

The Role of EUREF in a Changing GNSS Landscape

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Evolution of the GNSS Landscape

- New navigation satellite constellations and signals, building the “System of Systems”
- The IGS Multi-GNSS Experiment (M-GEX) in practice
- Reference frames in real-time with PPP-RTK
- Development of Galileo



Axis/Directions of GNSS Satellite Deployment (1/2)

- Current GNSS satellite constellation (04/2012)
 - 31 GPS operational
 - 24 GLONASS operational
 - 2 Giove and 2 IOV Galileo operational
 - 1 QZSS (tracked by geodetic receiver)
 - 11 COMPASS (tracked by geodetic receiver)
- Frequencies
 - GPS: L1, L2, L5
 - GLONASS: L1, L2
 - Galileo: E1, E5a, E5b, E5
 - QZSS: L1, L2, L5, LEX(6)
 - Compass: E2, E5b, E6
- Tracking Mode (C/A, P, L1C, L2C, I, Q, X=I+Q, ...)



Axis/Directions of GNSS Satellite Deployment (2/2)

- A today's GNSS Observation file (RINEX v.3 Header)

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3.02          OBSERVATION DATA      M (MIXED)          RINEX VERSION / TYPE
NetR9 4.48        Receiver Operator   26-APR-12 00:00:00  PGM / RUN BY / DATE
CUTO                                         MARKER NAME
...
G  12 C1C L1C S1C C2W L2W S2W C2X L2X S2X L7I S7I C6I      SYS / # / OBS TYPES
R  12 C1C L1C S1C C1P L1P S1P C2C L2C S2C C2P L2P S2P      SYS / # / OBS TYPES
E  12 C1X L1X S1X L7I S7I C6I C7X L7X S7X C8X L8X S8X      SYS / # / OBS TYPES
J  15 C1C L1C S1C C1X L1X S1X C2X L2X S2X L7I S7I C6I C6X      SYS / # / OBS TYPES
                         L6X S6X                               SYS / # / OBS TYPES
C   9 C2I L2I S2I C7I L7I S7I C6I L6I S6I                  SYS / # / OBS TYPES
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- View on tracked signals asks for new tools, e.g., filtering of observation classes
 - New website at EPN-CB



Detailed View on EPN Tracking Status

HOME **EUREF Permanent Network** ROB EUREF

ORGANISATION	TRACKING NETWORK	DATA & PRODUCTS	NEWS & MAILS	FTP & WEB ACCESS
Creation, Management, Structure, Relation to IGS, Projects, Guidelines, FAQ	Site maps, Site list, Proposed sites, Equipment & calibration, Site coordinates, Site log submission, Site picture submission	Data access, Analysis centres, Products, Time series, ETRS89/ITRS transformation, Formats	News, Mails, Calendar, Papers, Workshops, Web site history	Anonymous FTP, Web site index, Related links

DATA & PRODUCTS > TRACKING STATUS

Details on the GNSS signals included in the daily RINEX v2.11 data files available from the EPN data centres are given below. The GPS L1 signal is mandatory included in all GNSS data files and cannot be de-activated. When GLONASS is selected, the GLONASS L1 signal is also considered as mandatory (and cannot be de-activated).

Status on

Locate site on map

Tracking criteria selection

GPS
using the signals :
code : C1 C2 C5 P1 P2 P5
phase : L1 L2 L5
not using the signals :
code : C1 C2 C5 P1 P2 P5
phase : L1 L2 L5

GLONASS
using the signals :
code : C1 C2 P1 P2
phase : L1 L2
not using the signals :
code : C1 C2 P1 P2
phase : L1 L2



