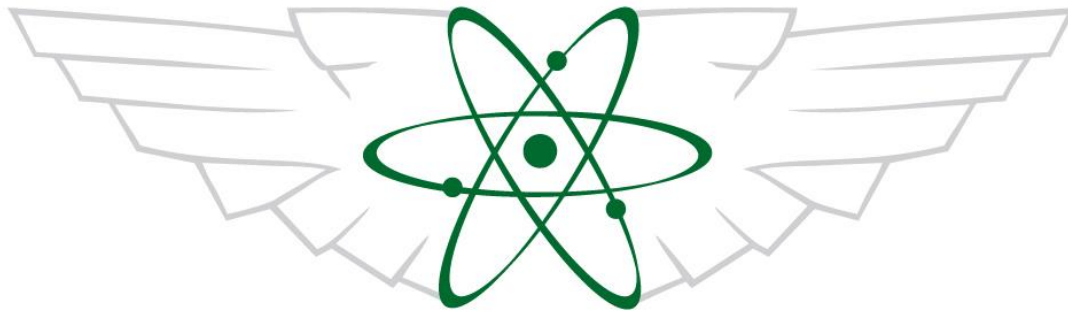


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European Earth Observation Programme Copernicus: observing our planet for a safer world

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**Known as GMES until 2012 - Global Monitoring for Environment and Security**
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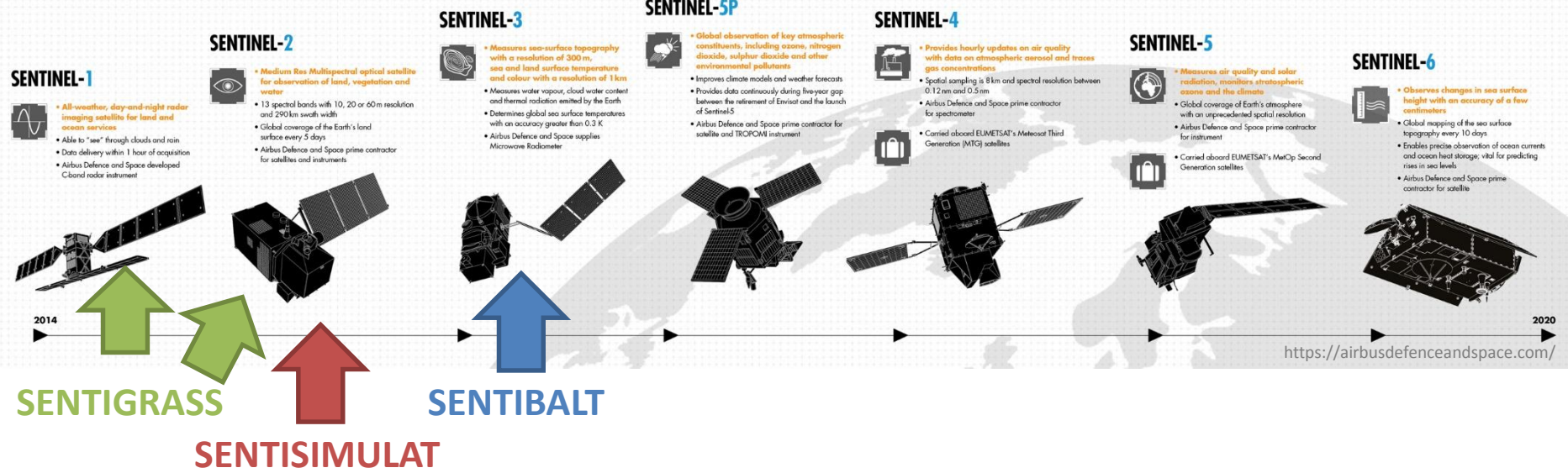
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**Land Surface Monitoring. Geographical information on land cover, related variables and urban development**
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**Climate Change Monitoring. Helps to understand the reason for climate change, rising sea levels and melting ice caps**
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**Earth Atmosphere Monitoring. Daily information on the global atmospheric composition and when Sentinel-4 is in service this will be hourly.**



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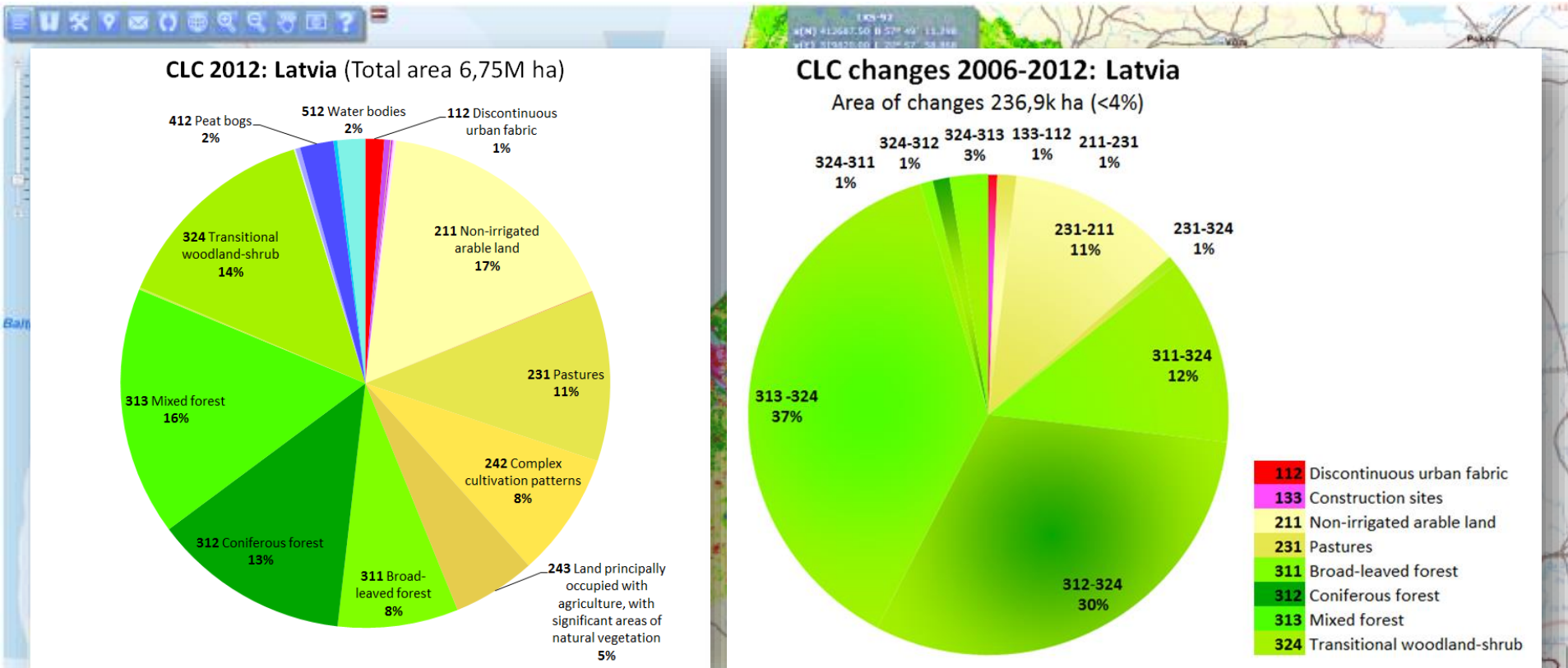
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**The project is aimed** to develop Land Cover / Land Use classification algorithm for Latvia using simulated and real Sentinel-2 MSI data

# Motivation

Land cover mapping in Latvia is performed as part of the Corine Land Cover (CLC) initiative every six years. However, low spatial resolution and accuracy, infrequent updates and expensive manual production have limited its use at the national level.

