

## Galileo Services and OREGIN join their forces

Galileo Services Association with 28 members among the major actors of the GNSS downstream industry is the leading international association of GNSS equipment manufacturers and service providers. Since the establishment of the association, Galileo Services members have significantly invested in the Galileo downstream business, in particular through EC Framework Programmes for Research and Development, and have strongly supported the Galileo programme being a key player during discussions with the Institutions.

OREGIN, the ORganisation of European GNSS equipment and service INdustry, is the European biggest network of GNSS industries. Created in 1999, OREGIN comprises today over 160 members from 20 different European countries, ranging from large companies to the smallest innovative start ups and SMEs, in association with university research centres.

Galileo Services and OREGIN have decided to join their forces.

In linking their networks, Galileo Services and OREGIN will federate the most active and representative players of GNSS industry and research supporting the Galileo Programme. This union will uniquely combine the innovation, flexibility and responsiveness of the smallest enterprises with the strength, stability and reliability of the biggest industries. It will cover all the segments of the value chain and cover all application domains.

This federation will provide an unrivalled platform for partnership and information exchange between its Members, and will offer a powerful support and representativeness to Institutions.

*"It is important for the European GNSS downstream industry to prepare itself for the period when Galileo and EGNOS will be fully operational and when their markets will become a reality"* stated Mr. Gard Ueland, President of Kongsberg Seatex and Chairman of Galileo Services.

*"Downstream industry must combine all their forces to ensure the social and economic success of EGNOS and Galileo, and to foster the worldwide GNSS market development"* underlined Mr. Pascal Campagne, CEO of FDC and Coordinator of OREGIN.

### About Galileo Services

Galileo Services is a non-profit making organisation of Industries covering GNSS Applications and Services. Comprising today 28 key companies, the association aims at promoting the use of Galileo in equipments, applications and services, and hence at developing the downstream market to fully exploit all possible business potentials. Galileo Services mission comprises market development, R&D and demonstrations, and assistance to the Galileo programme implementation. The Association is open to any organisation interested in Galileo downstream development from EU and non-EU countries.

Galileo Services Members are today:

BMT ARGOSS, Astrium Services, Edisoft, Epson, Eutelsat, FDC, GMV, Helileo, Hispasat, Honeywell, Indra, Ineco-Tifsa, Javad GNSS, Kayser-Threde, Kongsberg Seatex, Logica, Navteq, NLR, NovAtel, OHB Technology, Septentrio, Skysoft Portugal, Sogei, Tele Atlas, Telespazio, Thales and TNO.

### About OREGIN

The ORganisation of European GNSS INdustry of equipment and services (OREGIN) was set up in 1999 to support the development of the GNSS downstream industry with a specific emphasis on Galileo. It comprises today more than 160 members from 20 European countries. OREGIN provides programme information, actively contributes to partnership up to the smallest and less visible innovative industries, advertise EU industry competencies all over the world, supports on-need EU institutions and expresses industry views.

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