Karte Satellit

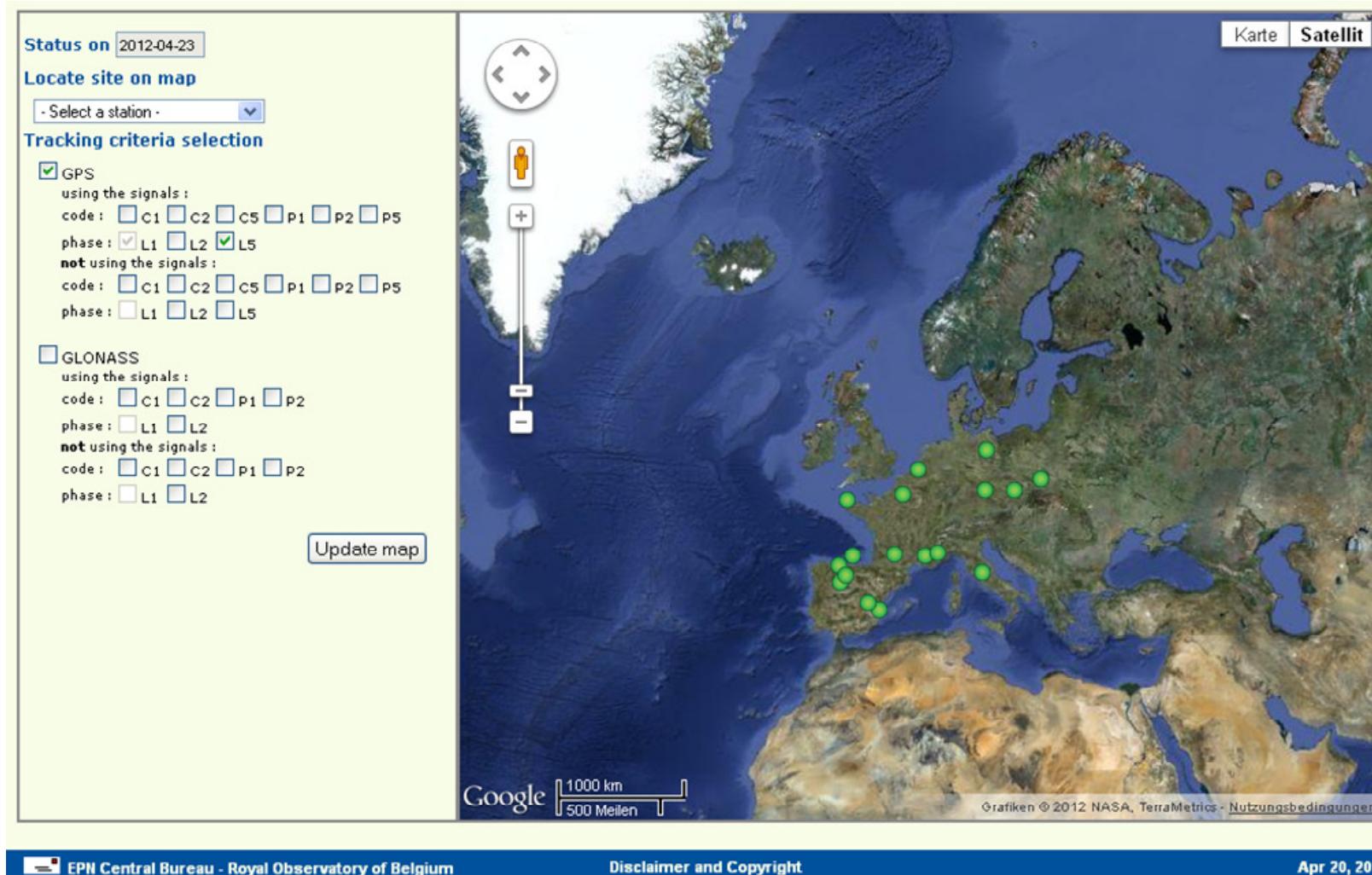
Google 1000 km 500 Meilen

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EPN Tracking Status





EPN Tracking Status

Status on 2012-04-23

Locate site on map

- Select a station -

Tracking criteria selection

GPS
using the signals :
code : C1 C2 C5 P1 P2 P5
phase : L1 L2 L5
not using the signals :
code : C1 C2 C5 P1 P2 P5
phase : L1 L2 L5

GLONASS
using the signals :
code : C1 C2 P1 P2
phase : L1 L2
not using the signals :
code : C1 C2 P1 P2
phase : L1 L2

