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Shooting for the Stars

The First Half Century of ESA Mission Operations

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ONLINE LECTURE

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Paolo will recall, through anecdotes and real-life stories of mission control, the milestones of European spaceflight. His experience, in the control rooms of ESA mission operations, over the last three and a half decades will give a unique insight into the emotions, the dramas and successes of the past.

ESA did not exist when the European Space Operations Centre in Darmstadt, Germany was inaugurated, in September 1967. The precursor space agency at that time was called ESRO, the same name of the first satellite successfully put into orbit in May 1968: ESRO-II.

This was the beginning of ESOC's long history of successes in space mission operations.

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