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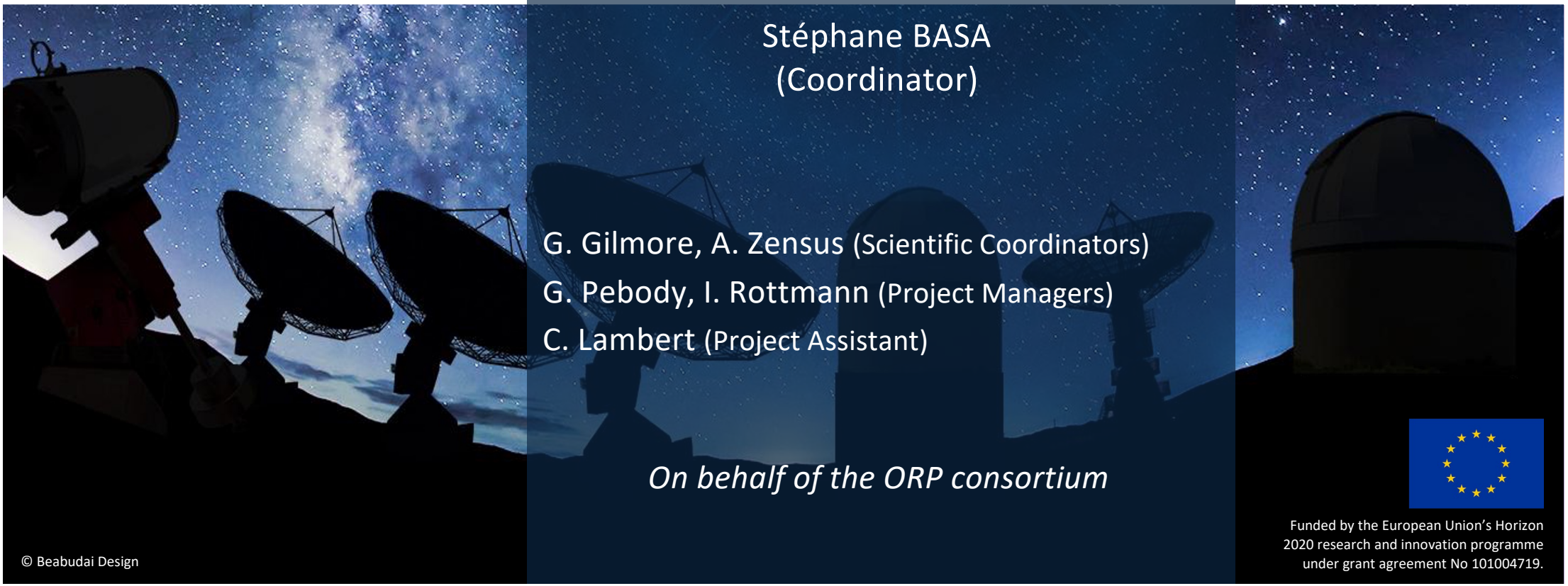
Project Overview & Status