Update map

Karte | Satellit

Identification Equipment Tracking Data flow

Receiver type: TRIMBLE NETR9

Satellite system:	GPS	GLONASS	GALILEO
Antenna:	yes	yes	yes
Radome:	NONE		

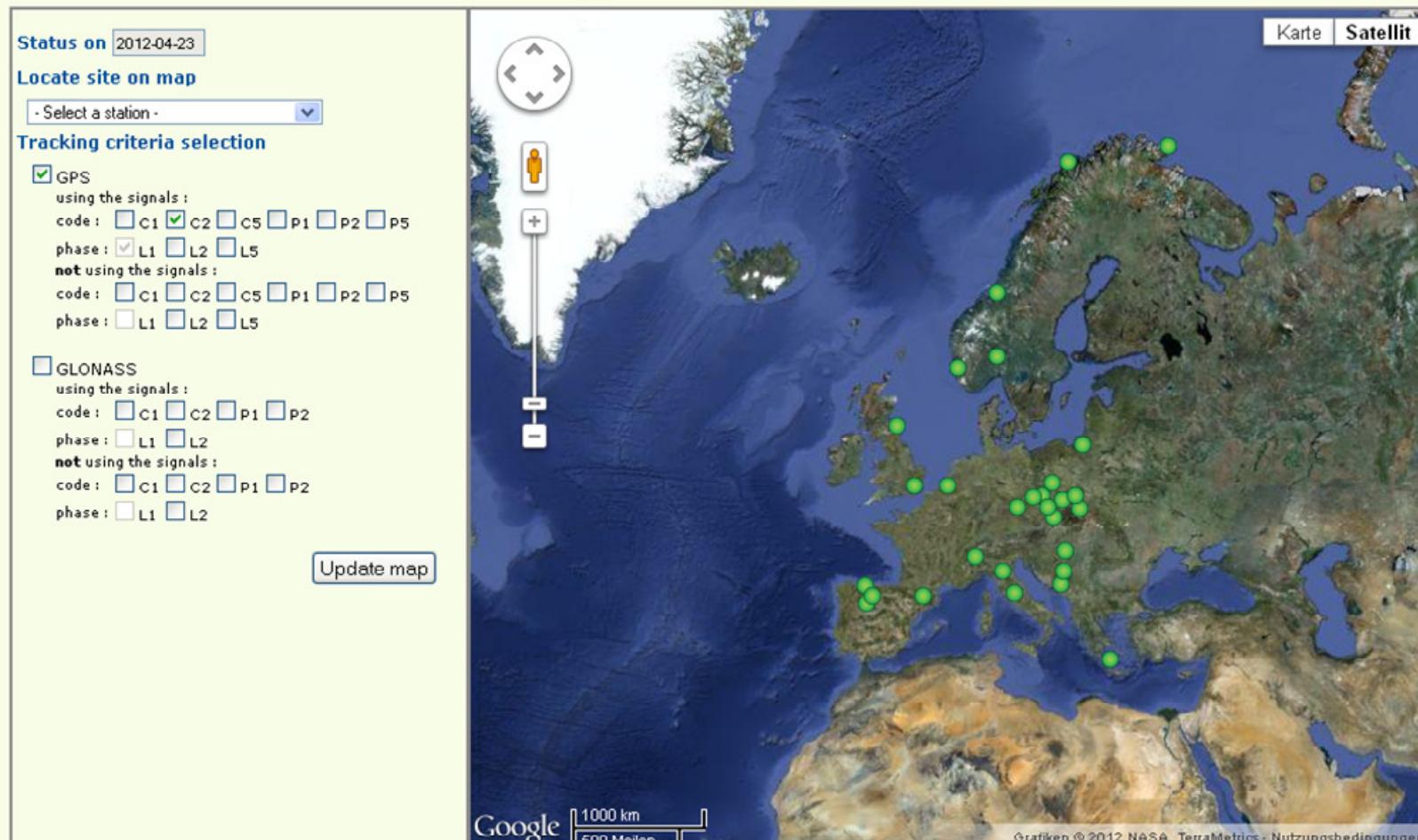
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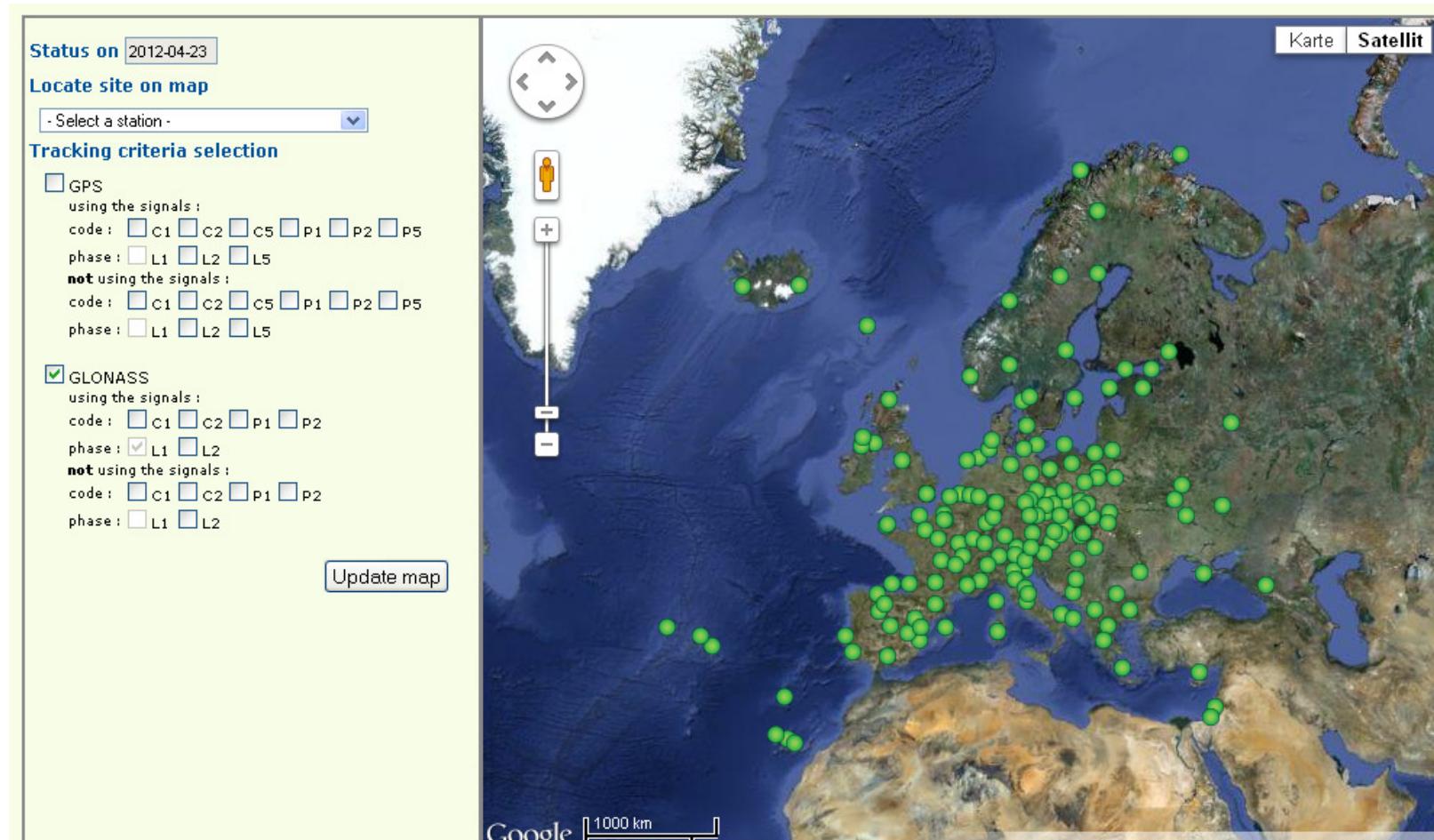
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Impact on Implementation of ETRS89

