

Europe's comet chaser Rosetta concludes 12-year-mission

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The artist impression provided on the website of the European Space Agency ESA on Sept. 29, 2016 shows ESA's Rosetta cometary probe. The spacecraft will be crash landed on Comet 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko Sept. 30, 2016. (J. Huart/ESA via AP)

The European Space Agency says it has lost contact with its Rosetta probe after it hit the surface of a comet, marking the planned end of a

12-year mission.

Scientists sent the probe on a [collision course](#) with comet 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko, where Rosetta will now rest with its sidekick Philae, which landed on the surface in November 2014.

The loss of contact was meant to happen as soon as Rosetta detected a "problem" i.e. the impact.

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