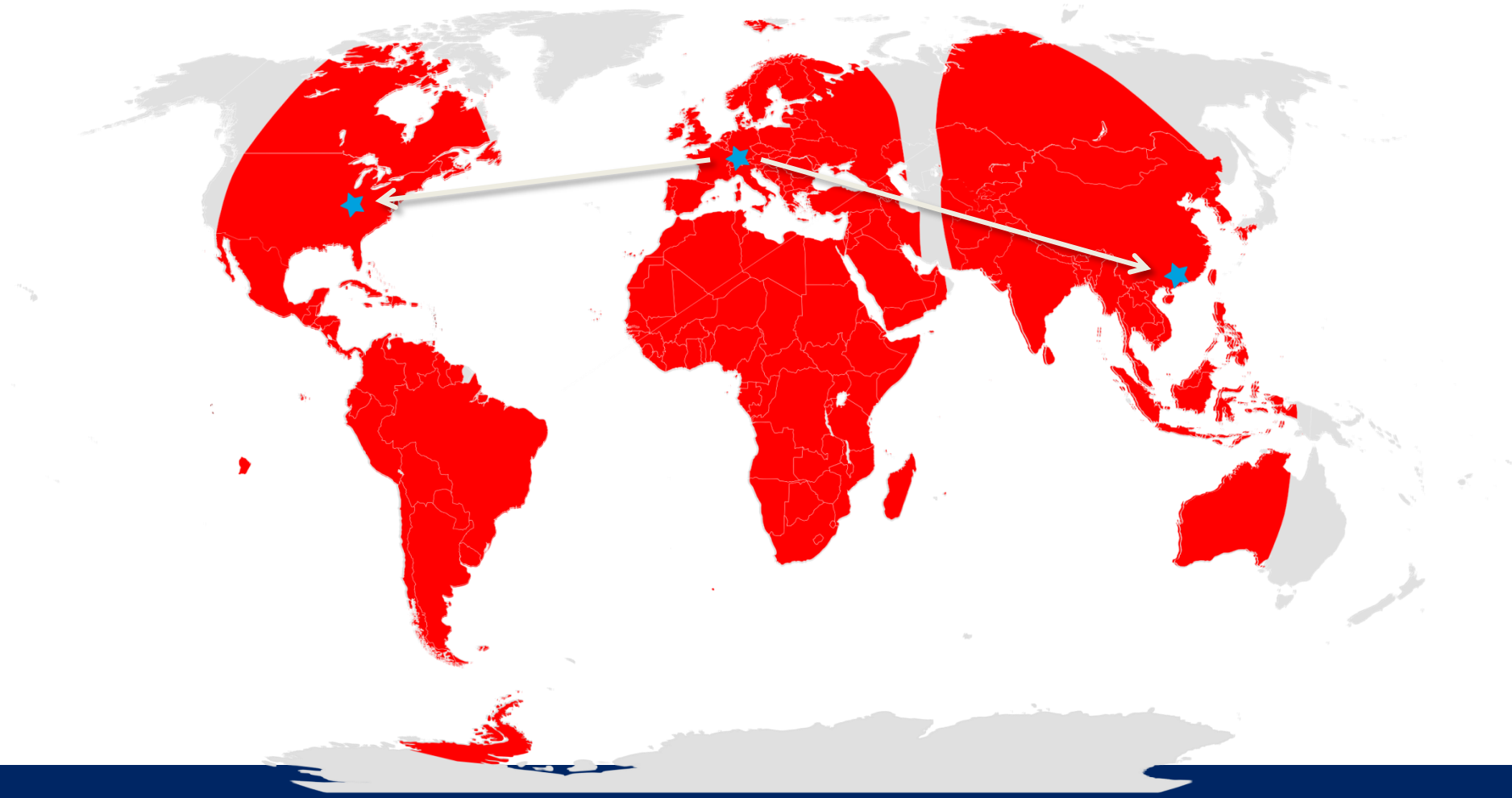
- **emergency.lu** covers

National, European and International processes and tools



- **emergency.lu** is an integral and complementary part of the worldwide humanitarian tool box for setting up telecommunications and information-sharing systems
- **emergency.lu** has been deployed as Public Private Partnership
- The service is provide by the Luxembourg Government for free to the humanitarian world