- Upgrade of GNSS tracking network, without compromising operational products
 - Careful equipment changes
 - Hold files of new data formats in separate archive directories
- Deliver new essential products to users (satellite orbits and clocks, inter-system biases,...)
- Quality check of new observations
 - run e.g. BNC tool
- Validate the reference frame from single system solutions
 - e.g., determine a GPS – GLONASS 3D-transition-vector



- The IGS Multi-GNSS Experiment (M-GEX) in practice



A Data Center for the IGS Multi-GNSS Experiment (M-GEX)

The screenshot shows the GDC (GNSS Data Center) website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, About Us, Data & Products (with dropdowns for NTRIP and Links), Help, and a login form. Below the navigation bar, the URL '00110001/10010' is displayed. The main content area is titled 'Data & Products > Project Information > Project Maps' and features a heading 'Project Map: MGEX'. The map itself displays the world with numerous red location pins indicating MGEX project sites. Labels for some of these sites include Suomi (Finland), Sverige (Sweden), Polka (Poland), Norge (Norway), United Kingdom, Duitsland (Germany), Italia (Italy), Espana (Spain), Turkiye (Turkey), and many others across Europe, North America, South America, Africa, and Asia. The map includes standard geographical features like oceans, continents, and country boundaries. A legend at the top right of the map area shows three options: 'Karte' (selected), 'Satellit', and 'Gelände'. A scale bar at the bottom left indicates '2000 Meile/n' and '2000 km'. The bottom of the page contains a footer with links for 'impressum', 'sitemap', and 'contact'.



