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# Development of a Satellite Product Access Guide

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# Motivation

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- Need for enhanced and easily accessible information on Satellite products, especially for less experienced users
  - Fill a gap, as not all providers offer their own portal with thematic access to products
  - Highlighted by:
    - ET SUP 5 (Action 5.11) WMO Secretariat to develop a “Portal” for Earth Observation Products
    - CGMS 39 (Action 39.53): WMO to further refine the concept of a web-based Product Access Guide
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# Objectives

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- Provide top-level overview on globally available Satellite products
  - Provide first level guidance on how to access these products
  - Integrate / register with the WIS for better visibility
  - Enhance visibility to facilitate increased usage of these products
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# Proposed Approach

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- Web-based tool providing thematic access, structured by categories and sub-categories  
(Taxonomy to be agreed on)
  - Data providers provide links leading to product collections which correspond to the respective category in the product access guide
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# Challenges

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- Definition of the categories to allow for each of the available products to fit into one category while avoiding duplicate links
  - Readiness of providers to provide the appropriate pages and direct links (e.g. when using dynamic catalogues)
  - Vulnerable to deprecated links and content.  
-> Number of links needs to be limited
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# The way forward

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1. Agreement on a practical, and possibly standards-based categorization
  2. Definition of entry criteria for products (e.g. metadata available/ training available, registered in the WIS... )
  3. Product providers make product lists available, according to the agreed categorization
  4. Technical implementation & publication on WMO Space Programme Website
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# Prototype

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- [http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/sat/product-access-guide\\_en.php](http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/sat/product-access-guide_en.php)