

## EU GNSS Programmes Success

### EU institutions and industry agree on common efforts

Gathering together the key EU actors within GNSS downstream industry, Galileo Services is Europe's leading industry association focusing on navigation satellite systems based applications and services. For 10 years, maximizing the development of the EU GNSS downstream market and thereby maximizing benefits for European citizens, is the *raison d'être* of this active and living network.

**Galileo Services is maintaining regular and frequent contact with the European Institutions and Agencies, and the EU GNSS industry. They work closely together to optimize EU GNSS programmes outcomes and spin-offs.**

In addition to the regular contact, formal meetings – bringing together more than 25 delegates – are organized throughout the year. They give the opportunity to key decisions makers and GS members to exchange views on crucial issues.

The September meeting in Brussels involved the Executive Director of GSA, Mr Carlo Des Dorides, and his team, representatives from EC DG-ENTR GNSS Programmes Unit and Space Policy & Coordination Unit, as well as Mr Karel Dobeš, key representative of Czech government. Topics, such as the future of the GSA, EU Industry Space Policy and international cooperation, were debated.

Further, at the last 2011 meeting held in London in November, Galileo Services gathered together distinguished representatives from the European Commission, the European Space Agency, and European National Space Agencies to study the future of EU GNSS Systems and the related downstream industry, and identify key measures to ensure benefits for Europe in the GNSS field.

**From this discussion Galileo Services identified some decisive issues to the success of the Galileo Programme. The most important ones are listed in the following.**

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To get more details about the related enabling measures, do not hesitate to contact Axelle Pomies, Permanent representative of the association.

See also: GS Position Paper "Satellite Navigation Applications realizing the Ambitions of EU2020"



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## Recommendations

### About EU GNSS infrastructures: Galileo and EGNOS

- ✦ *The Galileo programme can not endure further delays and the launch schedule should even be accelerated if possible.*
- ✦ *Galileo must be one of the two standard constellations with GPS forming the technical baseline of GNSS-based products and services – in Europe at least.*

### About EU GNSS downstream development – EU Policy

- ✦ *Europe should consider applying policies mirroring those of its US, Russian and Asian counterparts, such as regulation on the use of Galileo, large applications R&D programme, and public procurement of Galileo-based equipments.*
- ✦ *The establishment of a long-term strategy with continued innovation and market development combining the strengths of the Galileo System and the downstream industry is essential to ensure benefits in Europe.*
- ✦ *EU MS cooperation in the GNSS application field is crucial for European industry.*
- ✦ *Awareness activities on GNSS applications, usages, and benefits must continue at all levels.*

### About EU GNSS downstream development – European GNSS downstream market and industry

- ✦ *All stakeholders, from European Institutions to downstream Industry, must team up and share the same ambition to seize a significant portion of the global GNSS application market (25% at least).*
- ✦ *European Institutions must proactively support EU GNSS downstream industry for the development of top-quality European products.*

### Reminder from Galileo Services Association – EU public budget for GNSS application R&D

- ✦ *Even in crisis period, decision makers must not leave out the GNSS application R&D. Not prioritizing R&D would quickly become a serious loss of opportunity for the European economy.*
- ✦ *Dedicated public budget lines to GNSS applications R&D are still required to provide Europe the means to reach excellence through continued innovation, to remain competitive at worldwide level, and to gain market shares.*

## Way forward

All GNSS stakeholders must organize themselves to ensure benefits for Europe (e.g. Institutions and Industry to regularly meet to discuss all available means to do so).

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