

Annual report 2025

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2024: relatively quiet year, no major decisions made
(like advising for LISA adoption in Dec 2023)

L1: JUICE (Jupiter Icy Moon Explorer), launched in 2023

L2: (New)Athena (X-rays), adoption in 2027, launch 2037?

L3: LISA (Gravitational waves), adopted in 2023, launch 2035

L4: Mission to Saturn's icy moons: Titan and Enceladus, launch ~2045

M4, ARIEL (Atmospheric Remote-Sensing Infrared Exoplanet Large-survey), 2029

M5, EnVision (radar-mapping of Venus), 2031

Astronomy & Astrophysics

A&A – European journal for astronomy, astrophysics, ...

Major changes happening: Open Access → increased costs of publishing papers

A&A:

2023: 30 000 pages published 2024: 43 000 pages (typically: 9% growth)

A&A relies on subscriptions to maintain OA

Subscriptions slowly decrease

More income need to come from consortium members contribution & page charges

Hence the attempt to shorten the papers/earn some money on longer papers

Countries contributions will have to go up, as well

Poland: 3.5% contr. – 8 700 Euro (2024), 9 100 (2025), possibly double that in 2026+
submitted: 81 papers ~ 3.2% of total (81% acceptance - low-ish)