

Galileo Services goes international

Vincennes, France - Established in 2002, the Galileo Services association consists of key European players in the GNSS downstream industry.

The GNSS market is global by nature, and Galileo Services continues its expansion with new members from non-European countries. Canadian NovAtel, US-based JAVAD GNSS, dmedia System from Taiwan and SEIKO EPSON from Japan are now members of the non-profit association, which objective is to foster development of technologies and pilot value-added services and applications for the future use of Galileo.

"Galileo is a global system and it is therefore important to be able to have a global view also when it comes to downstream applications and services" stated Mr. Gard Ueland, President of Kongsberg Seatex and Chairman of Galileo Services. "That motivated our decision last year to open the association also to non-European companies. New members and especially our new members from North-America and from Asia are all valued supplements to the association."

Since the association was opened for non-European members Galileo Services has received requests for membership from all over the world from companies that want to join the leading representative of downstream industry towards the Galileo Programme. The role of Galileo Services is among other tasks that of an active contributor to the development of future Galileo services and applications, both towards the European GNSS Supervisory Authority - the European public agency in charge of the Galileo Programme, and towards the future Galileo Concessionaire, who will be in charge of deployment, operation and commercial exploitation of the Galileo system.

"The future Galileo concessionaire will need partners to support the development of innovative services and business models and thus to generate revenues from the Galileo system exploitation" added Jean-Fançois Bou, Galileo Programme Director at Thales, Vice-Chairman of Galileo Services. "Galileo markets are so vast, that an association like Galileo Services, pooling together expertise in almost all sectors and knowledge about the major World Region markets, will be very valuable to the future concessionaire when consolidating the Galileo value-added services provision scheme."

About Galileo Services

Galileo Services is a non-making profit organisation of Industries covering GNSS Applications and Services. Comprising today 27 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 :

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