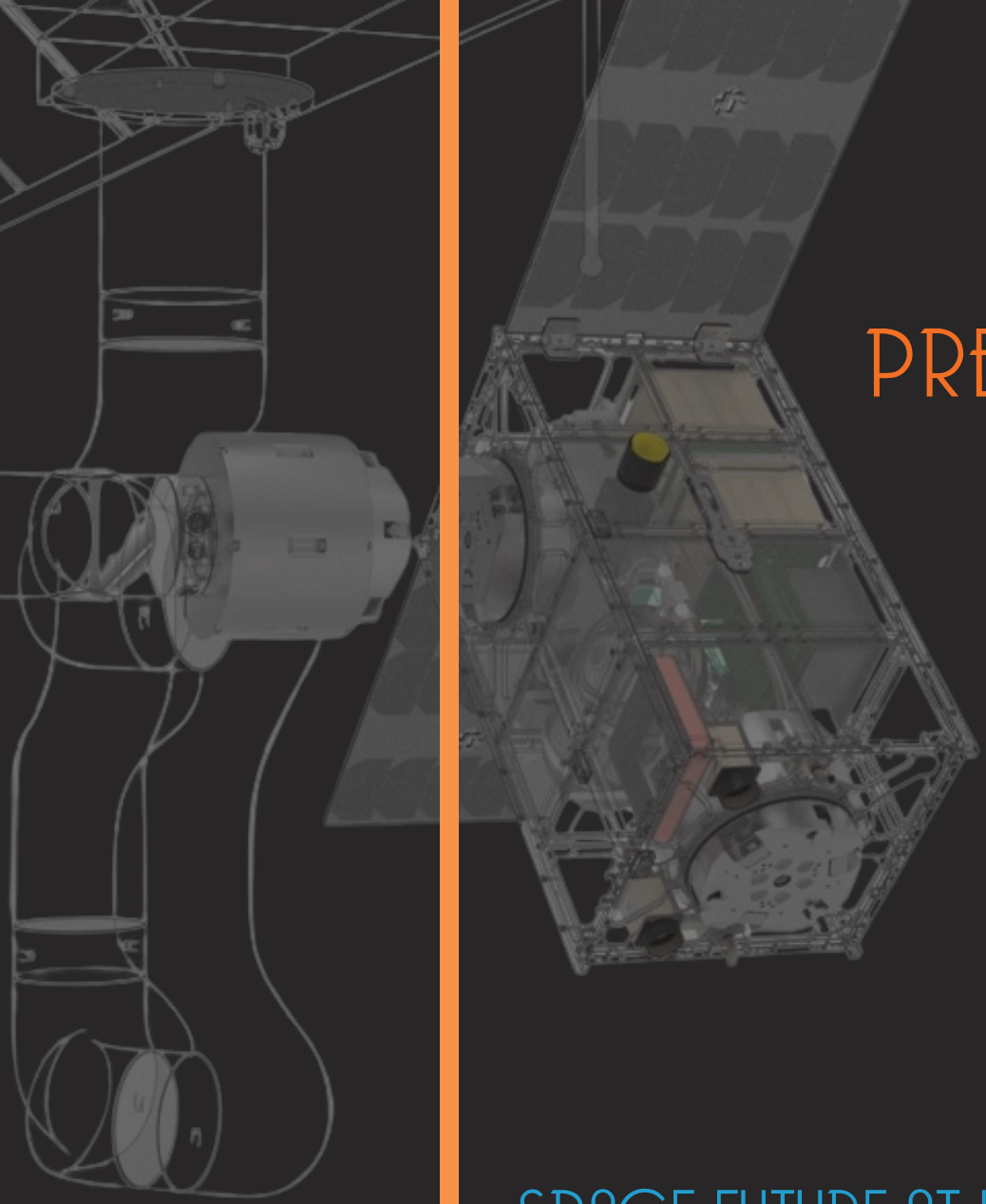

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SPACE FUTURE AT HIGH SPEED

Closing two years of deep research and innovative collaboration, the ORU-BOAS project has reached its climax, bringing to the forefront high-impact discoveries and significant advancements in the future of space exploration.

The Final Review Meeting was held in February 2025, in the heart of the European economy, Brussels, Belgium, bringing together the project's partners, project officer, and external reviewers to reflect on key achievements and discuss the future of space applications and potential collaborations.

Our Project Coordinator, José Javier Viñals, commenced the meeting by expressing gratitude to the team for their unwavering commitment and pursuit of innovation and excellence throughout the project's lifecycle.

The meeting also welcomed our Project Officer, Mr. Lanneau Lukas, who showed great interest and active engagement, posing questions where needed and profoundly acknowledging the partners' hard work.

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High-Level Evaluation

The participation of high-level experts did not stop there. Our external reviewer, Francesco Topputo, Professor of Space Systems at Politecnico di Milano, and Christos Ampatzis, Policy Officer at the European Commission's DG Defence Industry and Space, attended the meeting with enthusiasm and curiosity, putting forward crucial inquiries and strong suggestions.

Driving Gender Equality and Innovation in Space Operations

Another significant breakthrough of the project—perhaps even unique in projects of this kind—is its commitment to eliminating gender discrimination. In the ORU-BOAS project, the number of male and female researchers and participants is almost equal, crossing the way for a more inclusive future, fully aligned with the European Union's commitment to gender equality in the European scientific community.

Counting our milestones, we must also highlight that the ORU-BOAS project laid the foundation for EU-funded R&I In-Space Operations and Services (ISOS). ISOS addresses applications such as satellite maintenance and servicing, debris removal, logistics services in space, satellite/large structure assembly and disassembly, and manufacturing, fundamentally changing the way space systems are designed, manufactured, tested, and operated.

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Beyond the Project's Lifespan: New Collaborations & Future Perspectives

Even though the ORU-BOAS project's official lifespan has concluded, our efforts continue. A collaboration with the SCHUMANN project and participation in upcoming events (such as the 15th EASN Conference in Madrid and the 76th IAC in Sydney) open new perspectives for further expanding our research and maximizing exploitation opportunities.