A snapshot of LGIA Map Browser with Latvian CLC2012 data layer



# Classification scheme

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	
10000 Vegetation	11000 High vegetation (>2m)	11100 Trees (>5m) (MMU 0.1 ha) <i>CLC 31 Forests</i>	11110 Coniferous trees <i>CLC 312 Coniferous forests</i>	Dominant tree species (optional, input: FLD**)	
			11120 Deciduous trees <i>CLC 312 Broad-leaved forests</i>		
			11200 Shrubland (2...5m) (MMU 0.1 ha) <i>CLC 324 Transitional woodland-shrub</i>	11210 Coniferous shrubs	
				11220 Deciduous shrubs	
	12000 Low vegetation (<2m)	12100 Grassland (MMU 0.3 ha) <i>CLC 321 Natural grassland</i>		12110 Dense grass	Agricultural cultures (optional, input: ALD*)
				12120 Sparse grass	
			12200 Agricultural lands (MMU 0.3 ha) <i>CLC 2 Agricultural area</i>	12210 Green agricultures	
		12300 Wetlands <i>CLC 4 Wetlands</i>		12310 Inland marshes <i>CLC 411 Inland marshes</i>	12311 Inland marshes (water)
					12312 Inland marshes (coastal)
				12320 Peat bogs <i>CLC 412 Peat bogs</i>	
20000 Non-vegetation	21000 Water <i>CLC 5 Water bodies</i>				
	22000 Artificial/Urban <i>CLC 1 Artificial surfaces</i>				
	23000 Bare <i>CLC 1 Artificial surfaces</i>	23100 Light bare land			
		23200 Dark bare land			
	23300 Peat extraction sites				

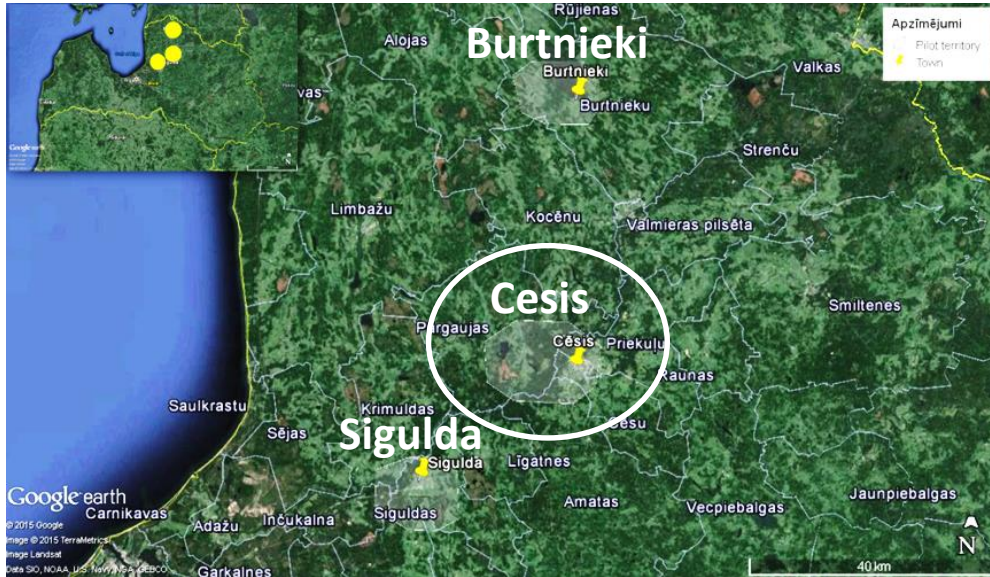
\* ADL – Agricultural Land data from the Rural Support Service

\*\* FLD – Forest Land data from the State Forest Service

Supervised pixel-based (20 m/px) classification approach using one-vs-all support vector machine (SVM) classifier was chosen for the development of the algorithm.

# Pilot territories and reference data

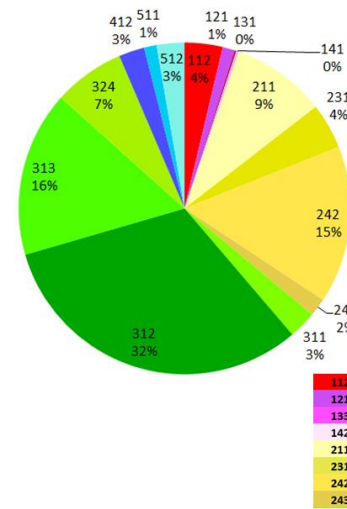
## Pilot territories



## Corine Land Cover data

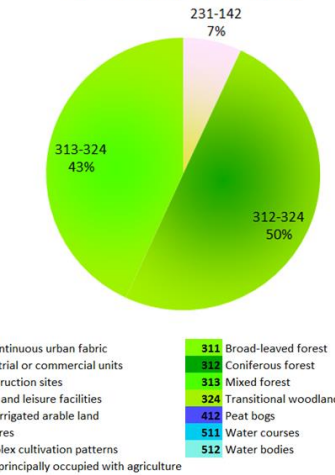
### CLC 2012: Cesis pilot territory

Total area 19,2k ha



### CLC changes 2006-2012: Cesis

Area of changes 124 ha (1%)



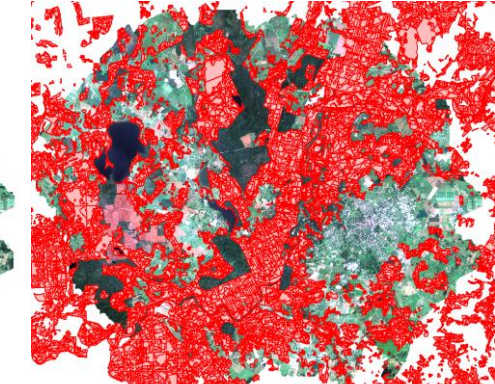
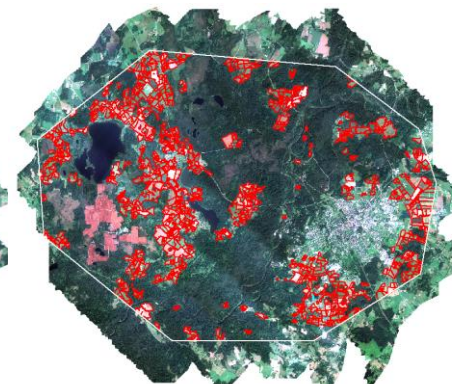
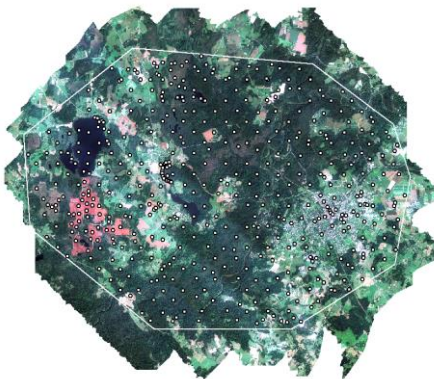
## Available reference data