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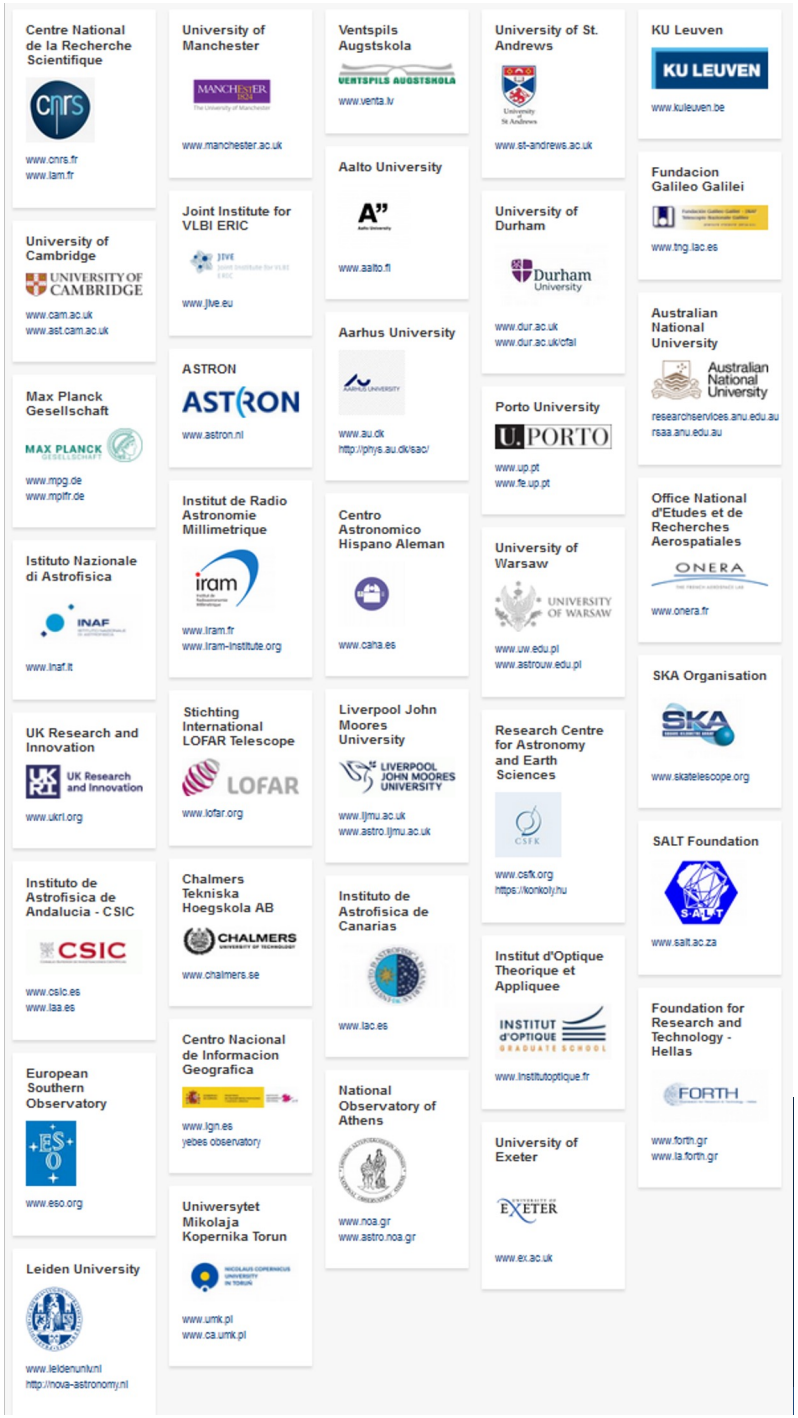
ORP is 20 years of success leading to the fusion of RadioNet and OPTICON

ORP is partnership of 37 leading organisations

Coordination CNRS (UCAM, MPG)

15 M€/ 4 years
Started on 1st March 2021

3 Pillars: T(N)A/VA, Performance, Policy



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The ORP main commitments

A Pilot at the service of its community to facilitate astrophysical discoveries by:

- **Providing access** to an integrated set of research infrastructures;
- **Harmonising** procedures to allow scientists to access all of these facilities via common tools for observation request and specification with a single access point, single sign-on entry;
- **Developing on-line services** to improve proposal preparation, submission and review, feedback on submitted proposals, time allocation and scheduling, detailed observation specification and execution, etc.;
- **Improving user support** for optical and radio interferometers and bringing together a number of targeted developments for optical telescopes and interferometers;
- **Mapping and analysing access modalities** in order to develop models for long-term engagement of funders.

