



## ***The Galileo Information Centre for Latin America***

Barcelona, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Dear Madam, Dear Sir

Subject: ***[The Galileo Networking Meeting for Industry]  
November 24th-25th, Saõ Jose dos Campos, Saõ Paulo, Brazil.***

The European Commission recently declared EGNOS to be operationally ready next month, in October. EGNOS being the precursor to Galileo, this announcement marks an important step in the European GNSS Programmes and gives all the necessary impulsion to the EGNOS and Galileo Programmes to make them real in our close future. Under the umbrella of the European Commission, the International Cooperation represents an essential dimension of the European GNSS Programmes. The GNSS Supervisory Authority (GSA), in charge of managing Galileo Research & Development activities under the 7<sup>th</sup> Research Programme (FP7), gives high priority to the International Cooperation. Scientific and technological cooperation enables both Europe and others countries to benefit from mutual knowledge and expertise transfer.

More specifically, a strong component of the International Cooperation concerns the cooperation between Latin America and Europe, supported since 2005 by the Galileo Information Centre and its dissemination activities in the region.

In this context, the Galileo Information Centre organises the *Galileo Networking Meeting for Industry*, hosted by Space Research National Institute (INPE), held on November 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>, 2009, in Saõ Jose dos Campos, Saõ Paulo, Brazil.

The Galileo Information Centre, supervised by the GSA invites you to participate to the *Galileo Networking Meeting for Industry* to foster the International Cooperation of the Galileo Programme. Private and Public sector, research organizations and governments' representatives, with the need to be informed on the collaborative opportunities and get involved into the Galileo Adventure, are welcome.

The long-term cooperation perspective will be stimulated by the formation of partnerships and in order to facilitate the networking activities during the event.



European GNSS Supervisory Authority



The Galileo Networking Meeting for Industry will address the following issues:

- Give an overview on the actual status of the European Satellites Programmes EGNOS and Galileo
- Describe the actual GNSS situation in Brazil, in terms of capacities and plan and perspectives
- Present the scope of the international current activities in the Latin America
- Develop network and constitute partnerships with the region

The detailed meeting agenda and the registration form will be provided soon on [www.galileoic.org](http://www.galileoic.org)

To confirm your attendance, you will also find there soon the registration form to complete to send back to the organization team.

Receive our best regards,

The LATINO Consortium  
On behalf of the Galileo Information Centre for Latin America

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## **Background LATINO**

In 2005, the Latino Consortium created the Galileo Information Centre (GIC) in Latin America, under the frame of the LATINO project, formed by the Main centre in Brazil, and the Virtual Centre [www.galileoic.org](http://www.galileoic.org).

The GIC's objectives are to disseminate information about EGNOS and Galileo in order to increase the awareness among the players and stakeholders to establish the necessary links to facilitate the introduction of the GNSS Europeans services and applications in the region. The Consortium is formed by public and private entities: MundoGEO, CRECTEALC Campus Brasil, Campus Mexico, SIS GNSS, Argentina Chamber of Commerce, Brazilian Bureau for International Cooperation with Europe, and Pildo Labs.

## **GSA**

The GSA is the Community Agency in charge of the management the EGNOS and Galileo public interest including the EGNOS and Galileo R&D activities. In Latin America Region, GSA funds and manages LATINO as well as CELESTE, FLARE and GACELA projects. For more information about GSA please visit the [www.gsa.europa.eu](http://www.gsa.europa.eu)