

PLATO 2.0 News:

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Now that we have almost reached the end of the year, the PLATO Board would like to reflect back on the Consortium activities in 2014:

The PLATO mission was selected at the beginning of 2014 as ESA's third M-Class mission with a launch-date in 2024. The Consortium was re-activated and has officially started the concept consolidation activities of the B1 phase via a Kick-off meeting in July. Since then several working groups have started their work and numerous meetings have been held by all project elements of the mission – a highlight being the PLATO Science Conference in December. Next year we now have to bring the mission towards mission approval.

We thank you all for your continued support and excellent cooperation during this year and wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year !

We look forward to working with you on this fantastic mission in the years to come.

Heike Rauer & the PLATO Board

### Upcoming events:

02-04 March, 2015: Workshop on "Atmosphere Science in the Context of CHEOPS, TESS, K2 and PLATO"

May/June, 2016: Mission Adoption & SPC approval

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