# PRE-BOOKED & AD-HOC SATELLITE CAPACITY



# Emergency. lu LOCAL & REMOTE SERVICES



**High speed Internet**



**Maps background and annotations**



**File sharing**



**Public Communication  
via adapted Skype Client**



**Tactical Voice with Voice  
over IP**



**Reporting and "LogBook"**



**Instant messaging**



**Tracking and Tracing**



**Alerting system**

## Emergency.lu

- has been developed as a public private partnership
- in close cooperation with WFP, as the leader of the United Nations Emergency Telecommunications Cluster
- is offered by Luxembourg as a free global public service
- Latest deployments: Philippines, Nepal



## IDRC Improve Disaster Response Capacity

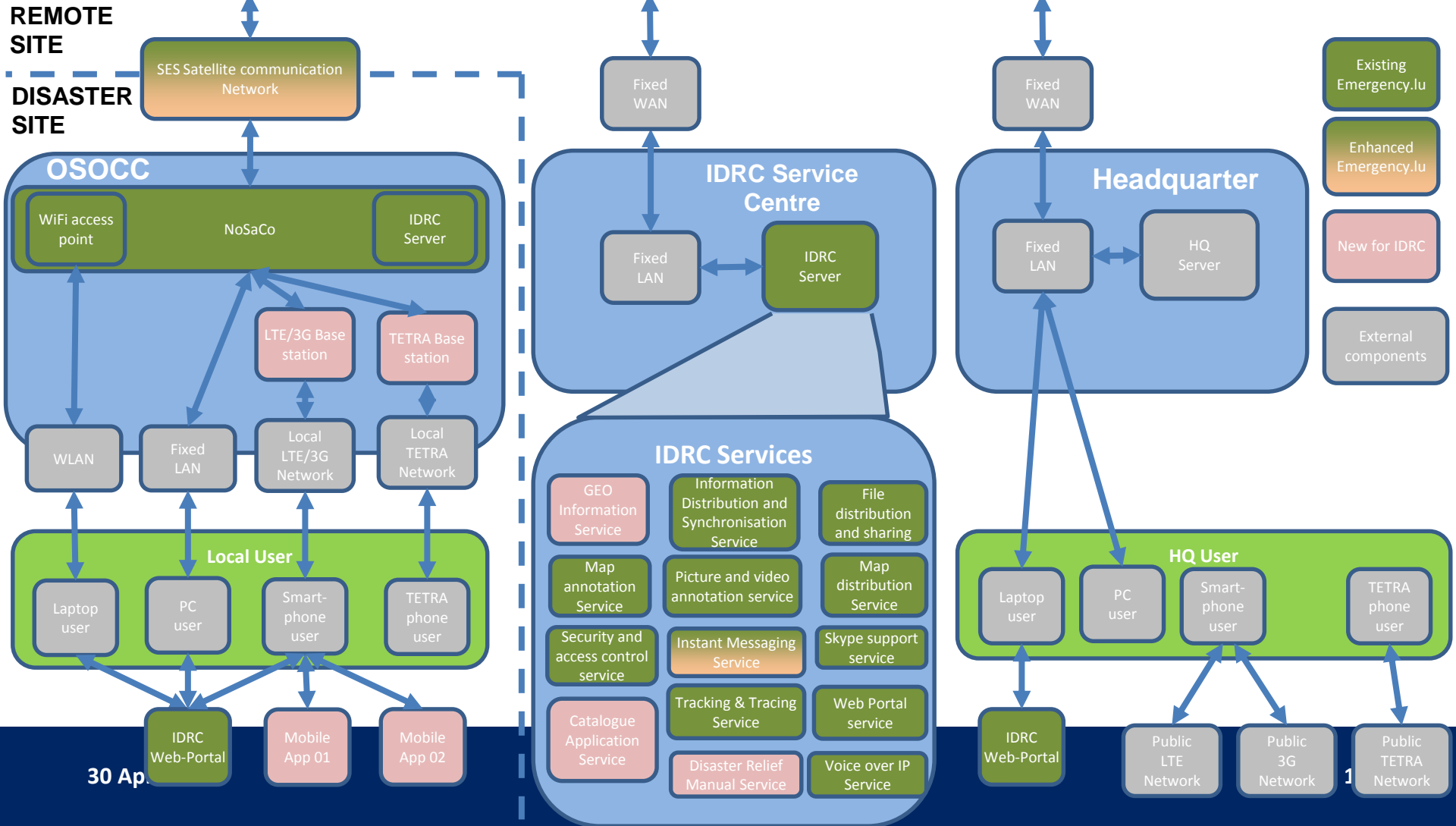
ESA ARTES 20 feasibility Study  
March 2013 – December 2014