### Orthophotos

### LiDAR data

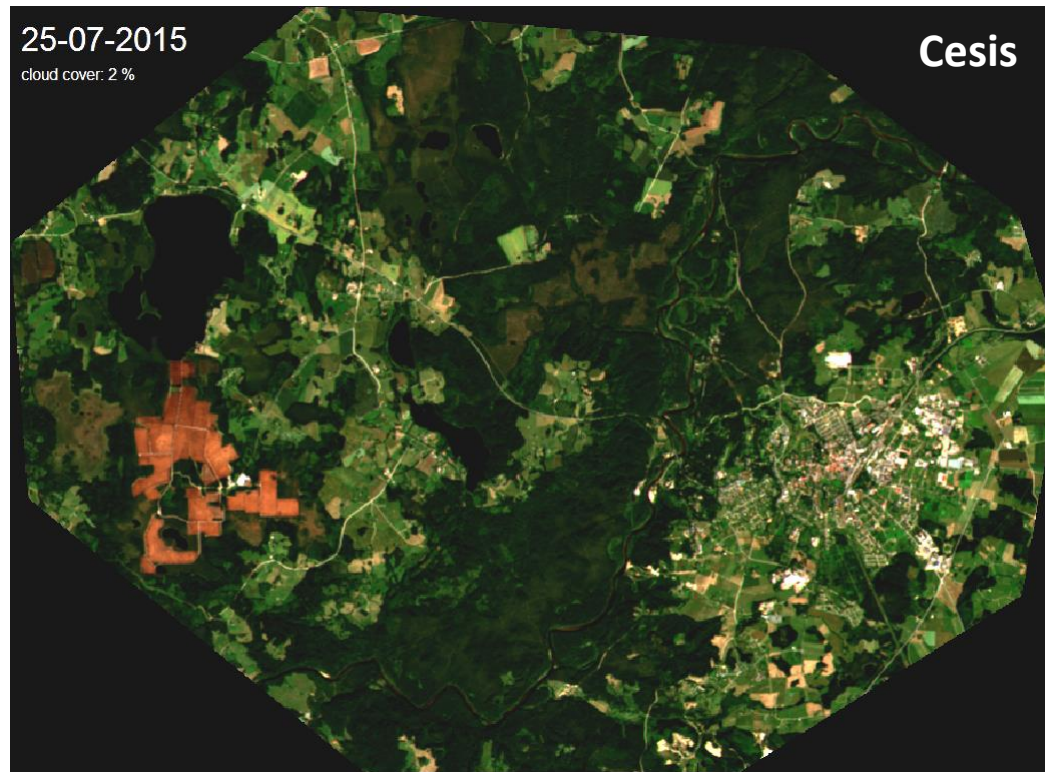
### Agricultural land data

### Forest land data





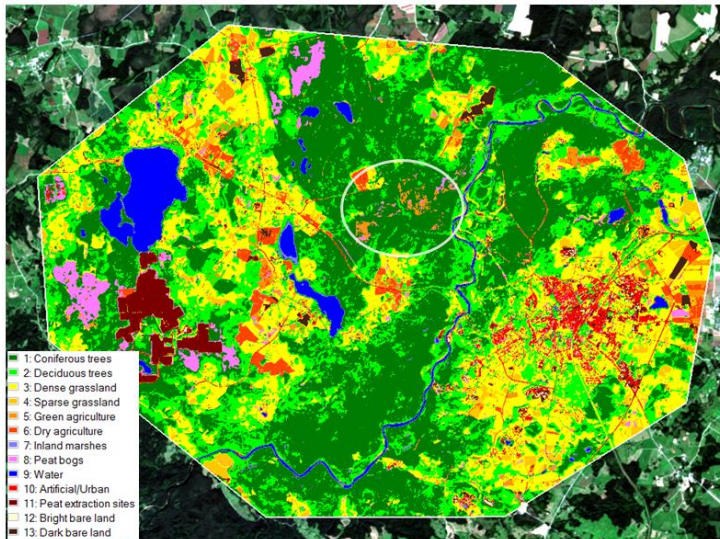
# Available Sentinel-2 data



Date	Orbit No	Cloud situation assessment		
		Cesis T35VLD	Sigulda T35VLD	Burtnieki T35VLE
25-07-2015	36	Clear	Clear	Cumulus clouds
04-08-2015	36	Clear	Clear	Clear
14-08-2015	36	Clear	Clear	Clear
21-08-2015	136	Cumulus clouds	Clear	Clear
24-08-2015	36	Clear	Clear	Clear
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07-04-2016	136	Cumulus clouds	Clear	Clear
27-04-2016	136	Cumulus clouds	Clear	Clear
30-04-2016	36	Clear	Clear	Cumulus clouds
07-05-2016	136	Partly cloudy	Completely cloud	Clear
06-07-2016	136	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy	Completely cloudy
25-08-2016	136	Some cumulus clouds	Some cumulus clouds	Cumulus clouds
14-09-2016	136	Clear	Clear	Clear

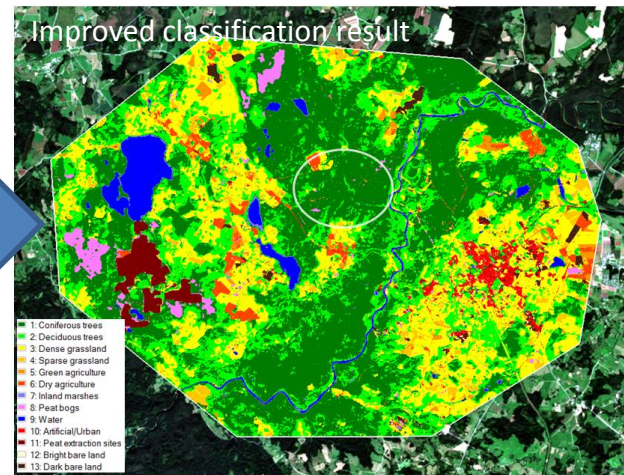
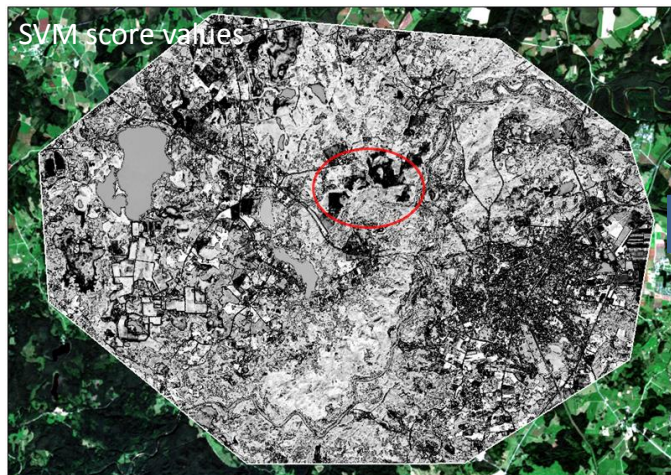
# Development of classification algorithm

Classification of LC in Cesis from 14.08.2015. Sentinel-2 data using SVM classifier



