## SPARTACUS navigation and communication technologies in crisis management

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### Outlines

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SATELLITE BASED ASSET TRACKING FOR SUPPORTING EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT IN CRISIS OPERATIONS

- Satellite Technologies as Enabler
- Needs and challenges in crisis management
- SPARTACUS as support to crisis management
- Application domains and SPARTACUS System
- Communication network
- Conclusions

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## Satellite technology as enabler

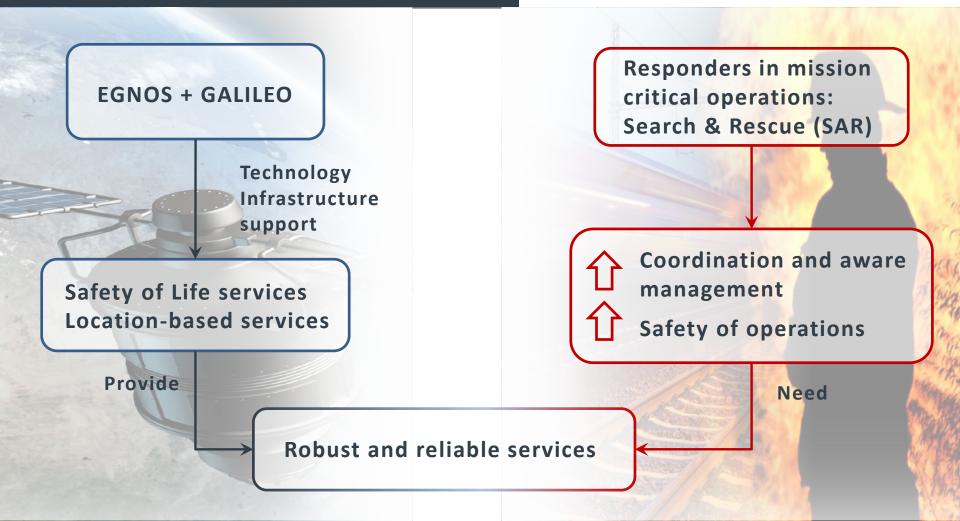
- Satellite Navigation and Communication technologies as key enabling solutions to support response and operations in the aftermath of an event
- Satellite Navigation Technologies used (or enabled) by Spartacus:
  - GNSS (e.g. GPS, Glonass, Beidou) are a consolidated technology for positioning and tracking
  - SBAS (e.g. ENGOS) are nowadays used and consolidated (more and more used in aviation application) and GALILEO

As EU Space Infrastructure GALILEO (launching phase almost completed; operative soon) together with EGNOS will provide more robust positioning capability useful especially in applications where signal continuity and signal integrity are required

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## Needs and challenges in crisis management

#### Positioning and Navigation challenges

 Vital to know the exact geographical location (of affected people and rescue teams) with high accuracy in disaster areas

#### Data transfer and communication challenges

 Data need to be transferred in a secure and trusted way independently by the condition of local communication infrastructures

#### Data visualization and mapping

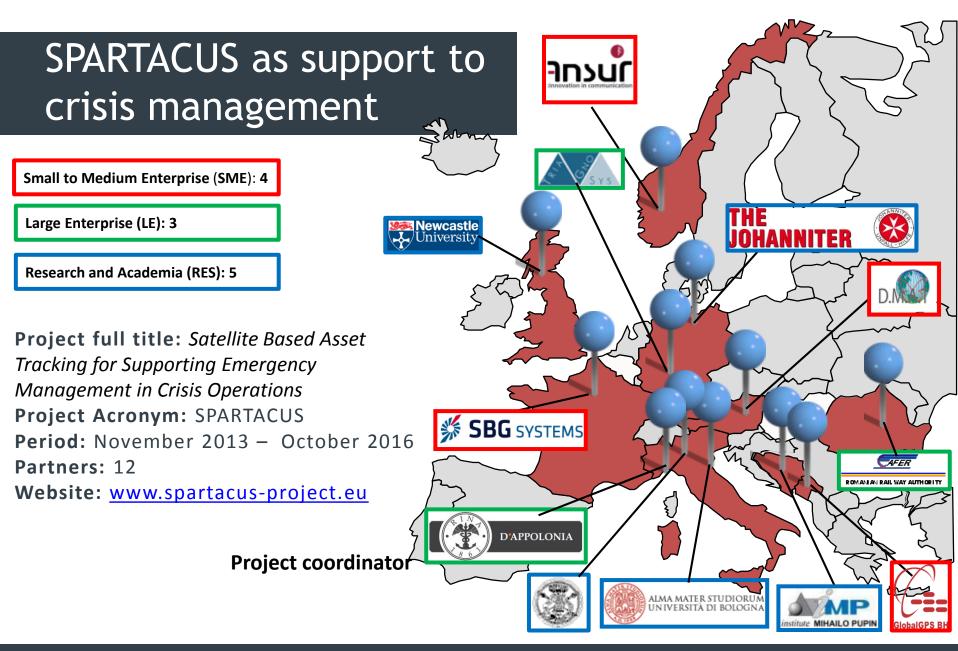
 Knowing in almost real-time what is happening, where and when remains one of the central challenge in the decisionmaking process during crisis management