Partners:

- HITEC Luxembourg
- SES TechCom
- Deloitte Luxembourg

- **Technical Requirements:**
  - **Complementary Ku-band coverage for Europe**
  - **Additional services**
    - **Rapid deployment of metropolitan area networks (3G/LTE, TETRA)**
    - **Geo-referenced aerial and/or satellite imagery (SASISA, Copernikus)**
    - **Earth Observation aggregation & distribution**
    - **Additional Mobile apps**
- **New delivery model requested**

- **Proactive**  
user buys the service and solution and has a longterm contract  
Options: Sales or Leasing
- **Responsive**  
upon request in case of an emergency and for training purposes
- **Flexible**  
several users together buy the service and solution and share the costs  
and the usage rights



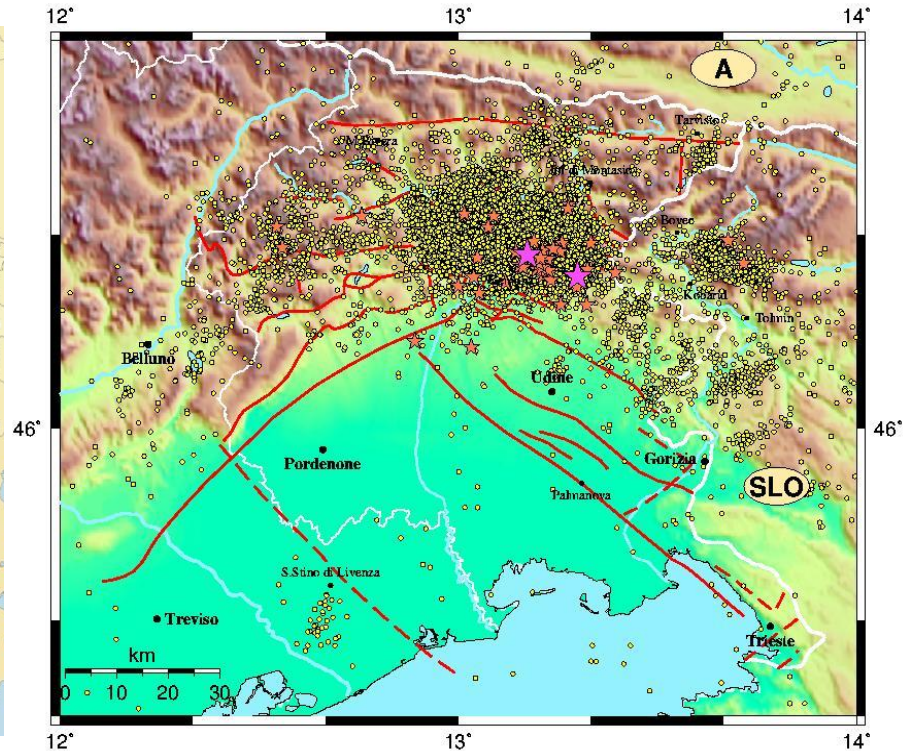
- Rapid deployment kit
  - Complete system set-up in less than one hour.
  - User-friendly deployment, low maintenance and remote monitoring.
  - Pre-configured, ready-to-use end devices for voice communication.
- Regular deployment kit
  - Powerful, high performance satellite communication system.
  - Accessible for a large number of users and end devices.
  - Low maintenance and remote monitoring pre-configured; ready-to-use end devices for voice communication.





