

ROB's GNSS Contribution to



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EPOS (European Plate Observing System)

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European Research Infrastructure (ESFRI) serving **Solid Earth science** (study the internal structure and dynamics of planet Earth, from the inner core to the surface)

Provide **(open) access** to data and products as well as tools for visualization, processing and analysis through the EPOS portal

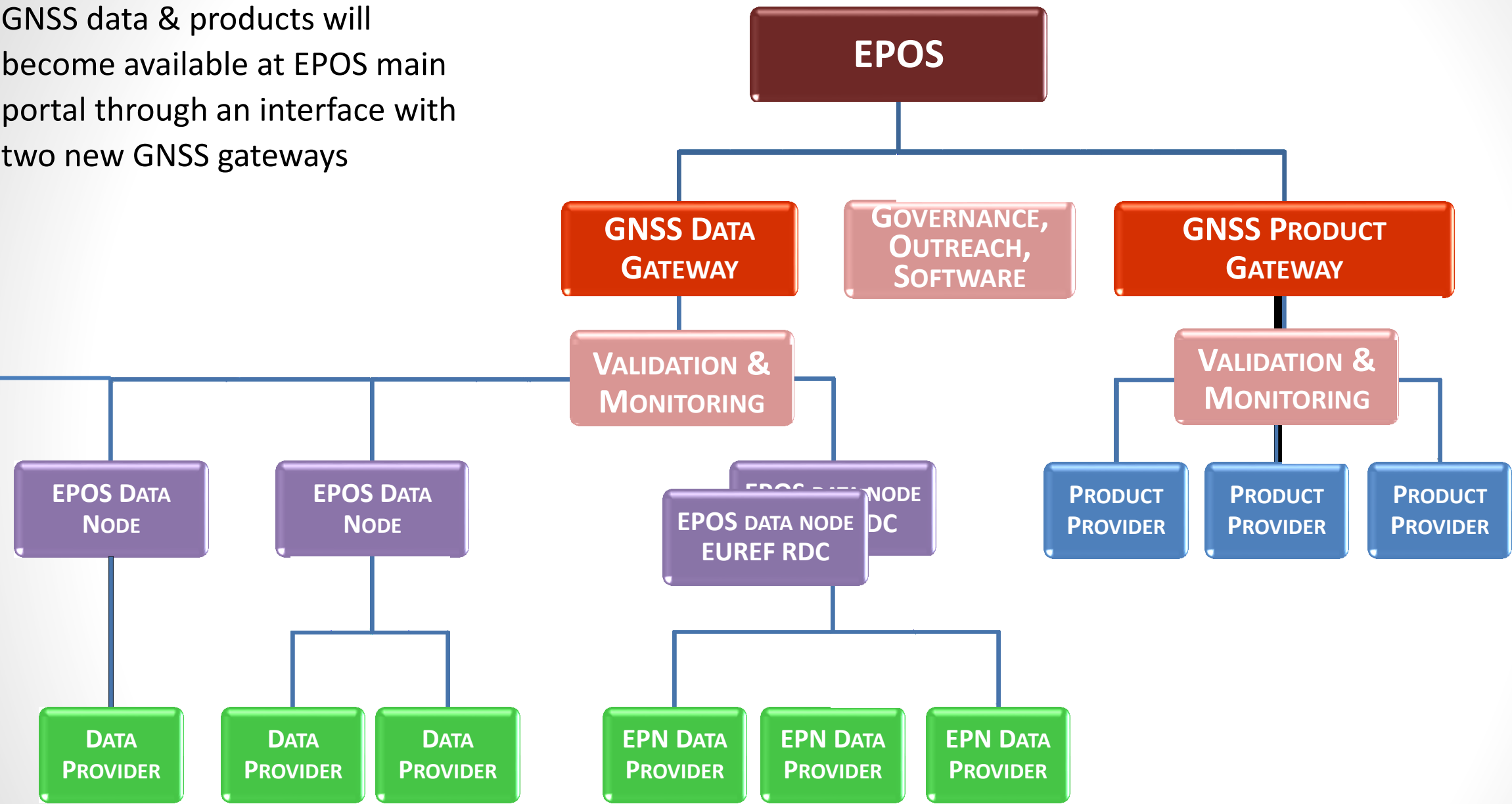
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EPOS Portal

