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Cosmic Vision: Solar System mission study organisation, planning and current status

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In October 2007 the candidate missions have been selected by the SSAC (confirmed by SPC in November 2007) for further assessment and consideration for launch in 2017/2018. Immediately after the selection process the detailed planning and organisation of the assessment studies started. Until autumn 2009 the selected candidate missions will be first studied in ESA's Concurrent Design Facility (CDF), followed by industrial assessment studies. CDF is used to verify the baseline concepts and to define, update and iterate on the detailed mission requirements, based on the provided CV proposals and in close cooperation with the individual Science Study Teams in preparation of the industrial studies.

The overall study organisation, schedule, process and current status of the ongoing candidate mission assessments will be presented.