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Date \ Time frame	Action
January 2009	Joint ESA/NASA down-selection; confirmation of down-selection by the ESA Science Programme Committee (SPC) on 4 Feb. 2009
1 st quarter 2009	- Preparation for Invitation to Tender (ITT) for 2 parallel industrial studies Call for instrument studies (Declaration of Interest for national funded studies) for the down-selected mission
March 2009	Issue of ITT
June 2009 – June 2010	2 Competitive industrial studies; nationally funded instrument studies in paralle
September 2010	Due date for L-Class assessment report
Late 2010	Selection of 2 of the remaining 3 L-class missions for launch in 2020: Candidates: Outer Planet Mission, IXO (Xeus), LISA
1 st quarter 2011 to mid 2012	Industrial studies (start of phase B1) – Definition Phase
End 2012	Selection of 1 L-class mission for launch in 2020 → mission moves into phase B2 (12 months)
May 2015 – Nov. 2016	Phase C (30 months)
Nov. 2016 – Nov. 2019	Phase D (36 months)
11 March 2020	Launch

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