

Mission Evolution Advisory Group (MEAG)

Activity Report

The 2nd meeting of the Mission Evolution Advisory Group (MEAG) was held on April, 19th, 2012, in Brussels, and was chaired by the European Commission for the morning session and by the elected chairman for the afternoon session. 17 out of the 23 appointed experts were present (4 cancellations, 1 expert changed the statute from expert to observer due to a change of employer, 1 expert did not show up); + observers: ESA and SESAR JU. EOIG. The GSA representative did not attend.

The objectives of this meeting were:

1. To finalize the shaping of the group, clarify working practices and organisation of the work, and elect a chairman,
2. To define an initial portfolio of tasks to be addressed in 2012,
3. To foster the networking between the MEAG members.

These objectives have been achieved.

Some specific points to note:

- Following the actions from the first meeting, the members of the MEAG were asked to provide, in advance to the 2nd meeting, an individual assessment and a synthesis of EGNSS Mission Evolution Drivers in their respective field of expertise, with the objective to formulate an initial vision of the group for the evolution of EGNSS from 2020 onwards, addressing mission, system and user aspects. 19 contributions have been received, and a summary document has been prepared.
- All members will review these individual assessments of EGNSS Mission Evolution drivers, and will establish a list of priority topics for further discussion. MEAG will decide to set ad-hoc working groups to address in more details specific topics.
- Members have been recalled that several other working groups are established alongside the MEAG: SoL re-profiling WG, Commercial Service WG, CSI WG. Members asked for more details of the structure and objectives of such groups, so as to avoid any duplication of work.
- Election results: Elected chairman is Miguel Romay; Elected Deputy-chairmen are Philip Mattos and Mark Dumville. The chairman will liaise with the deputy chairmen to organize the work for next meeting.
- Members agreed to evaluate the participation of third parties to the MEAG once the group reaches a consolidated stage (well structured, concrete discussion topics). Third parties can be invited either as observers, for parts or entirety of a meeting, or as full-right members (authorised by statutes).
- ESA made a very interesting presentation of its vision for the Extension of the European GNSS Evolution Programme (2013-15). Members invited ESA to present regularly the status of their evolution programme.
- The Rules of Procedure (RoP) have been reviewed. Comments will be addressed at next meeting, with the view to have the RoP adopted.