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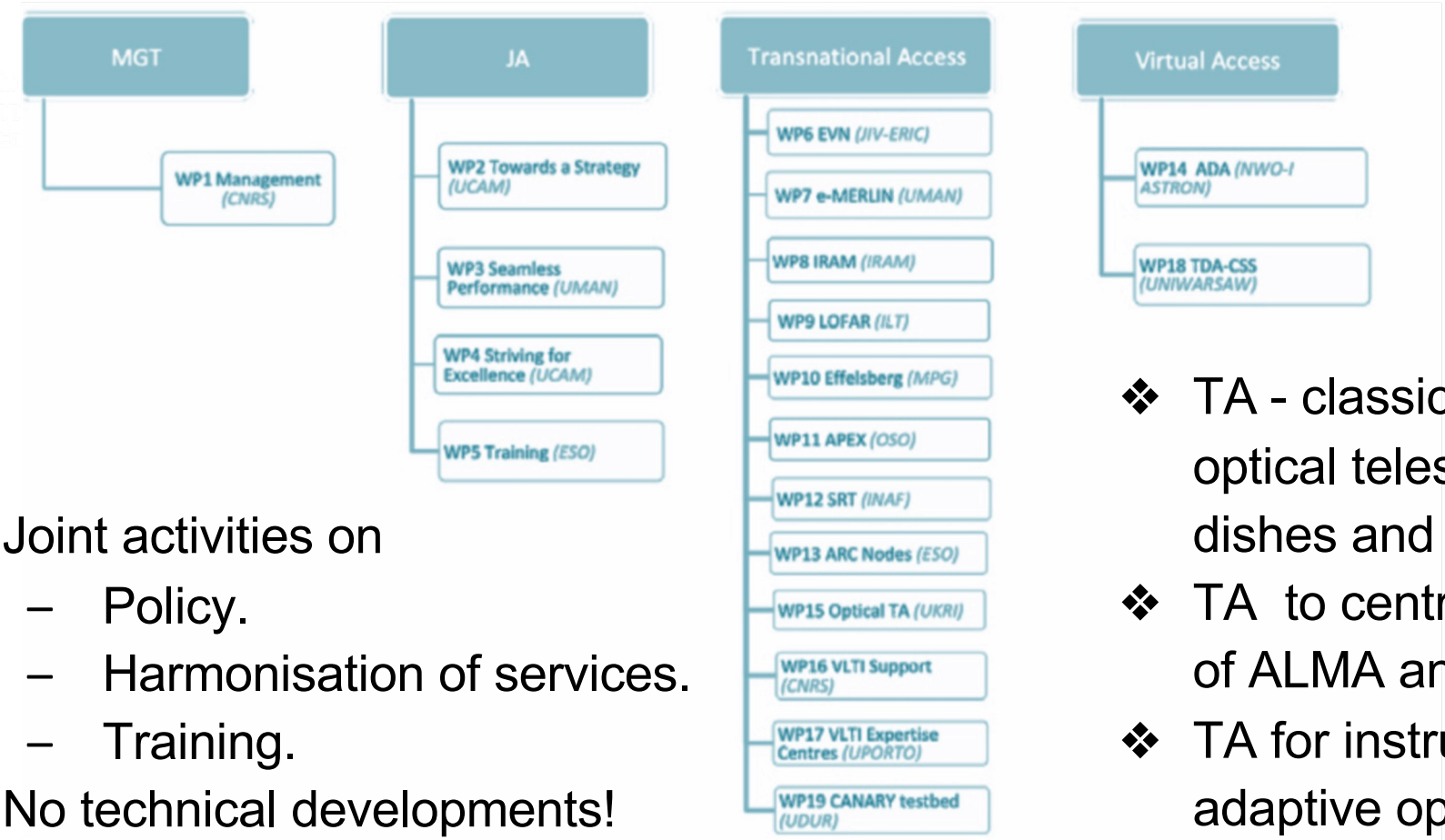
All the Work-Packages



- Joint activities on
  - Policy.
  - Harmonisation of services.
  - Training.
- No technical developments!

- TA - classical access to optical telescopes, radio dishes and arrays.
- TA to centres of expertise of ALMA and VLTI.
- TA for instrumentation of adaptive optics and VLTI.
- VA to radio archives.
- VA to TDA optical/IR.

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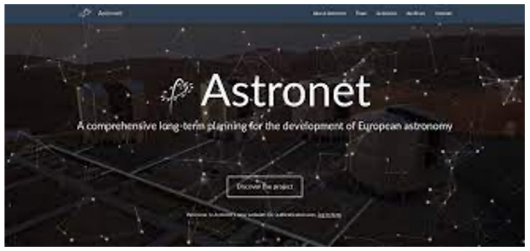
Strategic planning



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- Strategic vision of the relation between Astronomical Research Infrastructures & EC.
- Models for the post-Pilot futures of our communities.
- Sustainable transnational access (beyond EU funding).
- Common policy for a dark and quite sky.
- Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) for users.

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Seamless & Excellence Performance

- Common Access Tools
  - Proposal submission tool.
  - Harmonised procedure.
  - Multi-facilities coordinated calls.
  - Multi-wavelength astronomy (e.g. Time Domain).

- Training
  - Sharing analysis expertise & broaden astrophysical skills.
  - Flagship events (NEON and ERIS).
  - Proposal writing, archival, instrumentation and multi-wavelength/messenger schools.
  - Gender/geographical/career distribution.

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Transnational and Virtual Access

- Transnational Access to 24 infrastructures:
  - 0.4m-10m optical telescopes (CFHT, OHP, TBL, TNG, REM, CAHA, NOT, LT, Aristachos, LCOGT, TCS, SALT).
  - The biggest radio dishes (100m Effelsberg, SRT, PV, APEX).
  - World class radio arrays (EVN, LOFAR, NOEMA, eMERLIN).
  - Instrumental support (Adaptive Optics CANARY).
  - User support (VLTI & ALMA Centres).

- Virtual Access to
  - Long term data archives (LOFAR & WSRT).
  - Time-domain (63 ==> 100 small/medium-sized optical and IR telescopes).