Kristalina Georgieva, European Commissioner for International Cooperation, Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Response, speech on November 2011, Brussels

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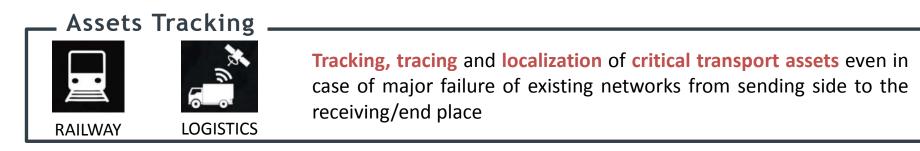


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## SPARTACUS as support to crisis management

Solutions for location awareness in the context of crisis management based on existing (GPS, EGNOS, EDAS) and incoming (GALILEO) satellite services and technologies providing precise tracking/positioning, ensuring no lacks of communication and no gaps of information

### **Application areas**



#### **Crisis Management**



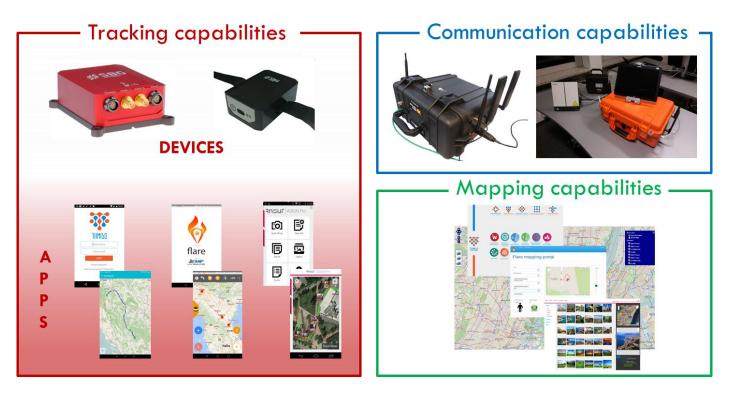
Support and ensure the safety of first responders in crisis management

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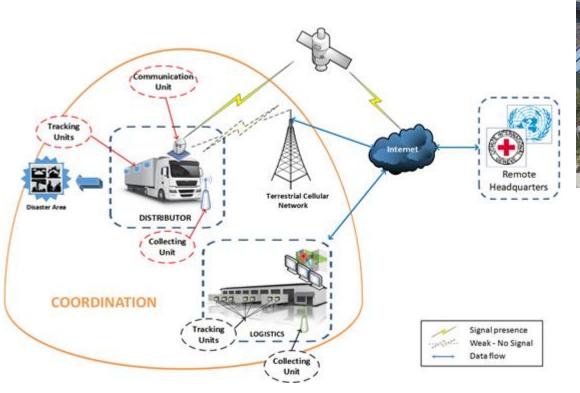
SPARTACUS enhances the use of **satellite and communication technologies** with the aim of becoming a de-facto standard in large-scale disasters during the management of the crisis



