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Get the most out of the European Satellite Navigation System

A new debate is launched on the market opportunities offered by EGNOS/Galileo applications and services

With Galileo set to become a reality by 2013, the European Institutions are actively encouraging stakeholders to reflect over the future business opportunities which the system will generate.

The MENTORE Secretariat attended a public hearing at the European Parliament and a major Galileo Conference (www.galileoconf.eu) which initiated a discussion on the industrial and business aspects of civil satellite navigation applications, including those tackled by MENTORE project. Furthermore the topic of "Intelligent Roads" was tackled during a session of the 3rd European Road Congress (Brussels, 25 June 2008) organised by the European Union Road Federation (ERF), which saw the participation of the European Parliament's rapporteur on Galileo Mrs Barsi-Pataky and a senior representative of the Galileo Supervisory Authority Mr Calini (presentations available at www.europeanroadcongress.com).

During these landmark events it was signalled once more that the services offered by the European system (navigation, positioning and dating) should respond to the needs of private companies and civil society, offering users the guarantee of the integrity of service. Additionally, stimulating the research towards value-added services, supporting the regulatory and standardisation process, anticipating the market exploitation in all market segments and reinforcing the market awareness were also said to be the key elements to get the most out of the European satellite navigation system.

Following these debates, the European Commission formally issued on 1 July a call for tender for the construction of ground infrastructures and satellites and their deployment, and the Council adopted on 3 July a regulation on the further implementation of EGNOS/Galileo.

Coordinated by Telespazio and with the ERF among the participants, MENTORE is a project devoted to introducing EGNOS/Galileo in regulated "Tracking & Tracing" users' domains. Further information is available at www.gnsstracking.eu



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