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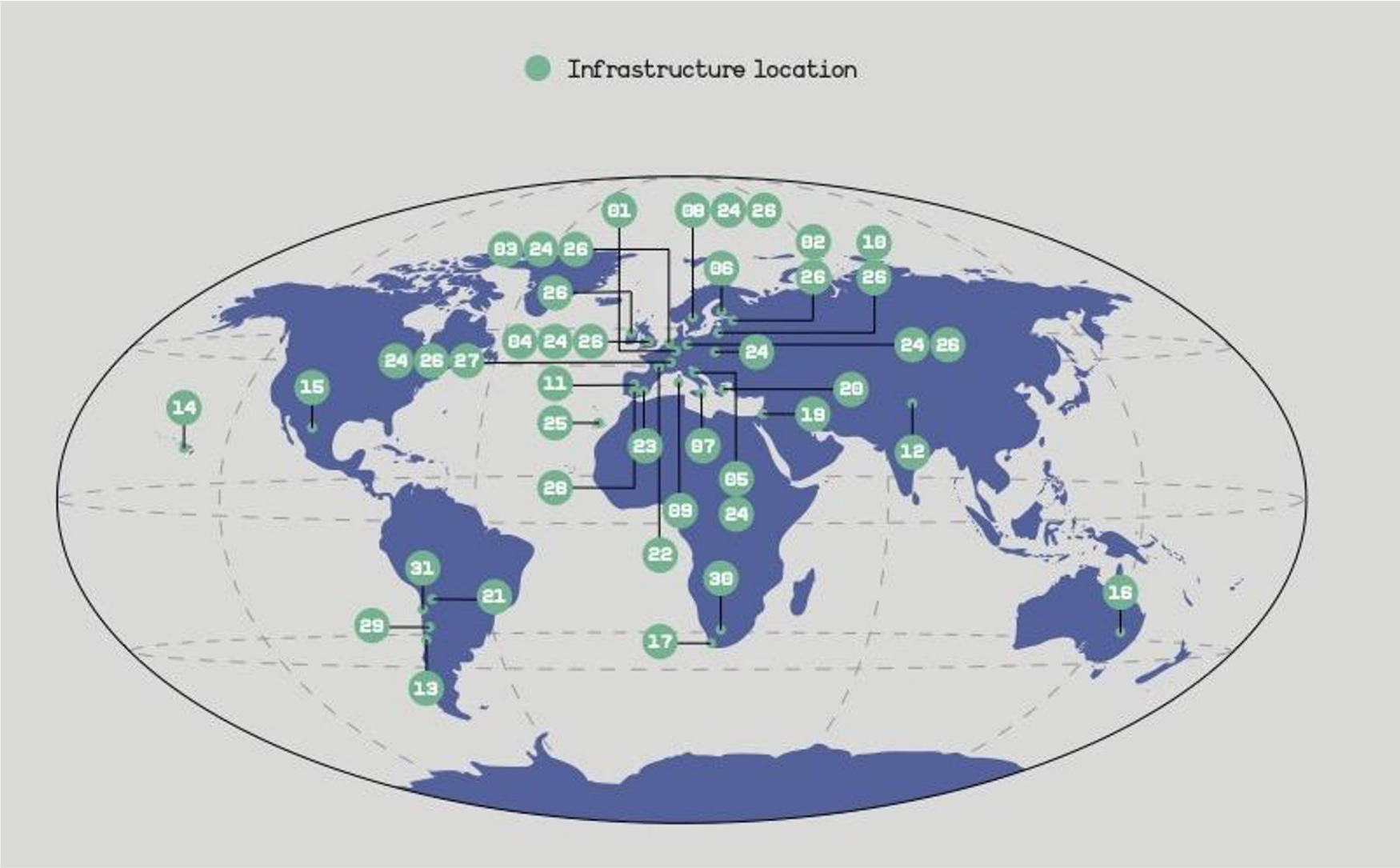

- All wavelengths from radio to visible/infrared covered.
- Facilities on the whole Earth.

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ORP Transnational Access

- Classical TA:
  - Two different methods for time allocation:
    - One Common Time Allocation Committee (CTAC) for optical facilities.
    - Individual TAC for each radio facility.
  - Access upon a competitive, scientific-excellence-based process
  - Oversubscription (topics on MMA and TDA).
- Expertise TA:
  - ALMA/VLTI centres across Europe (==> Gerry's talk).
- Instrumental TA:
  - Adaptive Optics/VLTI.