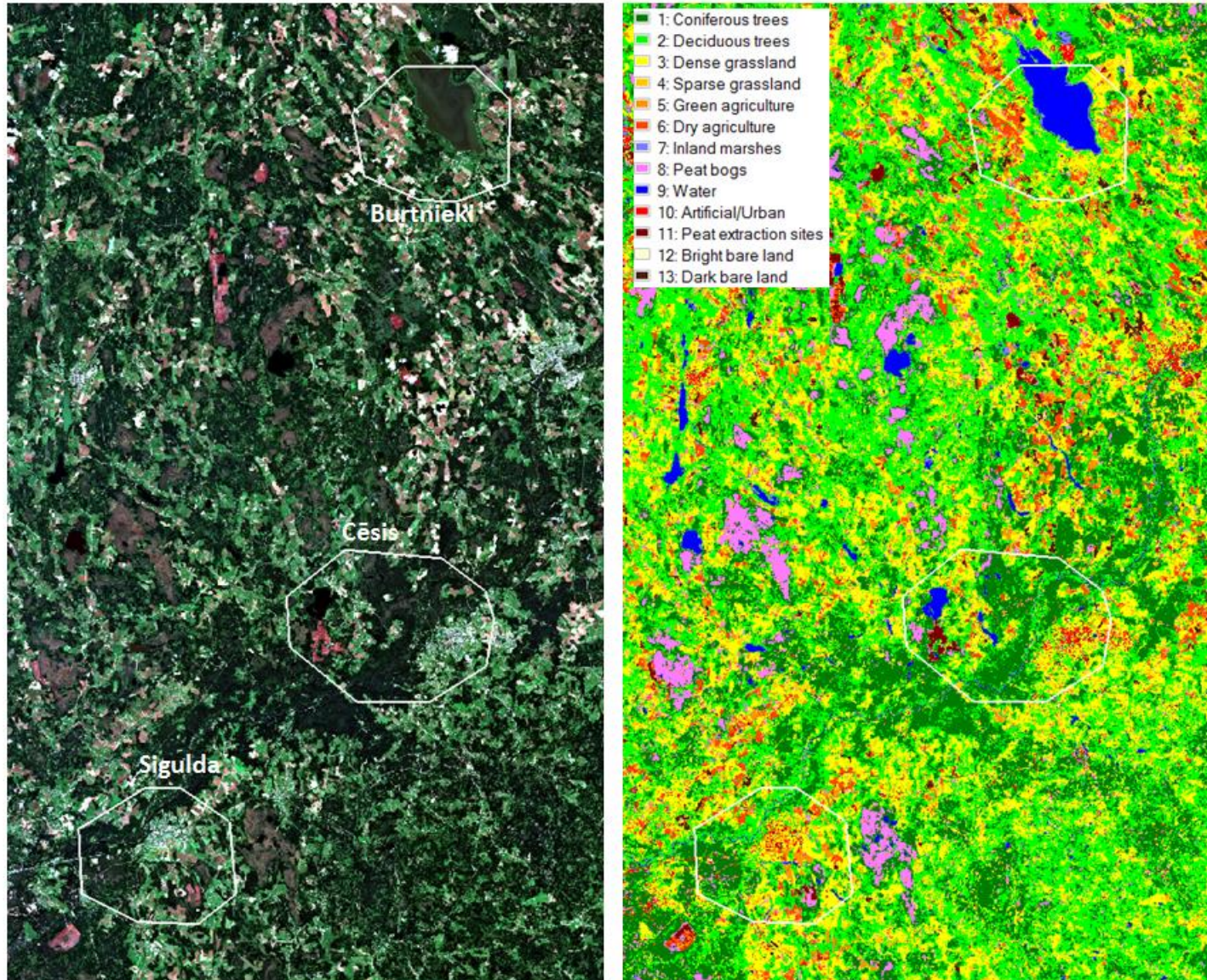
	Cesis Polygon	Cesis Adapted	Cesis Regular All	Cesis Regular H.Conf
<b>Overall</b>	<b>90,5%</b>	<b>90,1%</b>	<b>67,6%</b>	<b>77,2%</b>
Coniferous trees	87,1%	96,0%	82,0%	87,8%
Deciduous trees	89,2%	79,9%	54,5%	57,0%
Dense grassland	90,6%	90,6%	63,4%	84,2%
Sparse grassland	94,4%	84,5%	48,7%	71,4%
Green agriculture	70,8%	64,2%	70,0%	NaN
Dry agriculture	86,7%	75,4%	31,0%	53,0%
Inland marshes	95,3%	88,3%	15,0%	33,3%
Peat bogs	90,5%	88,0%	70,0%	NaN
Water	97,6%	94,7%	91,7%	100,0%
Artificial/Urban	97,6%	99,0%	98,0%	93,3%
Peat extr  sites	100,0%	100,0%	95,7%	91,4%
Light bare soil	96,2%	98,2%	90,0%	100,0%
Dark bare soil	80,5%	89,4%	57,1%	80,0%

SVM score values for the assessment and replacement of possible outliers



# Development of classification algorithm

Classification of LC for all pilot territories from 14.08.2015. Sentinel-2 data using SVM classifier



# SENTIGRASS

Assessment of Grassland Quality and Quantity Parameters and Management Activities Using Sentinel-1&2 data  
2016-2018

**The project is aimed** to explore the capability of Sentinel-1 radar and Sentinel-2 optical data use and fusion for the assessment of grassland management activities and quantitative/qualitative parameters, thus moving towards the development of a multifunctional grassland surveillance and monitoring tool.

Collaboration with Tartu Observatory

# User needs analysis

## List of potential end-users:

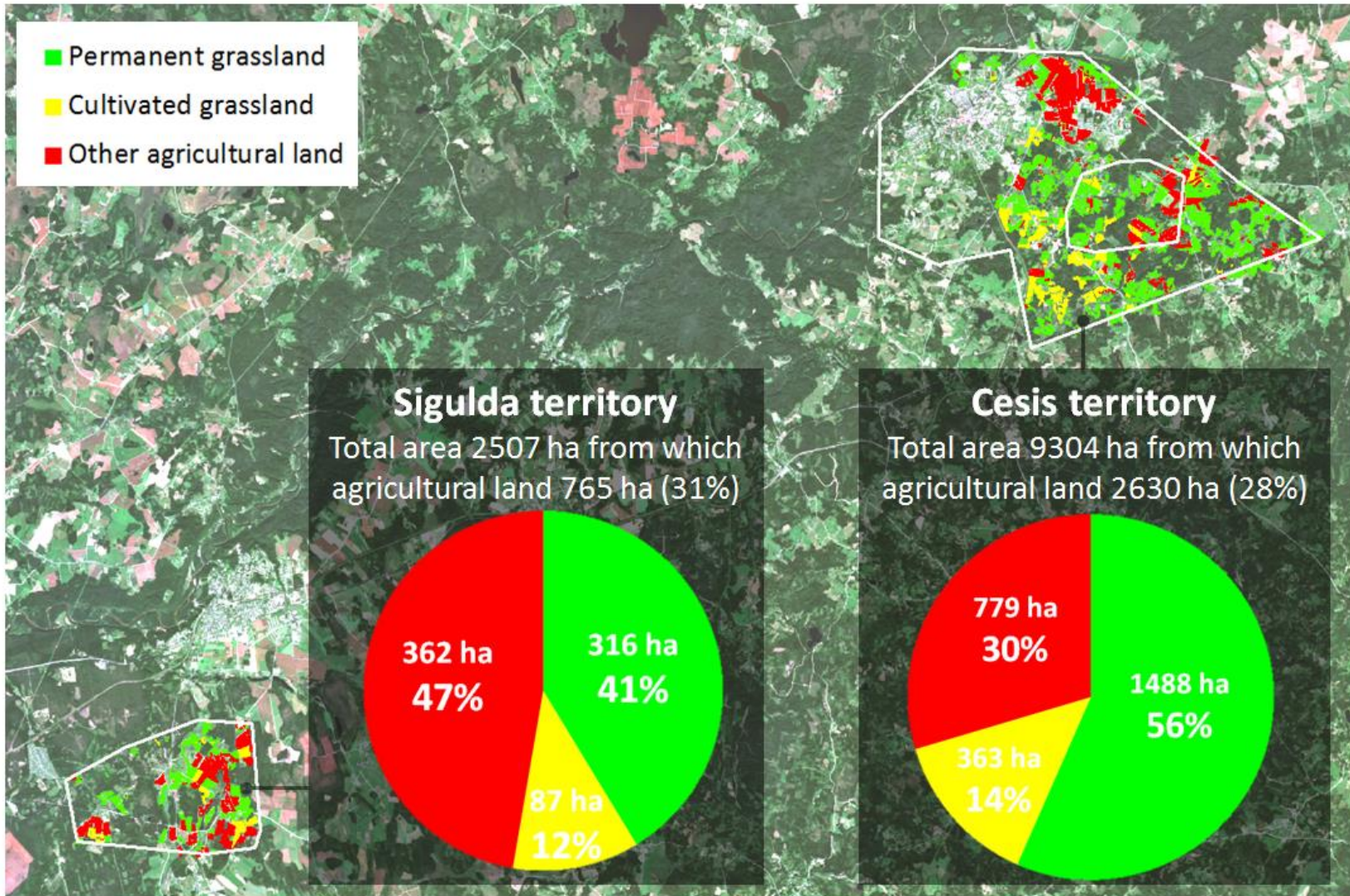
- The Rural Support Service
- The Natural Conservation Agency (grassland experts)
- The Latvian Fund of Nature
- The Latvian Rural Advisory and Training Center
- Local municipalities and regional institutions