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### **Application domains**



#### **ASSET TRACKING**



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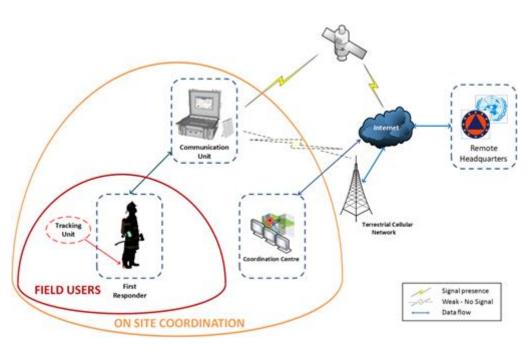


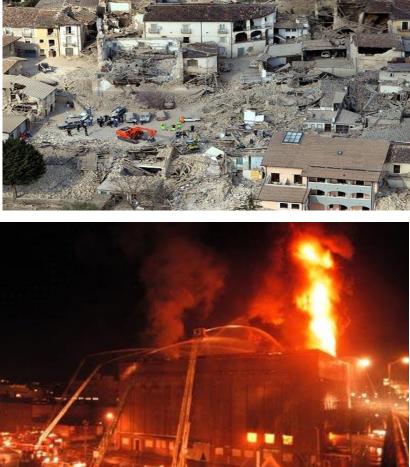
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### Application domains

#### **CRISIS MANAGEMENT**





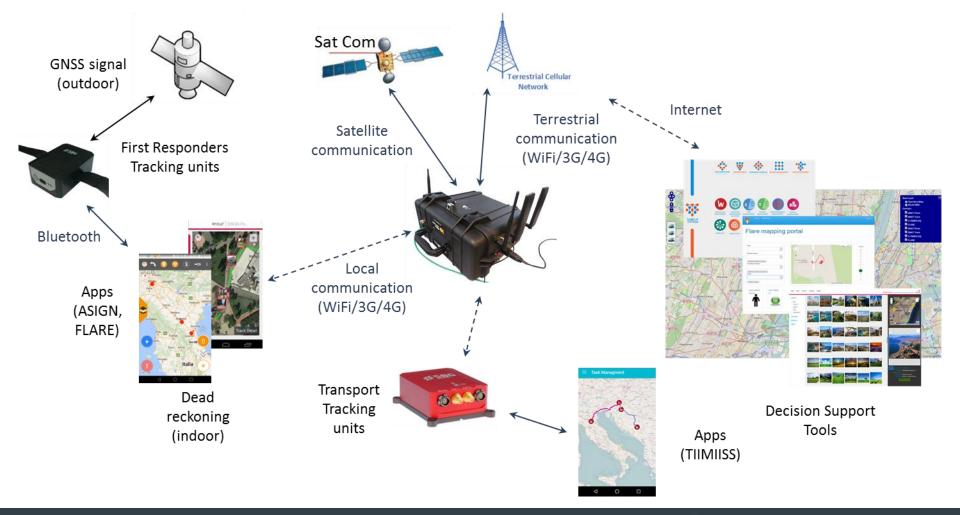
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## SPARTACUS system





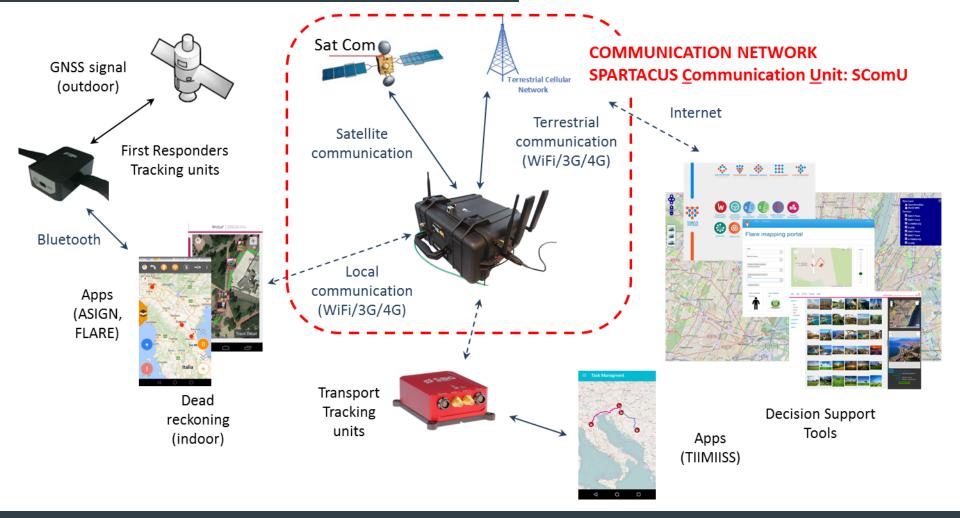
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## Communication network

