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- **Milestones**

- $T_0+30$ : M1.2: Workshop on the future evolution of ASTRONET
- $T_0+36$ : M1.3: Decision on a long-term successor to ASTRONET

- **Délivrables**

- $T_0+36$ : D19: Proposal for a long-term successor to ASTRONET

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### Questions

- *We will identify a format in which the **coordinating activities** established by ASTRONET can be maintained beyond the 4-year duration of the ASTRONET network itself.*
  - What kind of coordinating activities: Networking? Science vision? Infrastructure Roadmap? Coordinated programs ?
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  - We can explore the different forms, but this means defining the structure before knowing its aims...
  - Report at the next Board meeting
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  - Setup a working group when the list of ASTRONET partners is reasonably representative (Board decision). Level of participation: contractor, associate; Forum member?