- Date: March 19th
- Location: Portis Vecchia – Italy  
(destroyed by the Friuli Earthquake 1976)
- Partners:  
Civil Protection of Autonomous Region Friuli, Ventia, Giulia  
Administration for Disaster Relief Slovenia
- Scenario:  
Disasterous Earthquake, setup of OSOCC and support of search mission

# FRIULI VENEZIA GIULIA REGION: SEISMIC RISK



## Seismic activity 1976 - 2005

Total events:	15052
Events magnitudo >2.5:	1962
Events magnitudo >4:	67

# PORTIS VECCHIA IN VENZONE MUNICIPALITY



Portis Vecchia is a little town disused after the 1976 earthquake. Today this town is still at the same damage conditions as immediately after the earthquake.



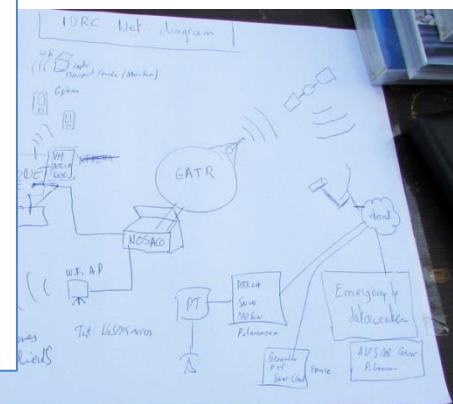
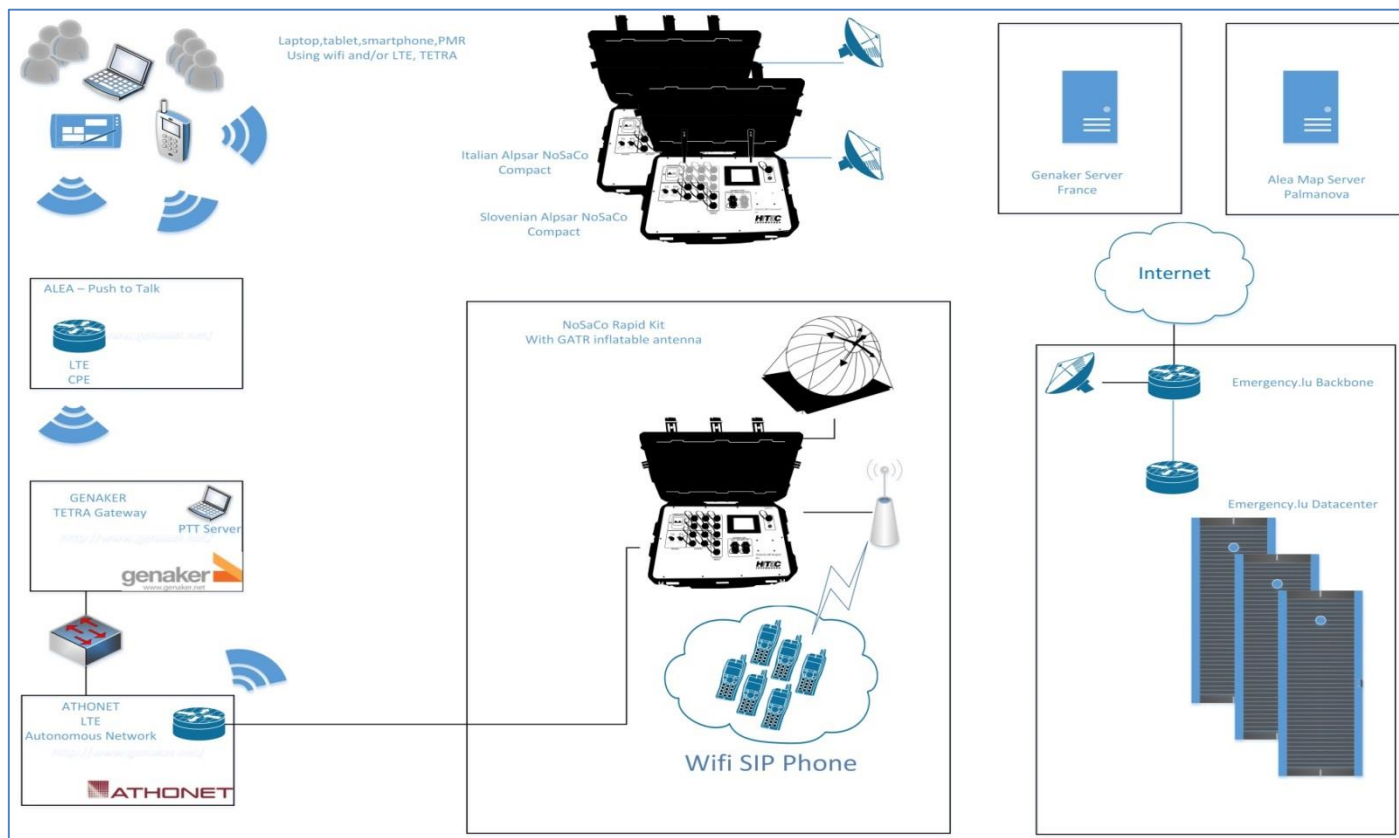


