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Space Services Benefits in Aviation Systems

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## The Problem

Current trends in air transportation show that the General Aviation traffic will expand in the future. The development of regional and small airports is expected to become a priority in the near future.



New National and European transport policies aim at increasing people's mobility while reducing transportation time, costs, and environmental impact by transferring air traffic towards areas/sites served by small airports.

A considerable number of aircraft used for business and/or private tourism would utilize small airports in Europe if these airports were properly equipped with adequate support services.



At the moment, small airports capabilities are restricted, due to the absence of traditional surveillance and air navigation services, such as Instrument Landing System, and control tower services, which are typically too expensive for small facilities with limited and sparse.

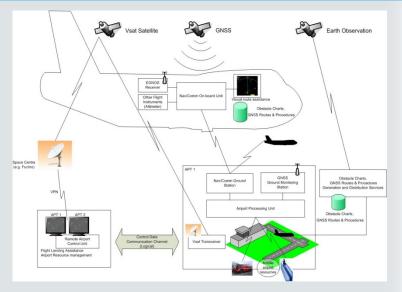
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# The Solution: Overview

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The S<sup>2</sup>BAS (Space Services Benefits in Aviation System) Demonstration project aims to develop, deploy and demonstrate the provision of an integrated set of satellitebased cost-effective services targeted to small and regional airports. The set of integrated satellite-based services includes:



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i) the provision of GNSS (Global Navigation Satellite System) based navigation assistance in the terminal area to assist flight approaches

ii) an advanced way for the production and distribution of up-to-date Obstacle Charts by means of satellite based Earth Observation data

iii) the management of remote airports through satellite communications, including the monitoring of real-time air traffic in the vicinity.

# The Solution: S<sup>2</sup>BAS Concept of Operations

<u>Focus:</u> improving the underutilization of many of the European small airports and airfields, moving them into a customized Airspace Concept with tailored services, reducing procurement and maintenance costs, making them "low cost" and "highly safe".

<u>S<sup>2</sup>BAS Airspace Concept:</u> establishment of an area of flight operations called SCA (Self Contained Area), which is a cylindrical volume surrounding one small airport containing entry and exit operations to or from the ground surface. This volume shall be defined for each specific airport or group of small airports, and shall take into account aspects like terrain, obstacles, traffic density, and noise abatement procedures.

Aircraft within the SCA will be provided with the following real-time information:

- Surrounding air\ground traffic information
- Aerodrome Information
- Ground services information
- Meteorological Information
- Aeronautical Information
- Environment (e.g. Tourist information).



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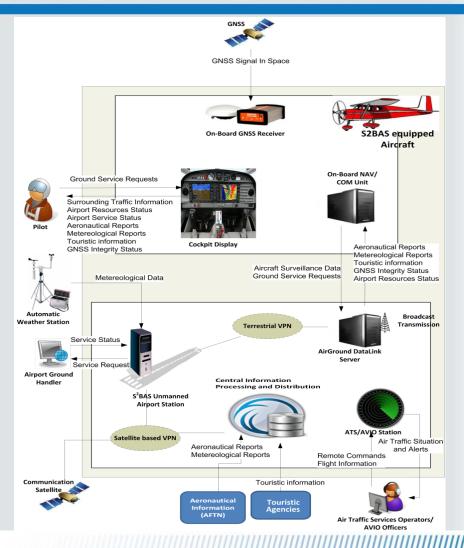
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# **The Solution: Architecture**

S<sup>2</sup>BAS is composed of an *airborne* segment and a ground segment.

The *On-Board segment* is composed of an On-Board NAV/COM Unit and a Cockpit Display.

The *Ground segment* is composed of Unmanned Airport Stations, Air/Ground Data-Link Servers, a Central Information Processing and Distribution system and ATS/AVIO Stations.