## Target data products and accuracy:

- Mapping of grasslands (>80%)
- Ploughing detection (>80%)
- Moving detection (>80%)
- Grazing detection (not set)
- Grassland biomass (RMSE <25% of mean biomass value)
- Mapping of invasive/expansive species (>80% for HR remote sensing data)
- Mapping of shrubs/trees (>80%)
- Biodiversity assessment (not set)

# Pilot territories

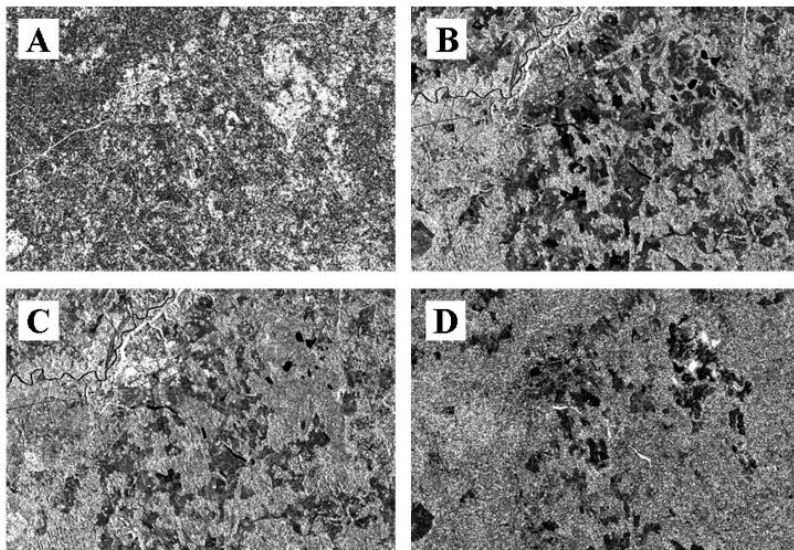
Two pilot territories – Sigulda and Cesis



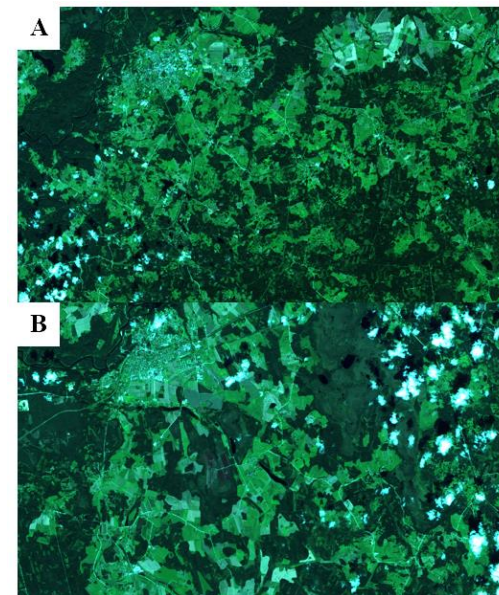
# Data acquisition

Acquisition of extensive data sets for both pilot territories:

- 25 Sentinel-1 SAR
- 7 Sentinel-2 MS scenes
- Airborne hyperspectral, LiDAR and high resolution orthophoto data from 2 dates
- Weekly monitoring information from 122 grassland polygons
- 42 biomass samples
- reference maps of invasive/expansive species, species composition
- Forest and Agricultural land data



**Figure 1.1.** Sample images from the data stack covering study area around Sigulda. (a) Coherence. (b) VH backscattering coefficient. (c) VV backscattering coefficient. (d) VH/VV ratio. Source: RON160 September 23 acquisition. Coherence is calculated for September 23 and October 5 pair.



**Figure 1.2.** Cesis (A) and Sigulda (B) pilot territories in Sentinel-2A MSI data (25.08.2016)

# SENTIBALT

Simulating Performance of ESA Future Satellites for Water Quality of the Baltic Sea

**The project is aimed** to develop improved remote sensing algorithms and methods suitable for the Baltic Sea conditions and estimate their potential accuracy for different concentration ranges of optically active substances.

