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PLATO 2.0 News:

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Now that we have almost reached the end of the year, the PLATO Board would like to reflect back on the Consortium activities in 2016:

2016 will be remembered as a year full of challenges. PLATO went successfully through Mission Adoption Review in Spring. However, due to the financial situation at ESA Mission Adoption has been postponed to 2017. In the meanwhile, the Consortium has worked hard consolidating the design enabling the exciting science goals of PLATO. We have successfully established the PLATO Weeks as our main interaction point for reporting progress towards our next review milestone, the Preliminary Design Review (PDR).

We are looking forward to ESA finally proceeding with PLATO mission adoption and the selection of the Prime contractor next year.

We thank you all for your support and excellent cooperation during this year and we are happy to work with you on this fantastic mission in the years to come.

**Season's Greetings and Best Wishes for a Happy New Year 2017.
Heike Rauer & the PLATO Board**

Upcoming events:

2017 Mission Adoption & SPC approval

Sept. 2017 PLATO Mission Conference 2017: Exoplanets in the PLATO era, Warwick, UK

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