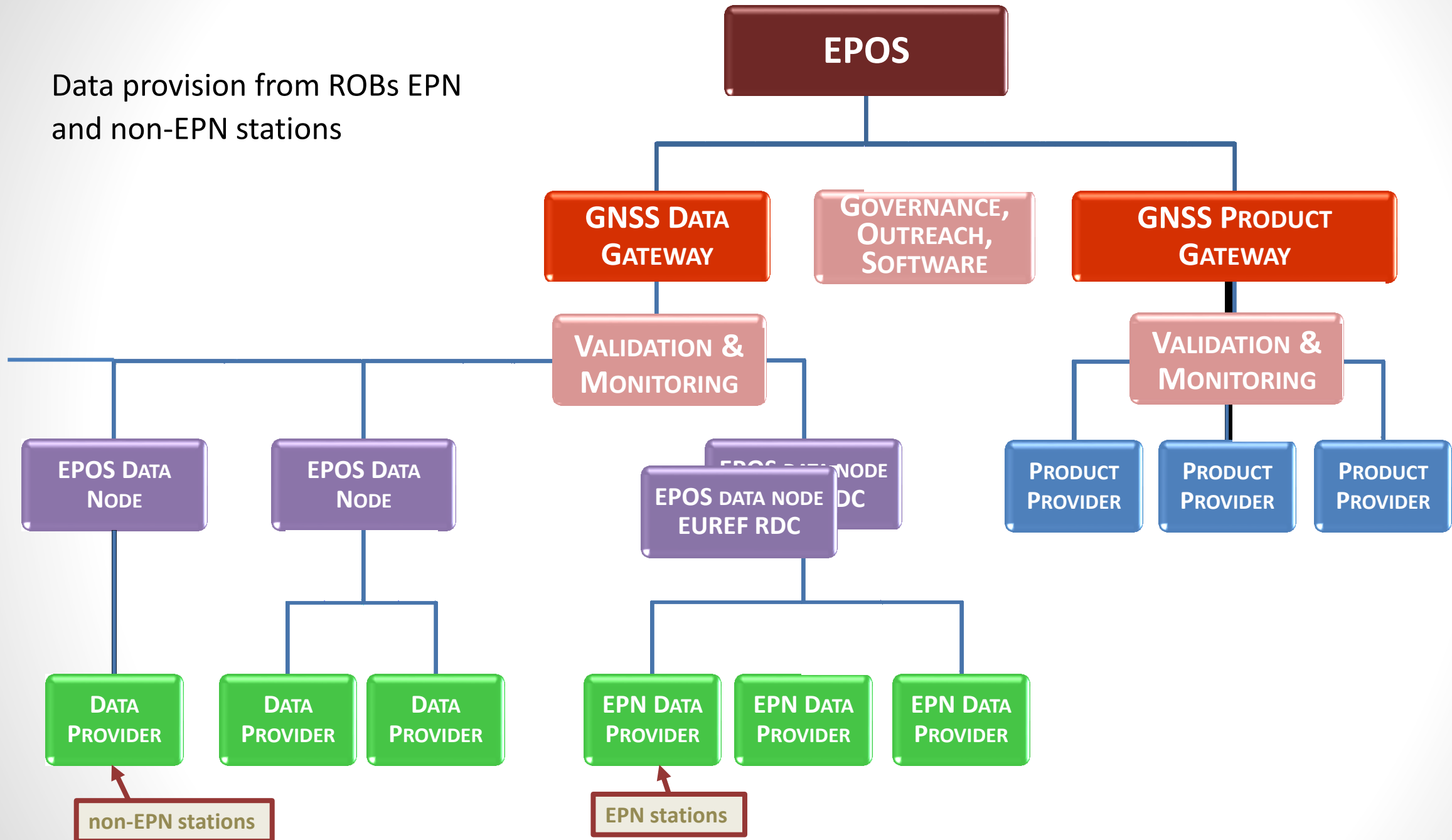
*This presentation:
examples of Belgian
in-kind contributions
provided by ROB to
EPOS (focus on GNSS).*



GNSS data & products will become available at EPOS main portal through an interface with two new GNSS gateways