Collaboration with Estonian Marine Institute



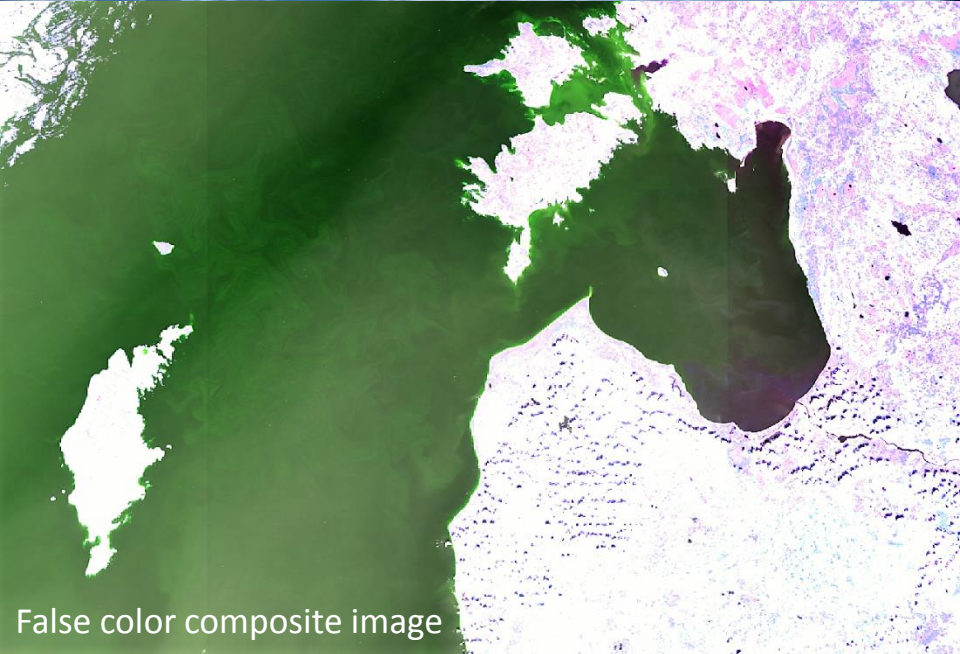
# Motivation

ESA Sentinel-3 was launched  
16 February 2016

<http://www.esa.int/>



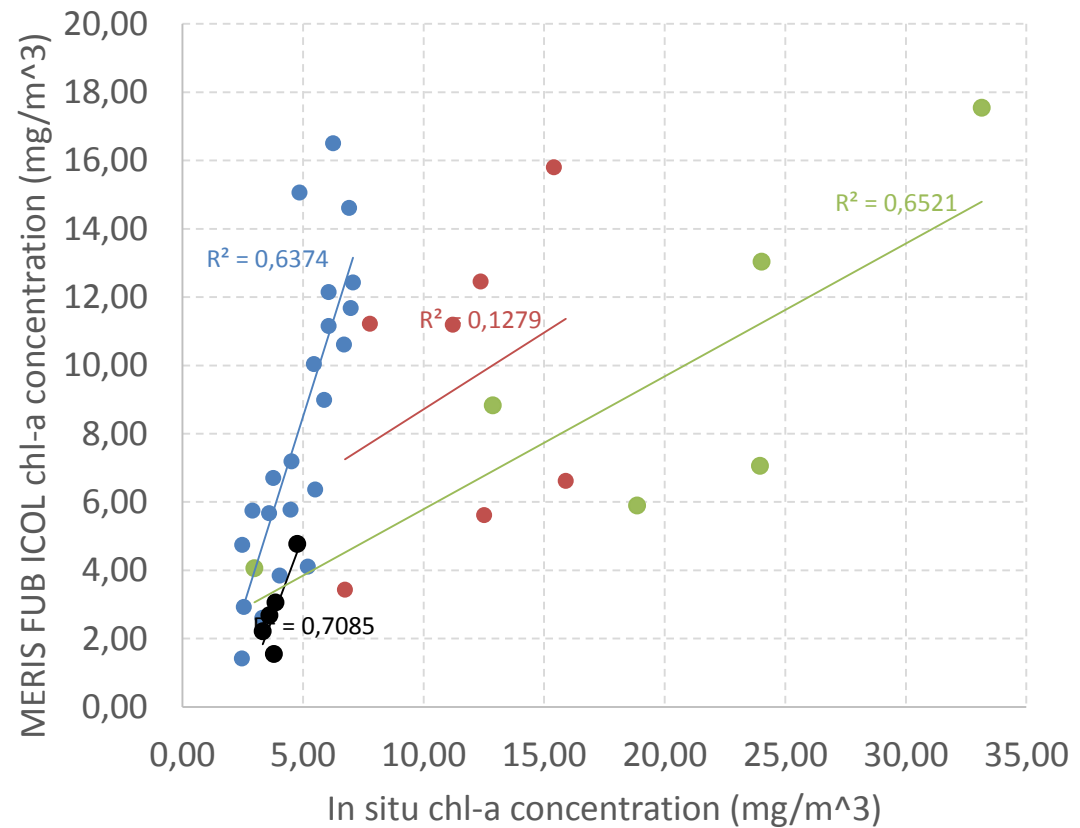
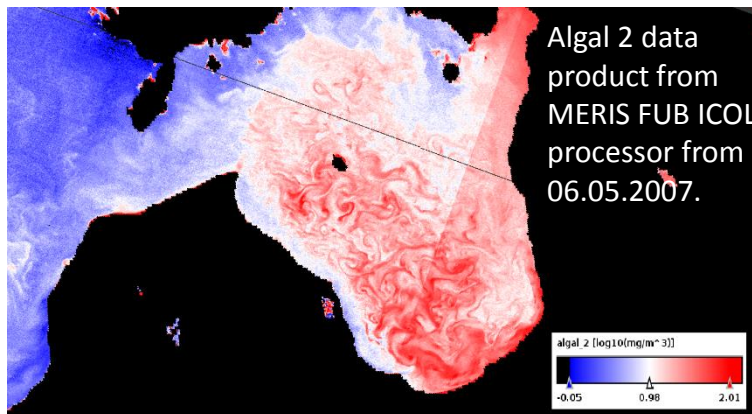
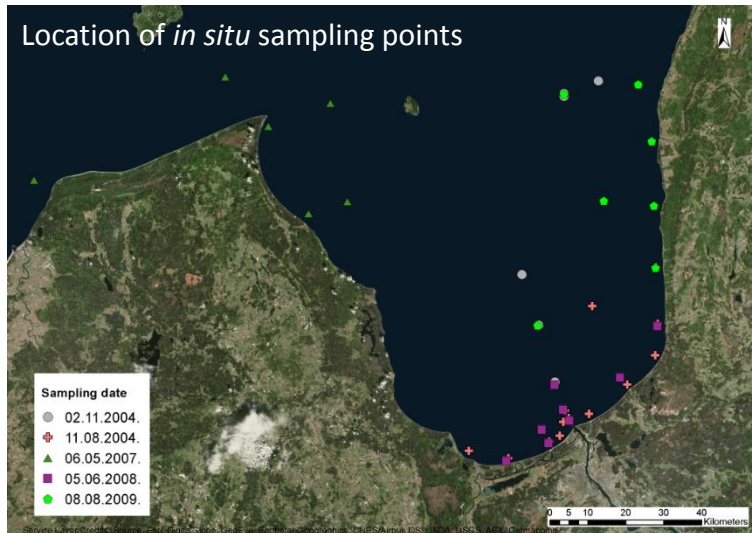
First Sentinel-3 image from  
the Baltic Sea 9 May 2016



False color composite image

# Testing MERIS processors with archive data

Location of *in situ* sampling points from five cloud free MERIS dates and correlation ( $R^2$ ) between *in situ* sampling and best performing MERIS FUB ICOL results.



● August ● November ● May ● June

# Data acquisition campaigns

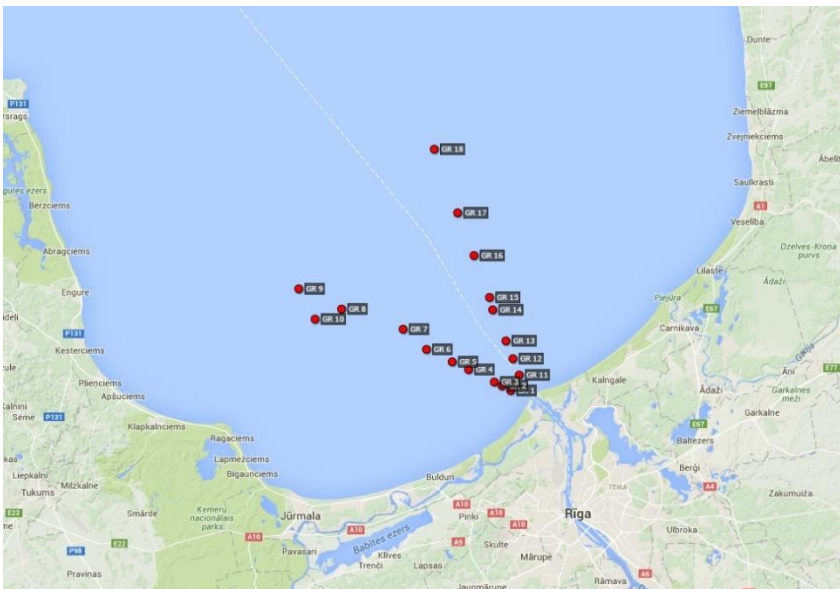
Four simultaneous *in situ* and airborne data acquisition campaigns were performed:

- 11.08.2015. the Gulf of Riga (Latvia) – 10 sampling points
- 12.08.2015. the Gulf of Riga (Latvia) – 8 sampling points
- 31.05.2016. Estonian coastal waters – 8 sampling points
- 14.09.2016. Estonian coastal waters – 8 sampling points

