



THE MATERA SPACE CENTRE

THE DEDICATED SITE FOR EARTH OBSERVATION SERVICES

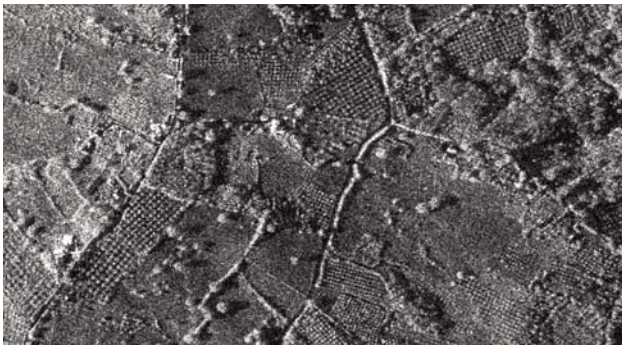
The Matera Space Centre in Italy was established by Telespazio (Finmeccanica/Thales) and has been operating since 1994. Today it is managed by e-GEOS, the company founded by the Italian Space Agency (20%) and Telespazio (80%), which in 2009 took over Telespazio's Earth observation activities. Moreover, from 1983 to 2009, Telespazio was responsible for the management of the activities of the nearby Geodesy Space Centre belonging to the Italian Space Agency. These activities are now also managed by e-GEOS.

At the Matera Space Centre, Telespazio carries out the activities relevant to the acquisition, processing and the archiving of acquired data from the main Earth observation satellites; from the production and distribution of images and data products to the development of applications and services.

The Matera Space Centre staff also operate the station which receives and processes the data of the civil ground segment of COSMO-SkyMed, the innovative Italian Space Agency/Ministry of Defence program for Earth Observation, able to operate in all weather conditions thanks to its radar sensors. The intense satellite remote sensing activity performed by Telespazio at the Matera Centre allows the continuous monitoring of the sea and its coasts to point out oil spills and to provide near real time information on the maritime traffic, potential sea accidents and illegal operations. Moreover, the collaboration with the Ministry of Agricultural Policies and Forests allows to keep an updated database with statistics of the main Italian agricultural cultivations.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Total Area	55.000 sq.m
Covered Area	2.500 sq.m
Antennas	8
Employees	104



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