Is Europe prepared to capitalise on GALILEO?

Europe has invested massively in the development of Galileo and will still do in the next MFF. Industry representative, Galileo Services, is concerned that we, despite this, might lose substantial opportunities.

We have challenged Ms. Aureline Borel, Galileo Services Permanent Representative, to explain.

**How could it be that a successful programme like Galileo, with massive investments, is still raising concerns?**

Galileo is indeed an exciting and successful endeavour. It is a great example of what we can achieve with a common goal and common efforts. However, Galileo is an infrastructure, although a strategically important one, and the massive investments have been dedicated to building this infrastructure. We are concerned that we, despite this, might lose substantial opportunities if not investing enough in downstream applications and services.

**What does this low market share mean in practice?**

It means that we are missing out on hundreds of thousands of high-skilled, new jobs and the value creation that comes with this, including economic growth and enhanced quality of life for EU citizens.

**Specifically, how and when should Europe address this?**

We need a funding at a strategic level of EUR 2-3 billion for the development of GNSS services and applications in the 2021-2027 MFF. Such an investment is crucial to optimise the impact of Galileo, including jobs and growth. We have to remember this is a global race and we want to create value for Europe.

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