

Mission Evolution Advisory Group (MEAG)

Activity Report

The 1st MEAG meeting took place on 14 December 2011 in Brussels and was chaired by the European Commission. Participation: 18 out of 23 experts were present (3 last minute cancellations, 1 expert did not show up); + observers: ESA, SESAR JU, EIOG and GSA.

The objectives of this kick-off meeting were:

1. to set the organisational frame of this group and ensure an efficient start of its work;
2. to debrief on the EC's short and long term expectations on the work scope, tasks and deliveries;
3. to inform on the programmatic context of European GNSS;
4. to foster the networking between the MEAG members.

These objectives have been achieved.

Some specific points to note:

- The MEAG members were asked to present their individual background and professional experience and their mission statement for MEAG (indicating in particular what they will bring in as added value for the group). Observers were asked as well to introduce them. The outcome of this round table was very encouraging. Members cover a wide perimeter of GNSS tasks and showed broad willingness to contribute and to deliver.
- Initial deliveries have been agreed (for delivery by end of March 2012):
 1. **Individual short-form analyses** and assessments of the major GNSS Mission Evolution drivers, in the area of expertise of each member ;
 2. **A Short form mission statement** which will be shared between the group members, in order to facilitate the up-take of the group and to provide some orientations for the elected chairman.
- It was recalled that MEAG shall deal with the civil aspects of the EGNSS mission only. Security, governmental and military applications are addressed in other fora.
- The election of the chairman will take place at the next MEAG meeting. A suitable nomination process has been established and agreed.

Used Abbreviations:

EGNOS - European Geostationary Navigation Overlay Service

GNSS – Global Navigation Satellite System

ESA – European Space Agency

GSA - European GNSS Agency

EOIG – EGNOS Operator and Infrastructure Group

SESAR JU - Single European Sky ATM Research Joint Undertaking