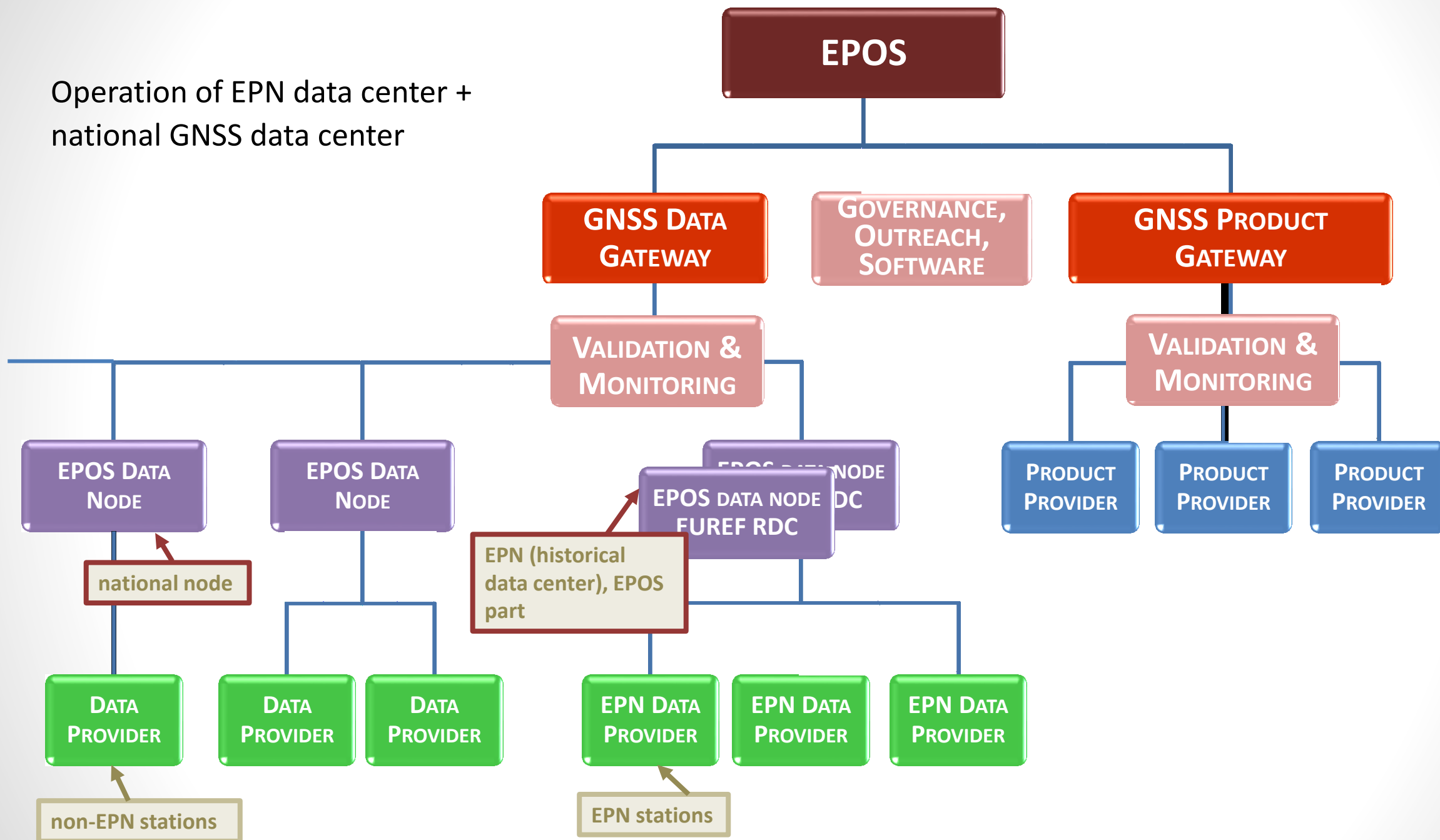
Data provision from ROB's EPN
and non-EPN stations



GNSS stations in EPOS

- Signed and submitted EPOS data supplier letter
 - We give EPOS permission to distribute the data from our GNSS stations
 - EPOS can put CC:BY license on our data on ROB's behalf (there is no license on our data)
 - License info will be included in station metadata (extension to the info in the site log)
 - Consequence: people who use our data, must acknowledge ROB!!
 - Initial list of stations: ROB's 4 EPN stations – list can be extended later on-line in EPOS system
- (EPN) Site logs – *nothing to do*
- Get DOI for the data for ROB's GNSS network
- RINEX data (no real-time in EPOS yet) will flow to EPOS through BKG and ROB – *nothing to do - not yet flowing to EPOS – EPOS not yet ready.*
- Under discussion:
 - Provision of non-EPN Belgian GNSS stations to EPOS
 - Contact other Belgian agencies (less aware of EPOS) with GNSS stations to encourage them to submit GNSS data to EPOS?