# HOUSES AND BUILDINGS DAMAGED



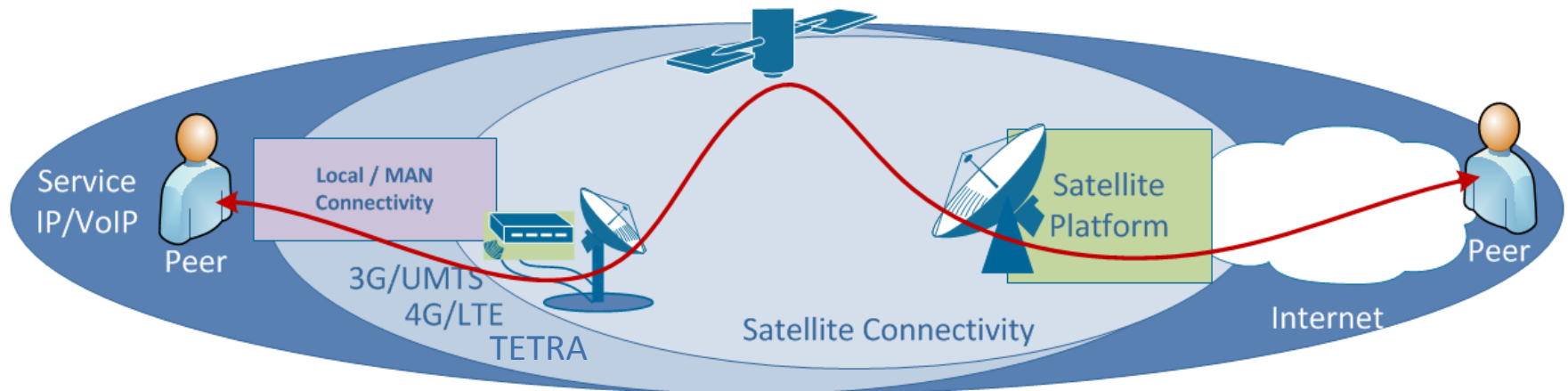
# PoC demonstration & validation

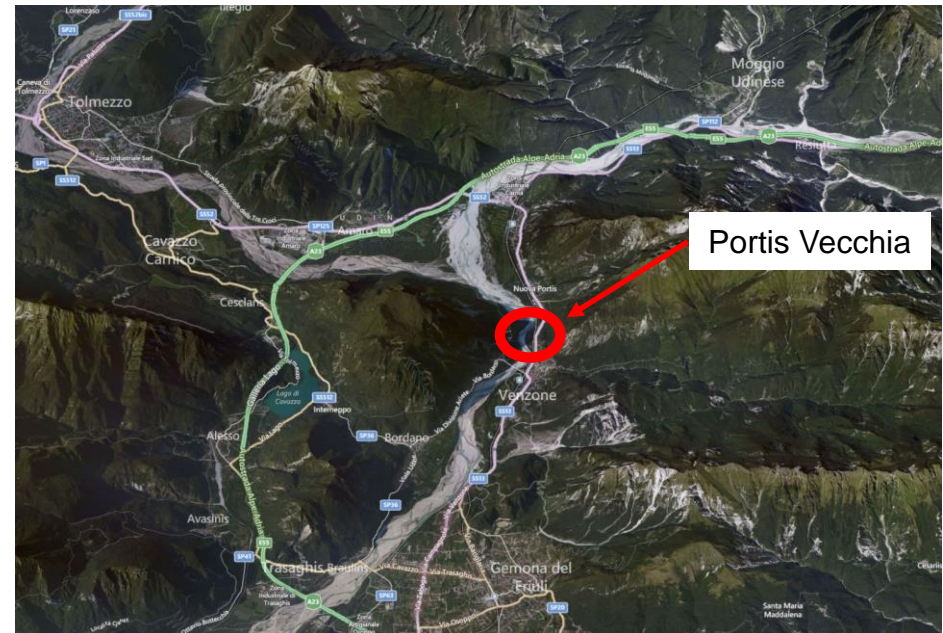
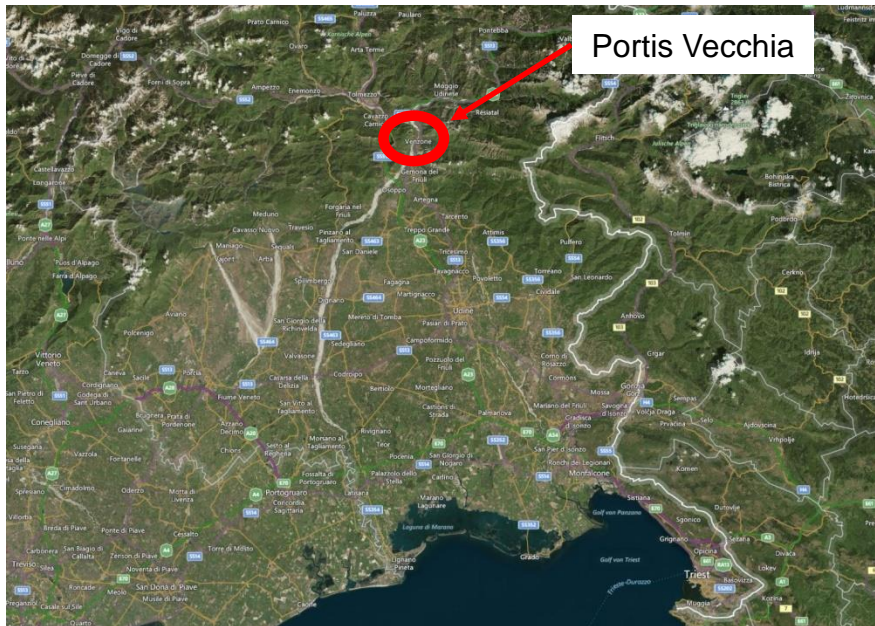
- On March 19th the final demonstration was executed in Portis Vecchia
- Detailed answers to the validation questions of slide 6 can be found in D4 §5.3





- **Emergency.lu**
  - Rapid deployment kit
- **IDRC**
  - KU-band antenna with compact deployment kit
- **Communication Networks on-site**
  - WiFi
  - LTE (ATHONET pico base station)
  - TETRA solution (GENAKER)
  - Push-to-Talk service for Smartphones