- Aim: Exploit satellite communication backhauling to restore the local communication OR to establish a dedicated communication in the aftermath of an event
- Result: Lightweight communication units that integrates
  - Terrestrial mobile radio network
    Wi-fi
    GSM
    3G, 4G
    TETRA features
    Satellite communication network
    BGAN
    DVB-RCS



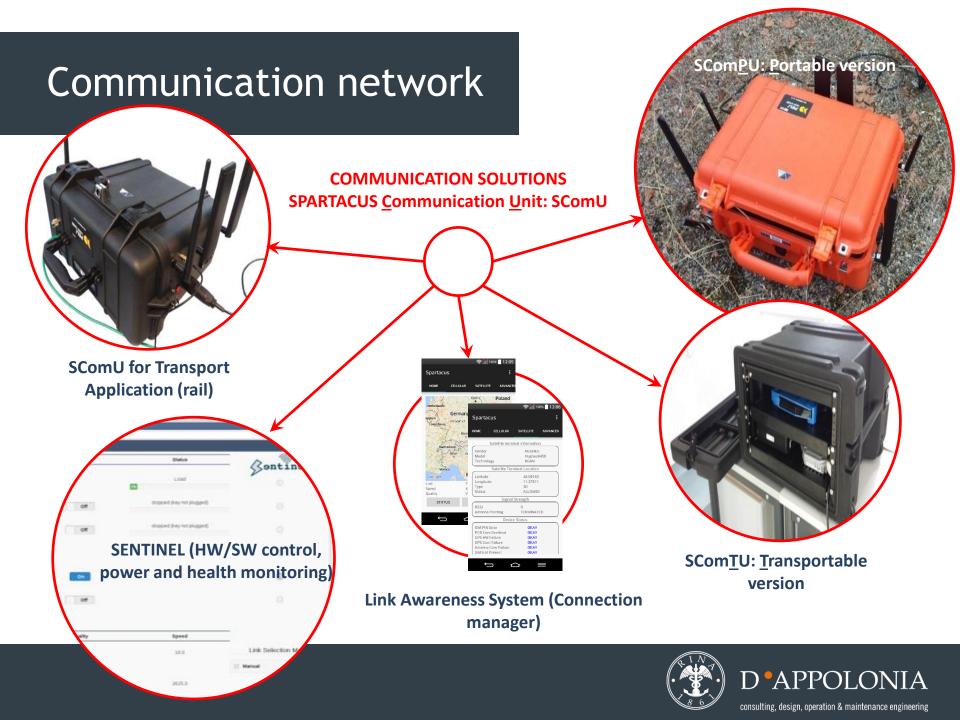
Courtesy of TriaGnosSys GmbH: Use of SPARTACUS Communication Unit during EU-ModEX exercise – June 2016

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### Innovations

#### Communication Technologies in Portable Solutions

- Single access point exploiting more technologies
- High data rates (4G)
- Hundreds of users through Wi-Fi and terrestrial networks
- Reduced weight and size, user and application customization

#### Use of Backhauling Links for Remote Communication

- Cellular and satellite backhauling links
- Innovative Link Awareness System (LAS) with dedicated protocol
- Cognitive Link Selection Algorithm

#### Users' Features / Provision of Services

- TETRA-like features (group call, push-to-talk, pre-emptive calls)
- Support of live video streaming 1-to1 and 1-to-many
- Text messaging

#### Interoperability and Supervision (health components monitoring)

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## Summary and Conclusions

- SPARTACUS support Crisis Management by means of (Satellite) Navigation and Communication Technologies and Capabilities
- Communication Capabilities in SPARTACUS are exploited through different Units (3 types) copying with different needs featuring:
  - Single access point for communication
  - Light and small form factor making "communication" portable
  - Independency from external infrastructures and ready to use (standalone)
  - Link Awareness functionalities (smart use of communication channels) enabling connectivity over different networks
  - Integrated SIP server for interoperability
  - TETRA features
  - User friendly interface



### More on SPARTACUS @

- Project Website: www.spartacus-project.eu
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