Operation of EPN data center + national GNSS data center



EPOS data nodes / data repositories

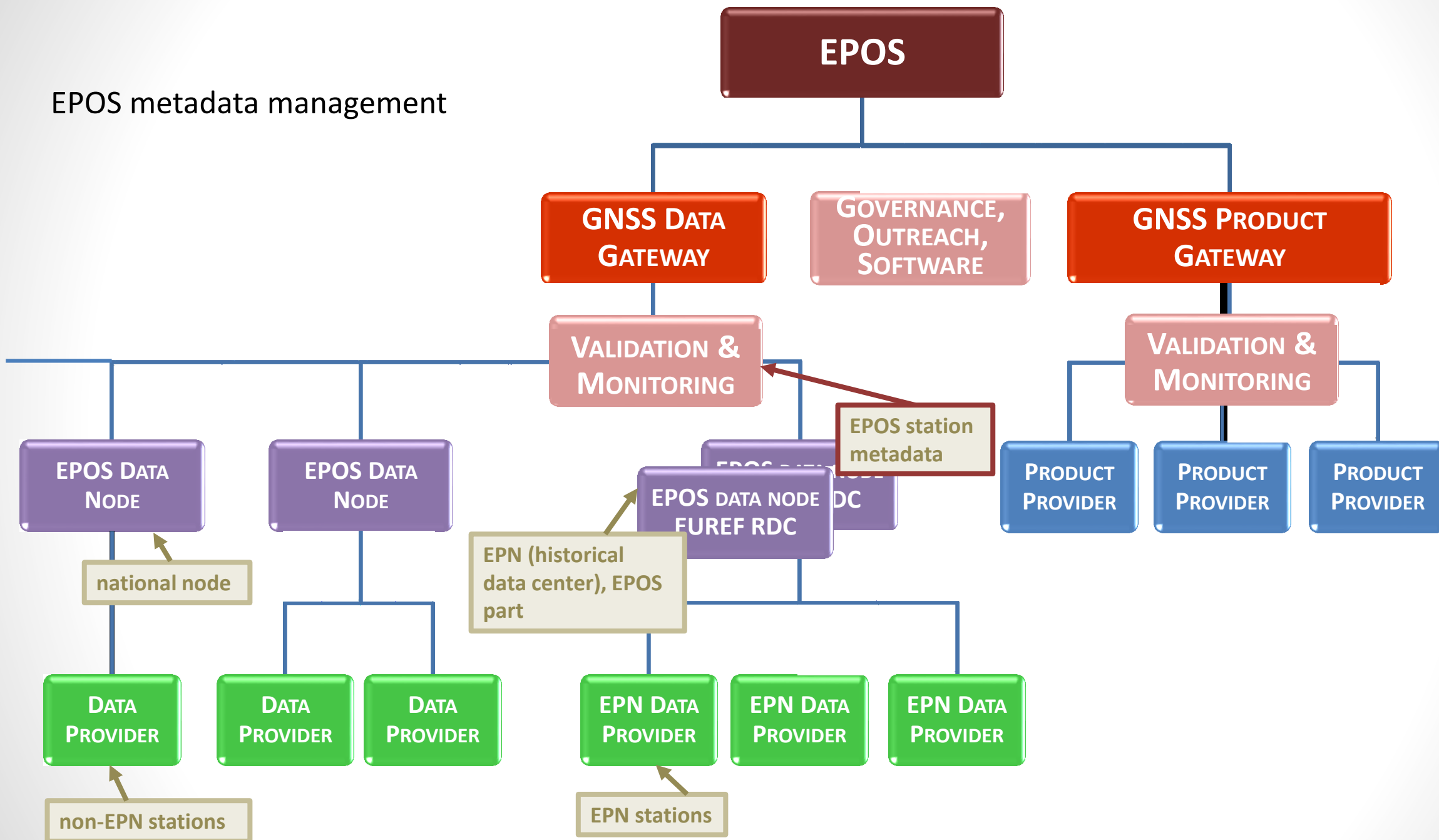
ROB:

- TBD: Belgian national data node to make non-EPN data available to EPOS?
- Run GLASS software on top of historical EPN data center
 - Data from EPN stations that are also EPOS stations will become visible to the EPOS GNSS data gateway

GLASS node:

- Runs G-nut/Anubis quality checks on data (!)
- Makes the GNSS data and quality check results 'discoverable' at the central EPOS GNSS data portal (no upload of RINEX data to the data portal)