⇒ *The TA calls and services are published on the ORP website.*

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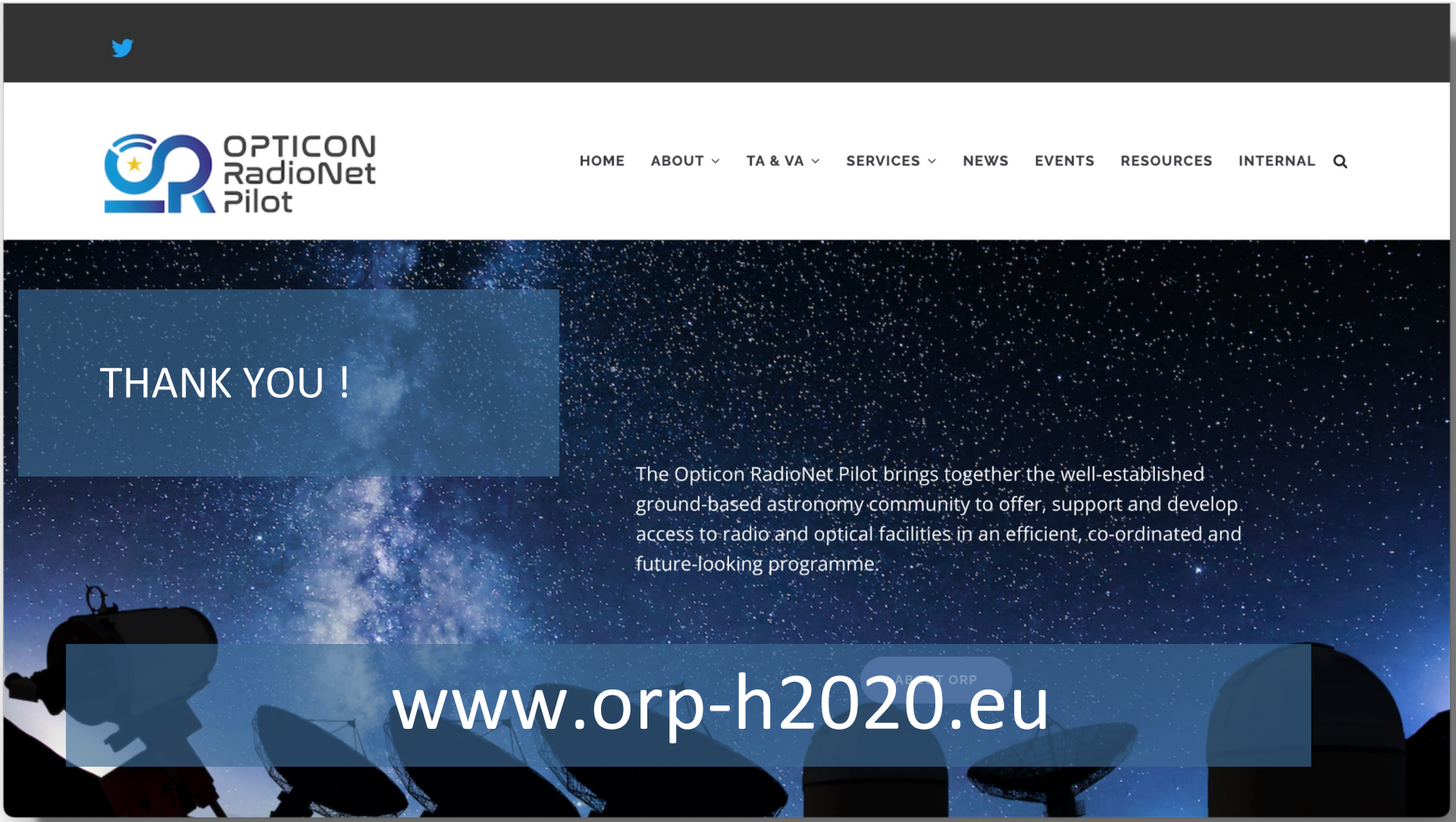
ORP Virtual Access

- Virtual Access:
  - No selection, direct access to archive places: independent from ORP.
  - Open access to radio archives WSRT & LOFAR:
    - No registration needed.
    - Statistic based on IP address.
  - Open access to TDA:
    - Registration for users requesting observations or download

What about MMA and TDA in ORP?

- ORP is already a collaborative optical-radio approach towards:
  - Common-access to Research infrastructures: a common observing Proposal Submission Tool (PST) for deployment at any ORP facility.
  - Time-Domain, Multi-Facility & Multi-Frequency access to Research infrastructures: a centralised system to conduct multi-facility, multi-wavelength time domain astronomy (based on tools developed by the Las Cumbres Observatory).
  - VA: Time-Domain Astronomy Central Coordination System (TDA- CCS): a common photometric pipeline (BHTOM).
- ORP already provides services for MMA/TDA observations.



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