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# Possible Applications: Stakeholders

The project consortium has identified a set of stakeholders that would directly or indirectly benefit from the S<sup>2</sup>BAS service:

#### STAKEHOLDERS

**General Aviation (GA) Pilots** 

**ANSP (Air Navigation Service Providers)** 

**NCAA (National Civil Aviation Authorities)** 

Aircraft Operators, Heli-Assistance, Aeroclubs

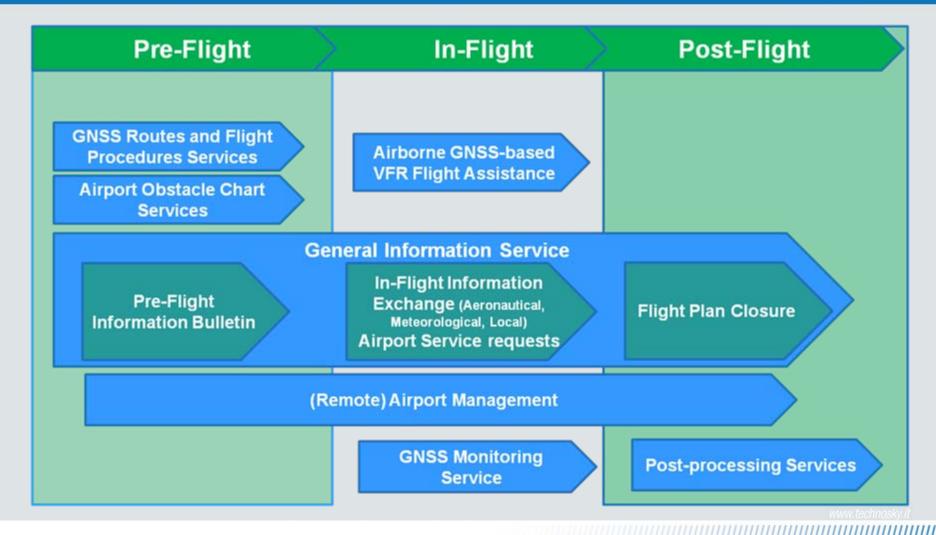
**Civil Protection** 

**Airport Operators, Airport Ground Handlers** 

**Regions, Provinces, Municipalities** 

Considering the panel of stakeholders and the expressed User Needs, the S<sup>2</sup>BAS system provides its users with the integrated set of services listed in the next slide.

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# Possible Applications: Services (1/2)

**GNSS routes and flight procedure definition** This service is responsible for the generation and distribution of the GNSS flight procedures.

#### **Airport Obstacle Chart Services**

This service is responsible for the generation and distribution of Airport Obstacle Charts using images from the COSMO-SkyMed satellite constellation.

#### **General Information Service**

This service is responsible for the provision of General Information to S<sup>2</sup>BAS equipped aircraft. General Information encompasses aeronautical, meteorological and environment (e.g. tourist) information, air/ground traffic information, aerodrome information, ground services information. This service extends the concept of the traditional Flight Information Service.

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# Possible Applications: Services (2/2)

### **Airborne GNSS-based VFR Flight Assistance Services**

This service is responsible for the provision of flight support to pilots using a satellite-based navigation system capable of visual assistance (2D, 3D) regarding the position, the attitude, the route, the air traffic, the terrain and the obstacles charts of the interested airports.

#### (Remote) Airport Management Services

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This service is responsible for the management of S<sup>2</sup>BAS equipped airports resources and allows the operator to visualize the position and identification approaching/leaving aircraft as well as the position and status of the airports resources on a dedicated HMI.

#### **GNSS Monitoring and Post-processing Services**

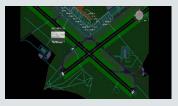
The GNSS Monitoring service is responsible for both real-time and off-line monitoring of the GNSS signals received in the SCA with the aim of verifying their integrity. The Post-processing service shall allow a S<sup>2</sup>BAS operator to consult and query data to assess performances of the S<sup>2</sup>BAS (by the use of proper analysis tools).

#### The *key benefits* that S<sup>2</sup>BAS system will deliver are:

- Increase of the traffic volume served
- Increase of the accessibility to the territory
- >Extend the surveillance coverage beyond the limits of NRC (Non Radar Coverage)
- Increase aircraft categories allowed to fly in severe weather conditions and during night on small airports
- >Improve the on board navigation aids
- >Optimize of the airport resources



**Conclusion: Benefits** 





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## Conclusion: Impacts

#### S<sup>2</sup>BAS will have the following *impacts* on the General Aviation sector:

- >Improvement of regularity, fluency and economy of the air traffic
- Assurance of safety standards for small airports
- Assurance of the aircraft safety
- >Improvement of the airport capacity
- >Increase of the business, thanks to the increase of the traffic volume served
- >Assurance of a high level assistance in an emergency scenario
- >Increase of the value of the territory and possibility to creation of employment in the local area due the socio and economical impact.





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