EPOS metadata management



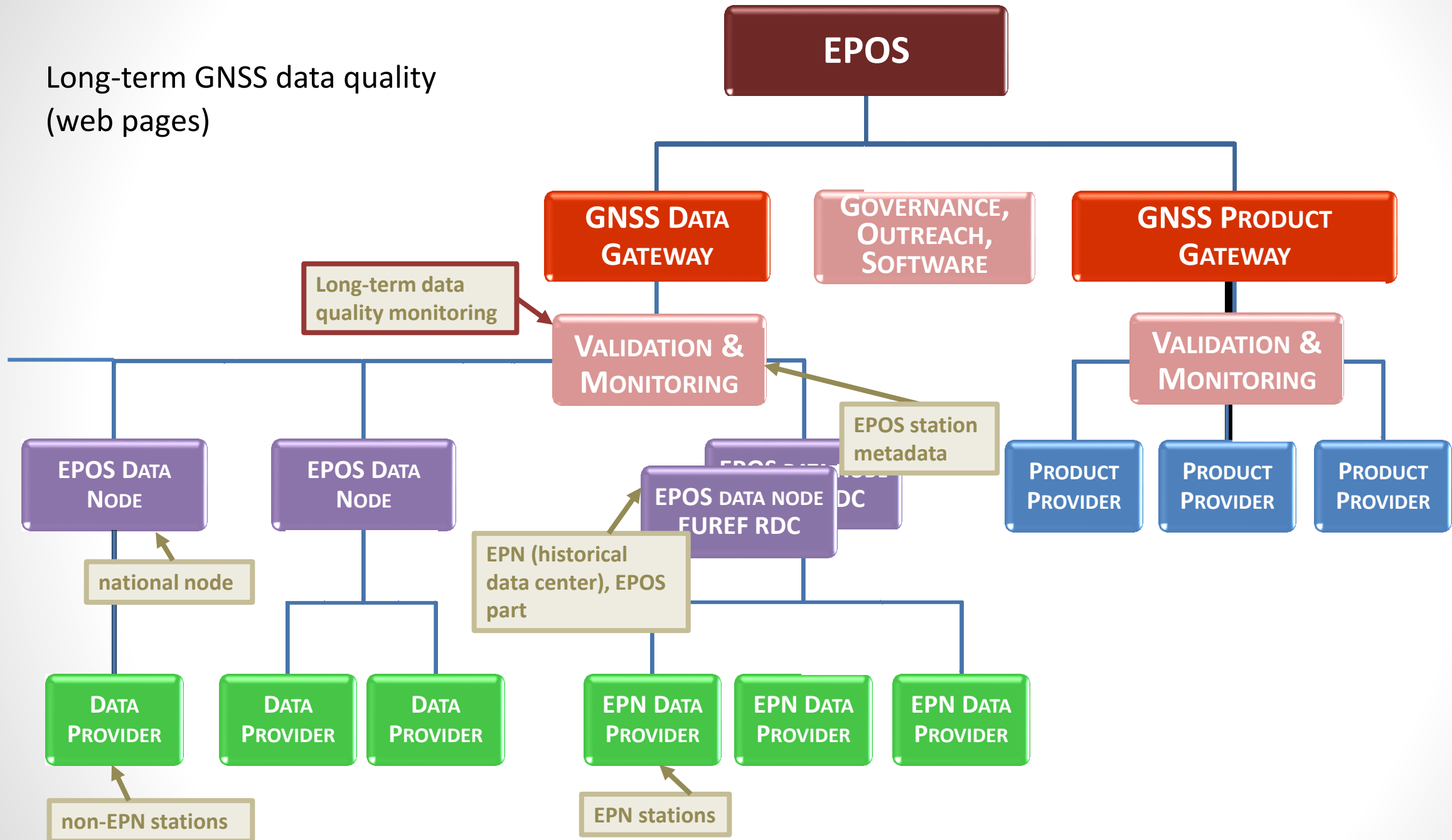
New EPOS service: Management of station metadata

Unique submission of site log of stations belonging to several international GNSS networks
Fully consistent site logs between EPOS and EPN