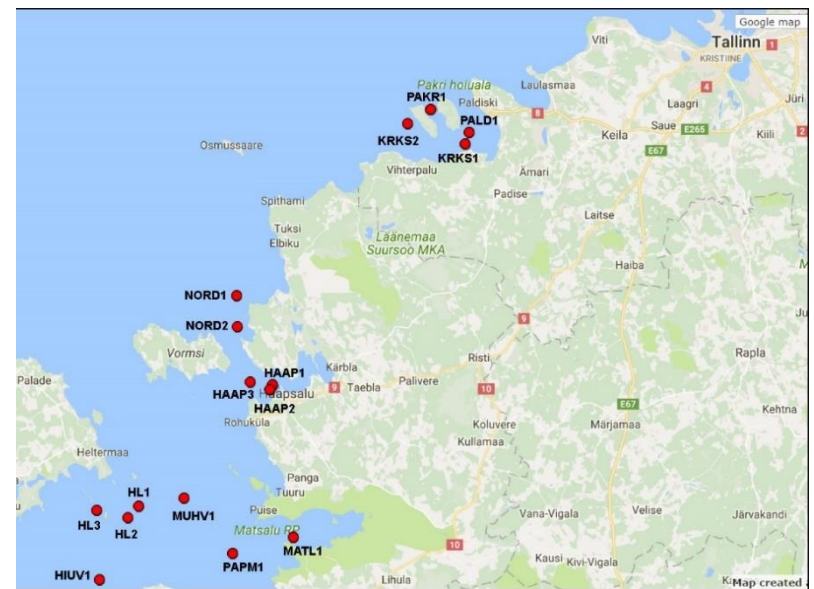
**Campaigns resulted in 34 *in situ* sampling points with airborne overpass.**

The main limitation for optimal data acquisition was weather conditions.

Sampling points from 2015 in the Gulf of Riga



Sampling points from 2016 in Estonian coastal waters



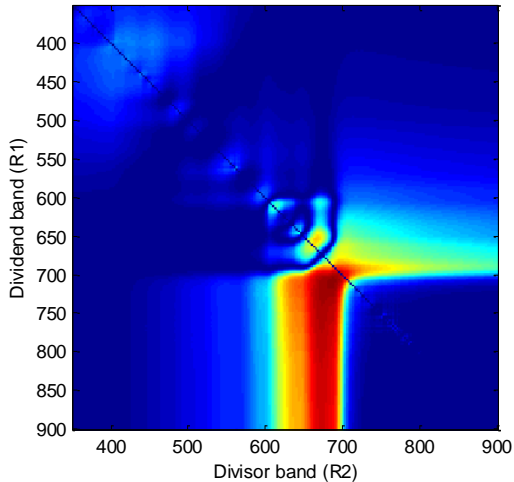
# Testing and development of algorithms

## Additional spectral data:

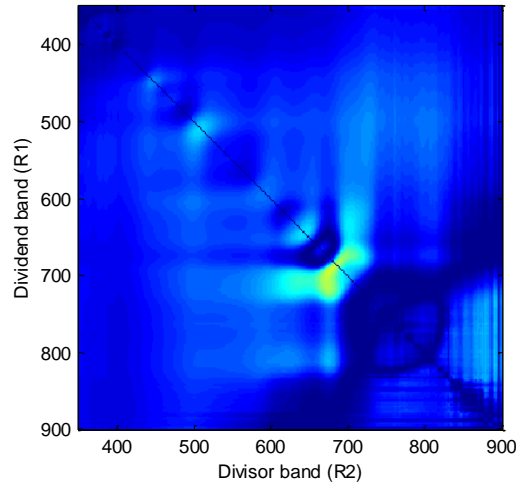
- 60 *in situ* sampling points from Estonian coastal waters (EMI);
- 15600 modelled spectra for optical properties characteristic for the Baltic Sea (FEI)

## Testing of best performing band ratio algorithms for the Baltic Sea

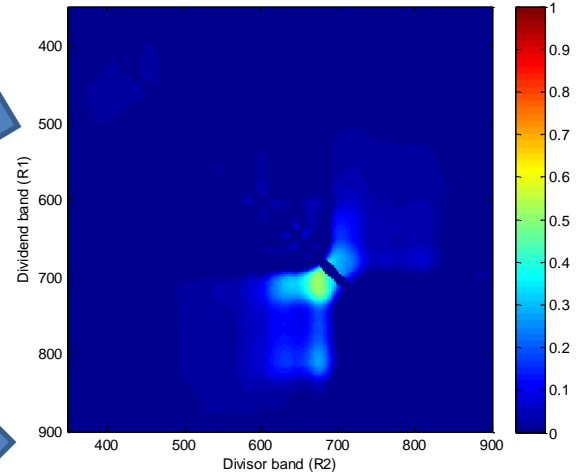
Modelled spectra: Band ratio (R1/R2) correlation ( $R^2$ ) with chl-a



In situ spectra: Band ratio (R1/R2) correlation ( $R^2$ ) with chl-a



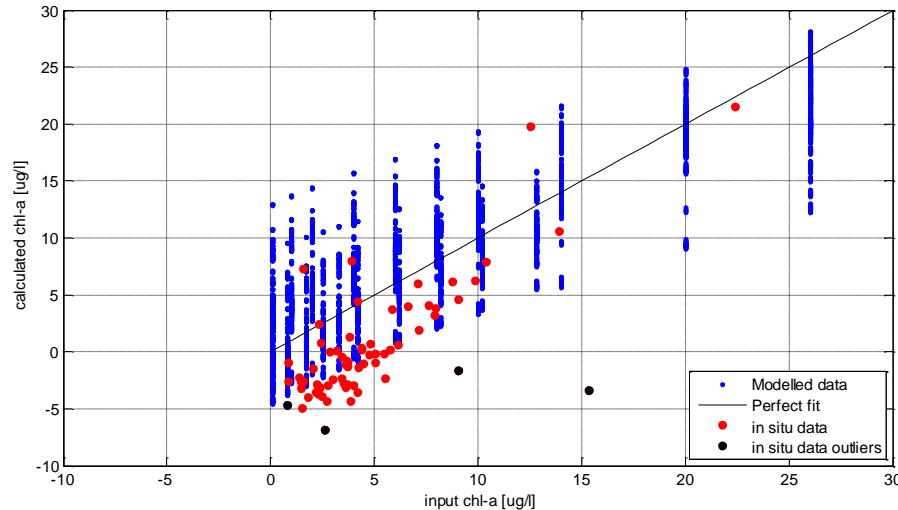
Multiplied  $R^2$  values from modeled and in situ data



Modelled data			In situ data			Modelled and in situ data			
R1 [nm]	R2 [nm]	R <sup>2</sup>	R1 [nm]	R2 [nm]	R <sup>2</sup>	R1 [nm]	R2 [nm]	R <sup>2</sup>	R <sup>2</sup>
707,5	687,5	<b>0,976</b>	692	676	<b>0,575</b>	702	674	<b>0,957</b>	<b>0,551</b>
705,0	687,5	<b>0,975</b>	690	678	<b>0,574</b>	702	672	<b>0,952</b>	<b>0,554</b>
710,0	687,5	<b>0,974</b>	694	674	<b>0,572</b>	706	672	<b>0,960</b>	<b>0,549</b>
707,5	685,0	<b>0,974</b>	690	680	<b>0,572</b>	706	674	<b>0,964</b>	<b>0,546</b>
710,0	685,0	<b>0,973</b>	692	678	<b>0,572</b>	700	674	<b>0,949</b>	<b>0,555</b>