# PoC scenario





# PoC scenario I: 1<sup>st</sup> attempt



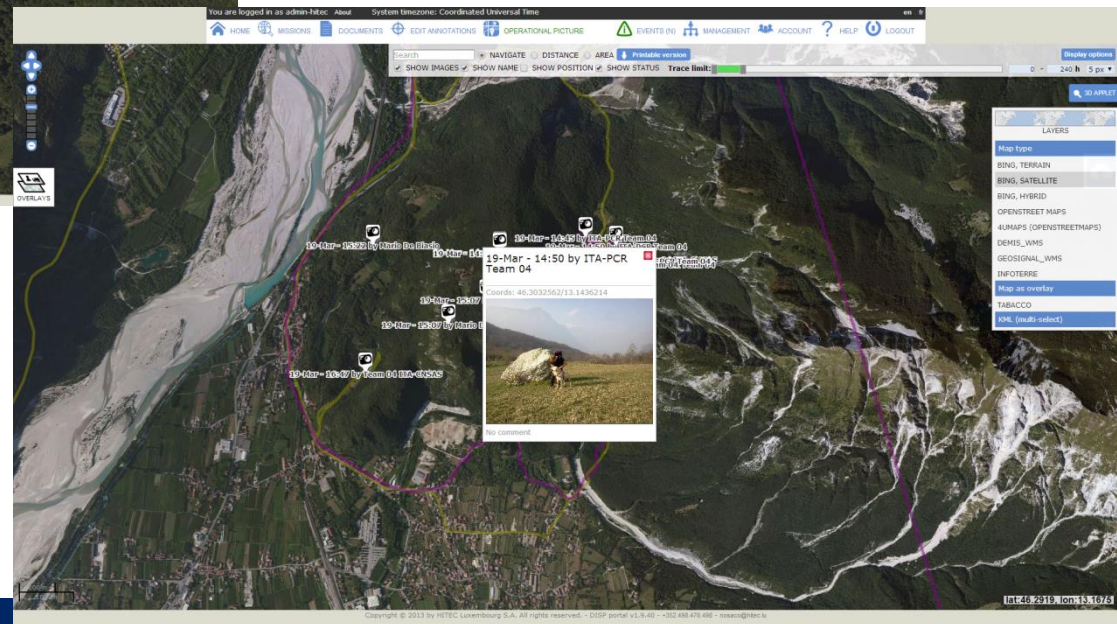
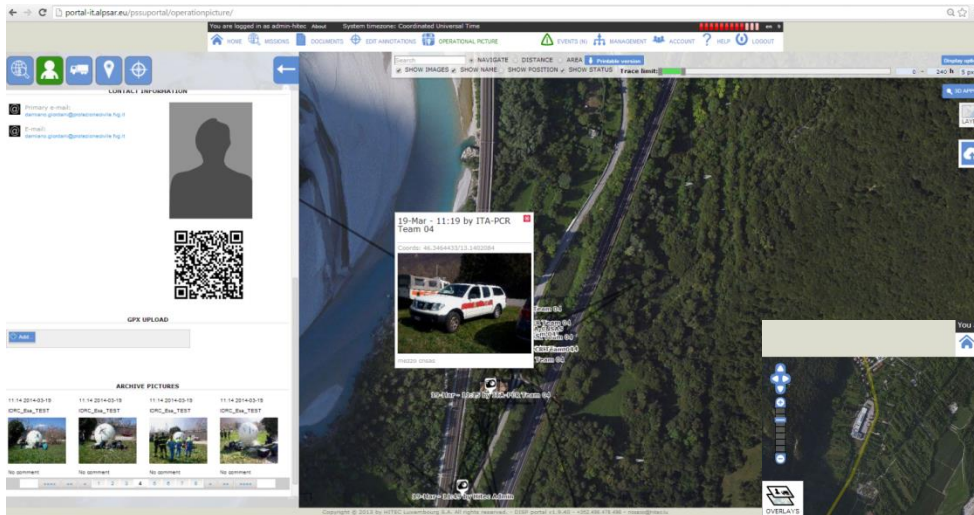