Natural follow-up of the activities of EPN Central Bureau
ROB will

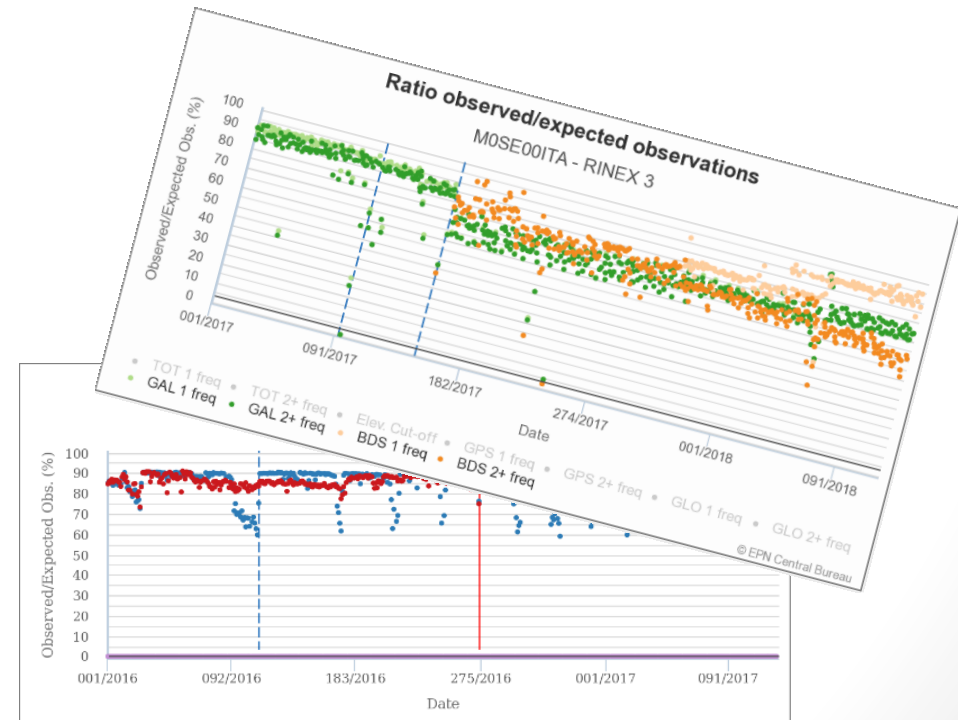
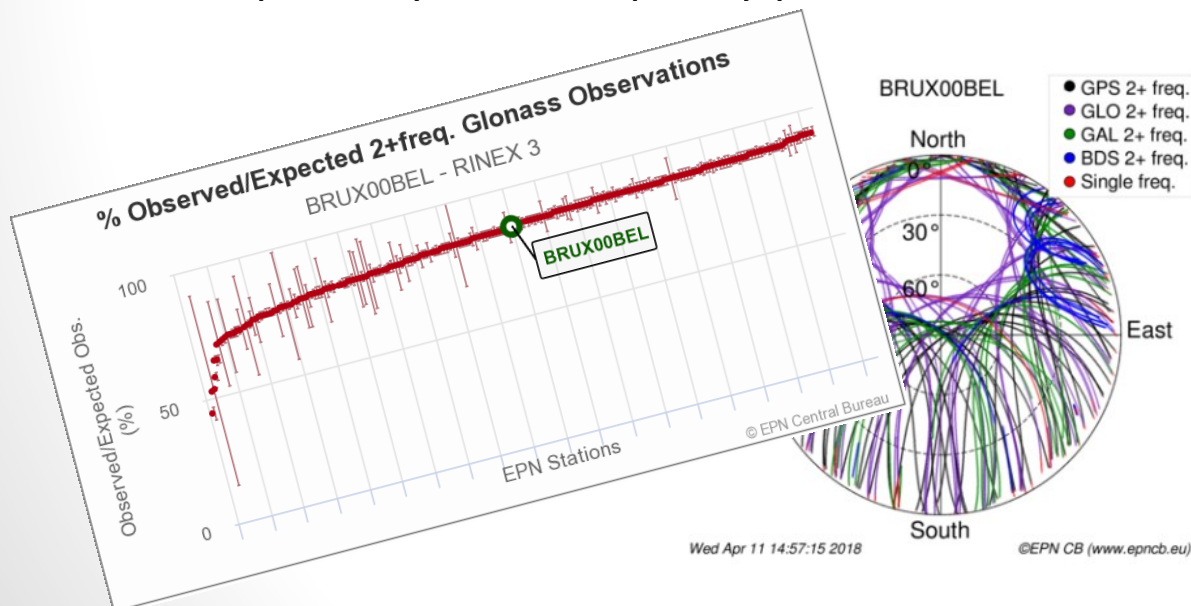
- Collect and validate EPOS site logs + additional metadata (local network name, DOI, license, ...)
- Using the new M3G (Metadata Management and distribution system for Multiple GNSS Networks), see poster by A. Fabian et al.
 - Developed in the frame of EPOS
 - But, to be used for both EPN (migration from previous EPN CB on-line site log submission system is ongoing) and EPOS (in use already)
 - Handles the different site log requirements of different networks
 - After validation, site logs are distributed to the portals of each international network to which the station belongs (not necessary at ROB)
- Collect EPOS data supplier letters

