

## **GALILEO - Council Conclusions**

The Council adopted the following conclusions:

"Having regard to :

- (i) previous Conclusions and Resolutions of the European Council and of relevant Council formations regarding the GALILEO programme ;
- (ii) the launching of the development phase of the programme as decided by the Council on 26 March 2002 followed by the ESA Council decision on [... 2002] ;
- (iii) the Commission communication on the state of progress of the Galileo programme<sup>11</sup> presented to the European Parliament and the Council on 27 September 2002 ;

### THE COUNCIL

1. NOTES with satisfaction that the development phase of the GALILEO programme has been launched with the setting up of the GALILEO Joint Undertaking (JU) and the first meeting of the Supervisory Board on 25 November 2002;
2. REITERATES that GALILEO is a civil programme under civil control ;
3. RECALLS the need for the Joint Undertaking, in the nearest future, to
  - (a) be fully operational, with the Administrative Board having taken all relevant administrative and financial decisions,
  - (b) agree with the European Space Agency (ESA) on the modalities of their relationship,
  - (c) draw up the statement of work for the invitation to tender concerning the future GALILEO system operator, covering the tasks described in article 4 of the JU Statutes;
4. AGREES that the following services are included in the statement of work for the invitations to tender :
  - (a) an "open service" (OS), free of user charge, providing position and timing performances competitive with other GNSS systems,
  - (b) a "commercial service" (CS) allowing the development of professional applications with increased navigation performances and added value data,

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<sup>11</sup> OJ C 248, 15.10.2002, p. 2.

- (c) a "Safety of Life service" (SoL) targeted at safety critical users, with high level performances and including a service guarantee by the operator committing on the quality of the Signal In Space (SIS),
  - (d) a "public regulated service" (PRS) reserved to government-authorised users for applications requiring continuity of services,
  - (e) support to the Search and Rescue services of the COSPAS-SARSAT or other relevant systems ;
5. REAFFIRMS the importance of an appropriate integration of EGNOS into GALILEO ;
  6. RECALLS that safety-critical navigation services used in Europe have to be subject to civil public sector regulation ;
  7. REITERATES its willingness to take a final decision on the GALILEO services not later than the end of 2003;
  8. REAFFIRMS its willingness to achieve a suitable agreement with the United States in the framework of the negotiations on interoperability between the GALILEO and GPS systems ;
  9. AGREES that Member States and the Commission will make all necessary efforts so as to ensure an optimal allocation of frequencies for GALILEO at the World Radio-communication Conference (WRC) in June and July 2003. This implies that, for the purpose of GALILEO :
    - (a) EU policies on frequencies are fully co-ordinated and take the definition of GALILEO services and their frequency plan into account,
    - (b) close relations are maintained with, and the widest possible support is ensured from, the main non-EU players, be they multilateral organisations like CEPT, ITU, EUROCONTROL, ICAO, IMO or third countries and world regions ;
  10. UNDERLINES the importance of security issues for the development of the GALILEO system, throughout all its phases, and AGREES in consequence that a single and fully operational security authority is to be set up by the Council ;
  11. WELCOMES the Commission's intention to present by the end of 2002 a proposal for setting up the operational GALILEO Security Authority. Until such Authority is fully operational, the existing Security Board shall continue its activities under the co-chairmanship of the Commission and the Presidency. The relevant political and security aspects will be addressed by the competent bodies established by the Treaty on the European Union;

## 12. INVITES the Commission to

- (a) finalise the negotiations held with the United States of America on the basis of the negotiating directives agreed on in October 1999 and in close consultation with the Special Committee, with a view to achieving interoperability at user level and compatibility at system level, of both GPS and GALILEO,
- (b) continue the negotiations with the Russian Federation on the basis of the negotiating directives agreed on in October 1999 and in close consultation with the Special Committee, with the view to ensuring adequate interoperability and collaboration between GALILEO and GLONASS and co-operation on the planning of future developments of GNSS for civil use,
- (c) present, taking due account of security considerations, a proposal for negotiating directives with the People's Republic of China,
- (d) continue and expand, after due consideration of opinions of Member States, contacts with other third countries with the view to demonstrating GALILEO's potential and prepare for possible future negotiations for further co-operation."