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The first direct observation of gravitational waves (GW) in 2015, the first "black hole horizon photo" in 2019 and the newly established sport of cosmic bird-watching of black hole and neutron star mergers mark unequivocally our entry and permanence in the era of gravitational astronomy and cosmology.

In the effort of evaluating feasibility and assess risks for future space-borne GW observatories, such as the large-class LISA mission with foreseen launch in 2034, on 2015-2017 ESA has flown the LISA-Pathfinder spacecraft. Boasting a high precision free-fall in-flight system, relying on key technologies for noise-suppression, thrust and interferometry never employed before in space environments, LISA-Pathfinder went beyond expectations and has helped favouring the approval of LISA and ferry its realization closer in time.

We will describe the LISA observatory and show its qualities as gravitational instrument in the low frequency bandwidth, sketching the science it will deliver with respect to the observable sources. We shall show the technological continuity between LISA and LISA Pathfinder, and detail the features and impressive results of the latter.

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