Long-term GNSS data quality
(web pages)

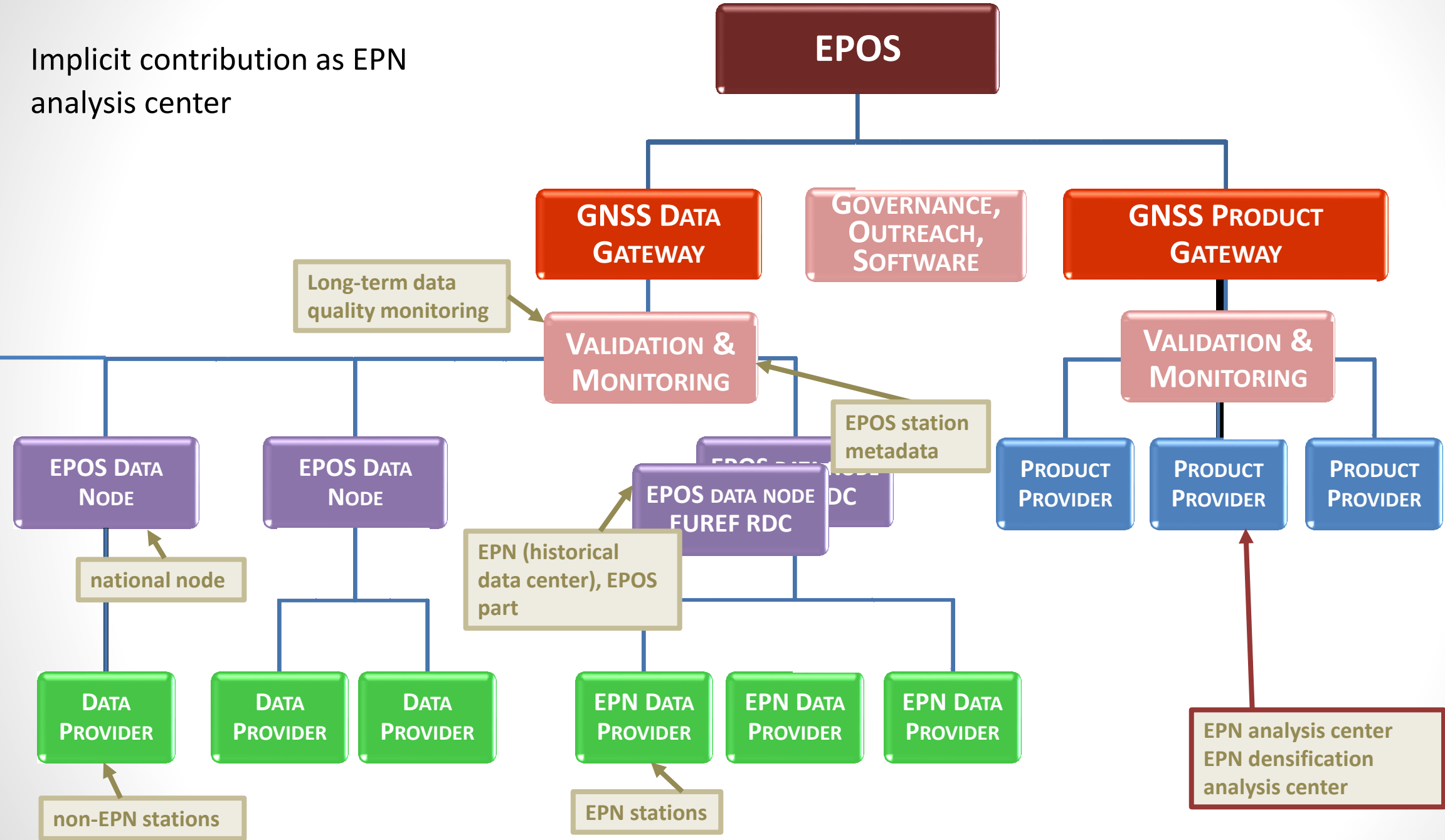


New EPOS service: Long-term monitoring of EPOS data

- EPOS data nodes run G-nut/Anubis quality checks
- Future ROB activity
 - Use key quality metrics to create portal with on-line dynamic data quality plots for all EPOS stations
 - Inspired by EPN CB quality plots



Implicit contribution as EPN
analysis center



EPN Analysis Centre

EUREF uploads to EPOS GNSS product gateway

- Daily/weekly combined EPN SINEX solution
- EPN densification solution (only for ACs that agreed to be included in EPOS submission)