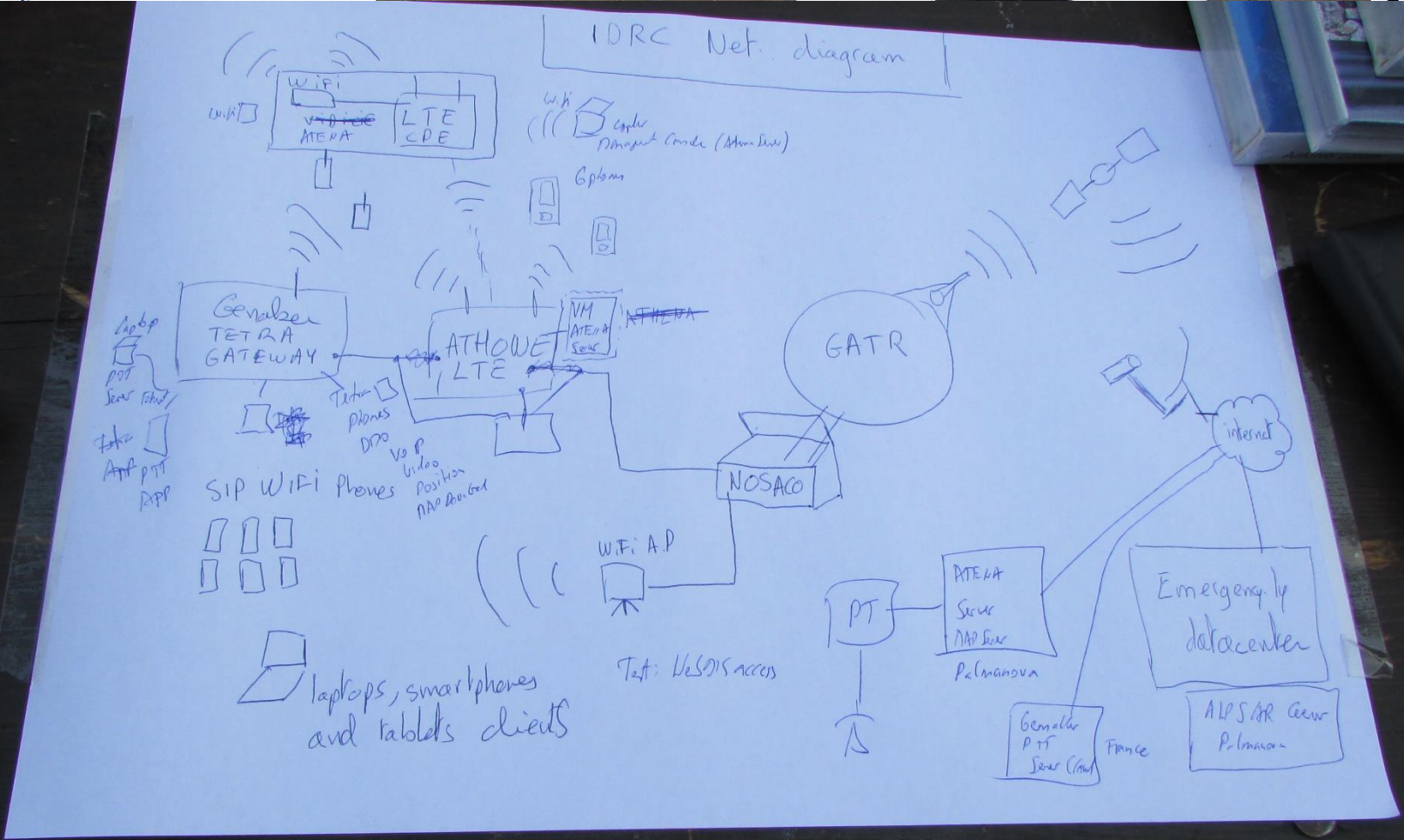
# TETRA Phone support test





# Tracking and Tracing





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- **Services tested**
  - Voice communication (WiFi, LTE, TETRA)
  - Information Sharing services
  - Instant Messaging
  - Reporting Services
  - Tracking Services
  - Map services
  - Security Services



- **PoC shows that the concept works and makes sense for users in real situation**
- **System flexibility demonstrated by integrating 3 new services in 2 hours. (LTE, TETRA, Push-to-Talk)**
- **Positive user feedback**
- **Main topic – Delivery Model**
  - **Users would like to own the solution**
  - **but for cost reasons sharing between different organisations is requested**

- **Continued deployment of the existing Emergency.lu services and solutions**
- **Continued discussions with users and stakeholders to improve the existing services (e.g. moving to open source)**
- **Integration of IDRC concept into the Common Information Space by EPISECC**
- **Discussions with SATResponse team to explore how to join forces to implement the common vision**
- **Goal: service availability 2016/2017**

# Questions?