# Testing and development of algorithms

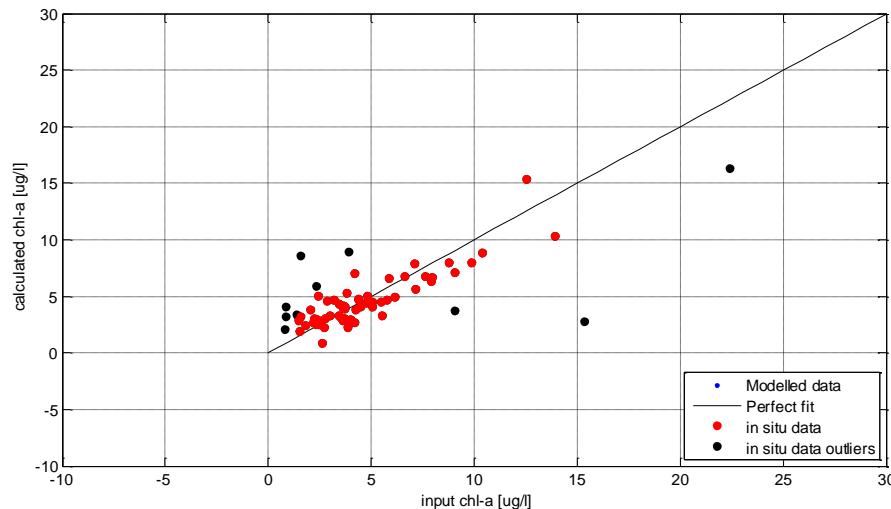
Comparison of modelled and *in situ* spectral data using best performing two band ratio (702, 674 nm).



Modelled data (chl-a concentration <30 ug/l) is used for training

Performance of the model:

- modelled data:  $R^2 = 0.762$ , RMSE = 3.76 ug/l;
- *in situ* data:  $R^2 = 0.546$ , RMSE = 5.60 ug/l.

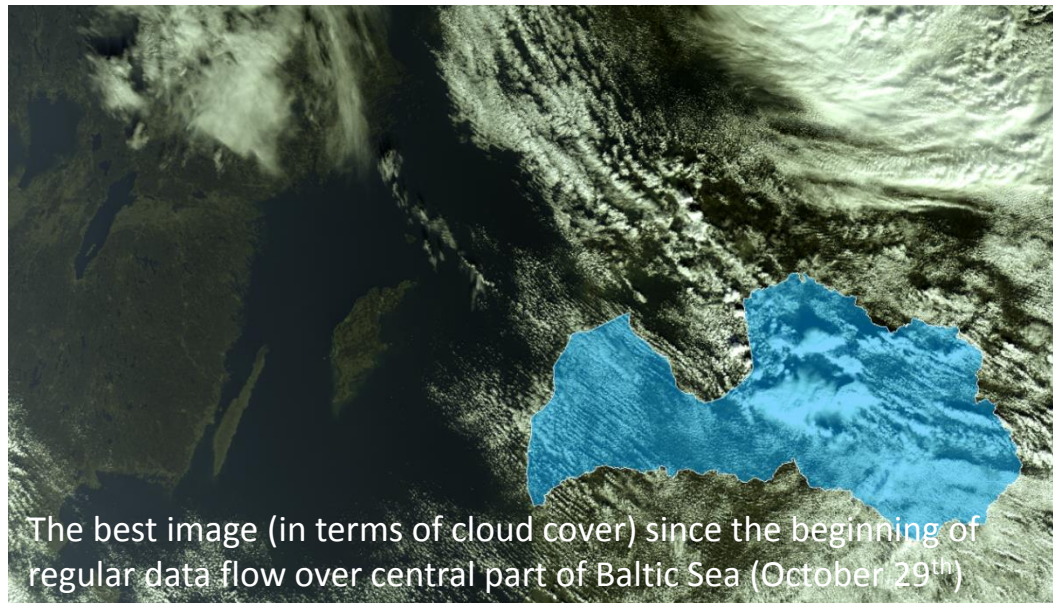
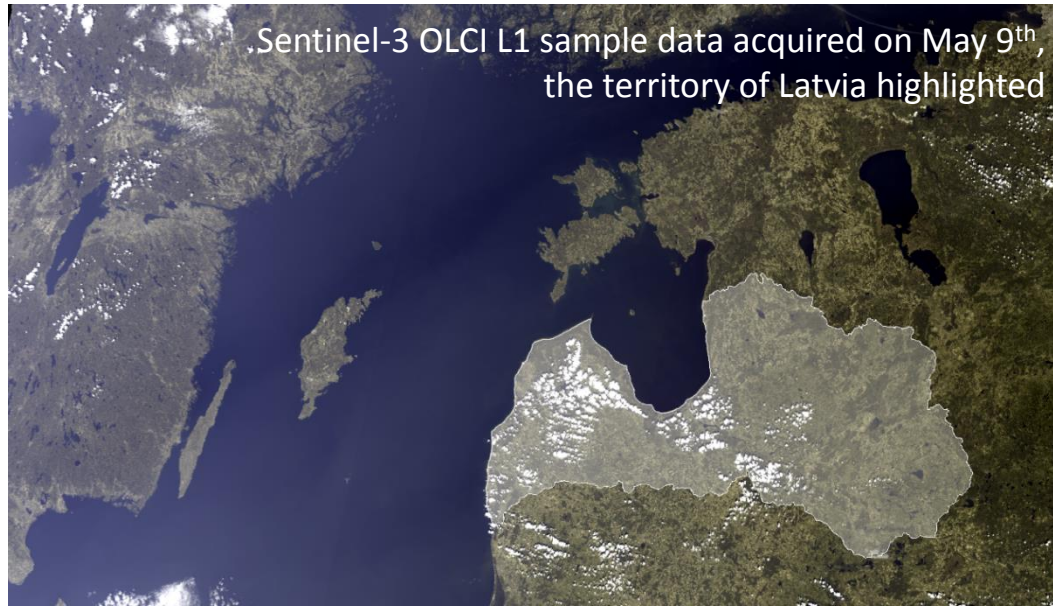


*in situ* data is used for training

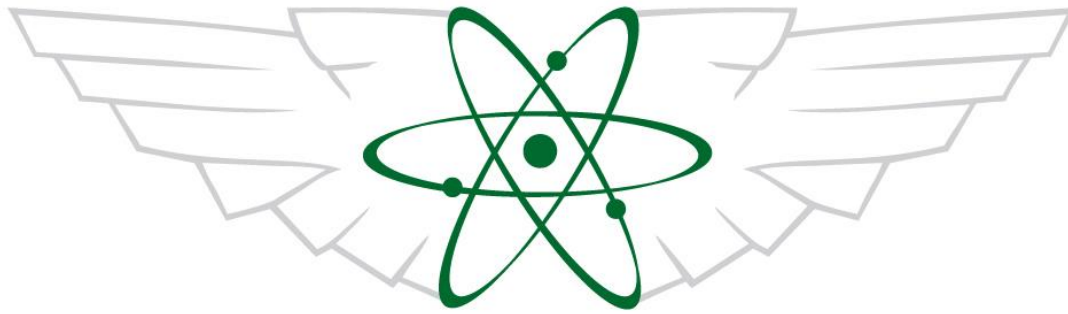
Performance of the model:

- all *in situ* points:  $R^2 = 0.546$ , RMSE = 2.53 ug/l;
- after removal of outliers:  $R^2 = 0.775$ , RMSE = 1.27 ug/l.

# Sentinel-3 OLCI data availability



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