ROB:

- EPN analysis center results implicitly provided to EPOS
- EPN densification analysis center implicitly provided to EPOS (ROB agrees to contribute to EPOS)



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EUREF Reference Frame Products

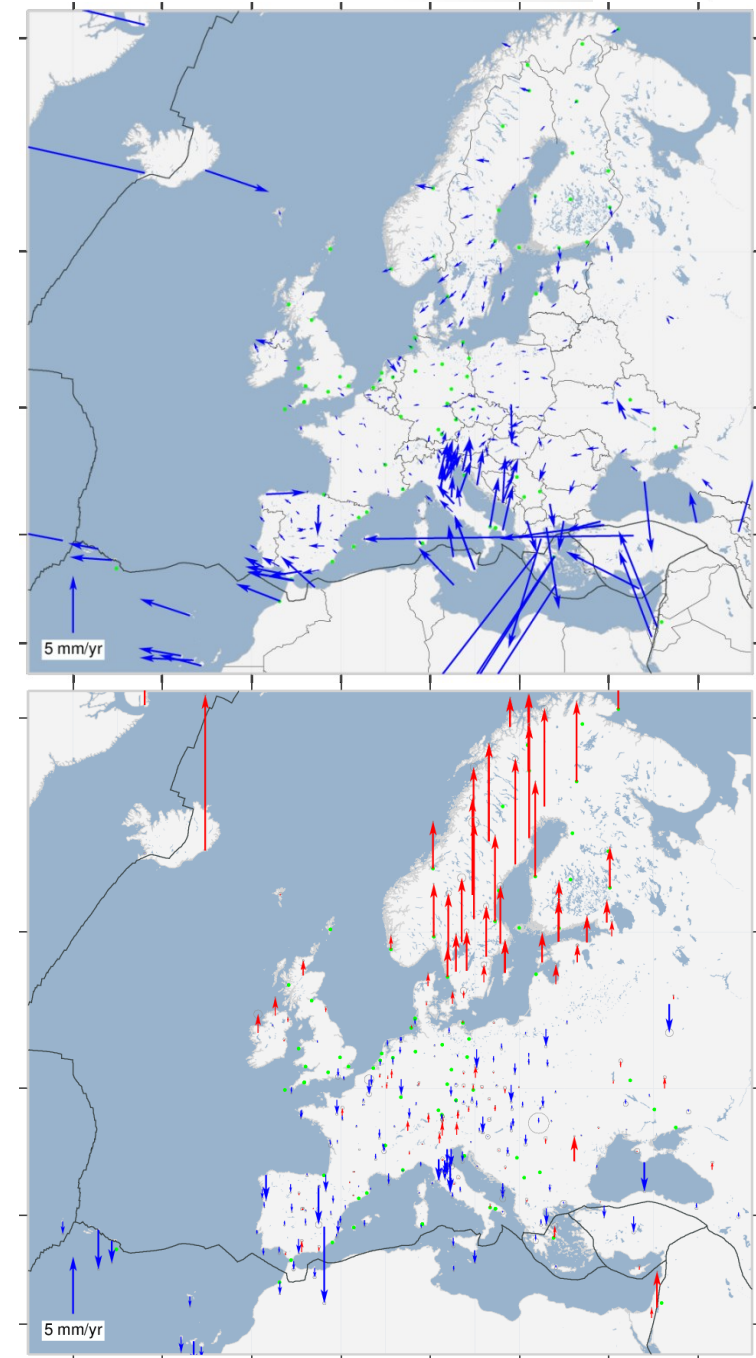
ROB as EUREF reference Frame Coordinator uploads the EPN Multi-year Positions and Velocities to EPOS GNSS product gateway

Some EPN Class B stations are not suitable for reference frame purpose, but are useful for geophysics → submission of velocities to EPOS.

Class B stations with short time span will not be submitted to EPOS

The submission to EPOS will contain:

- Cleaned time series
- Multi-year positions/velocities (SINEX)
- List of discontinuities
- List of outliers



Conclusions

- ROB contributes to EPOS on several levels
- Many contributors to the EPN
 - Could contribute to EPOS
 - EPN data centers: become EPOS data node (wait for GLASS software to become available)
 - EPN densification analysis centers: give A. Kenyeres agreement to include your densification solution to densification solution provided to EPOS
 - EPN station managers: sign data supplier letter
 - Contribute implicitly to EPOS, e.g. EPN analysis centers

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