Working Group 3

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We are a partnership - the Expectations document is all we have, so we can only assess against that. CoEs and Satellite Operators should be invited to disassociate when they no longer have a clear intention to meet the expectations.

A re-commitment process would help right now. Framed in the importance or user preparation and exploitation. In some way the satellite operators fail in their mission if users are not able to exploit the data for protection for life and property.

Sponsoring is the wrong word - The CoEs accept a role to use their competence and connections to undertake user readiness and development (outside of the country/ies of the Satellite Operators). Support of the TSO is an essential element of this. User preparation is the responsibility of the Satellite Operator (discuss) and so the CoEs provide a great service in supporting this responsibility, supporting the TSO is essential.

A regional (geo regions) planning capturing the big goals will help, say a 4 year cycle. This then provides a benchmark for assessing performance and commitment. The shared plan would capture shared objectives that meets the shape of VLab as a partnership.