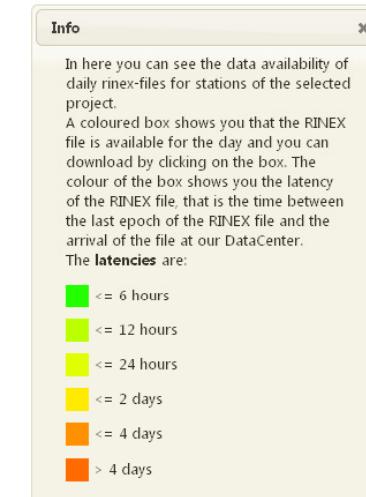
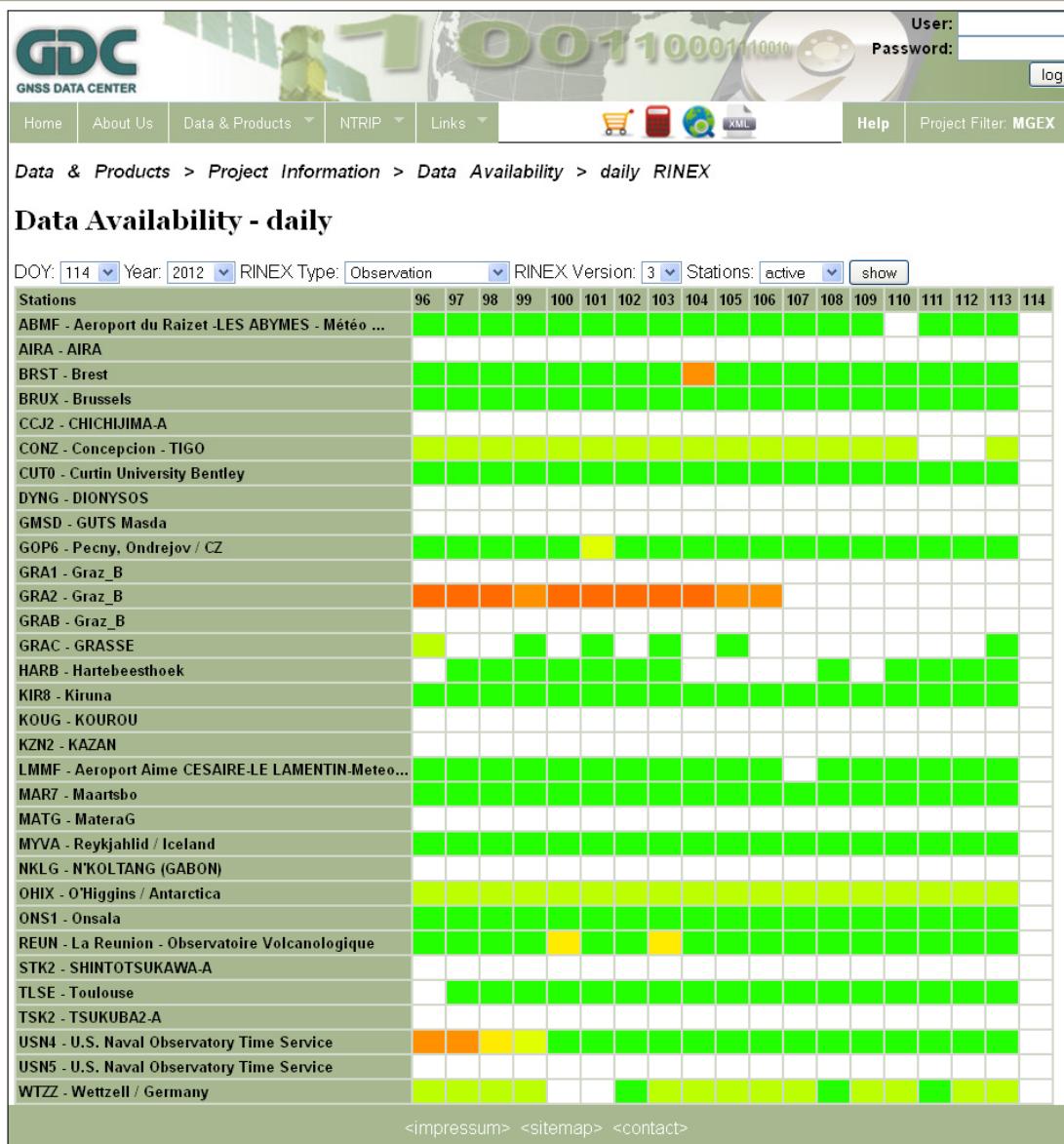
IGS Multi-GNSS Experiment - Station List -

32 of 47 for M-GEX registered sites

Show	FourCharacterId	Name	Country	Projects	stored in	Show	FourCharacterId	Name	Country	Projects	stored in
Show	KIR8	Kiruna	Sweden	MGEX	MGEX	Show	KIR8	Kiruna	Sweden	MGEX	MGEX
Show	KOUG	KOUROU	FRANCE (French Guian)	MGEX	MGEX	Show	KOUG	KOUROU	FRANCE (French Guian)	MGEX	MGEX
Show	KZN2	KAZAN	Russia	MGEX	MGEX	Show	KZN2	KAZAN	Russia	MGEX	MGEX
Show	LMMF	Aeroport Aime CESAIRE-LE LAMENTIN-Meteo Fra.	France	IGS MGEX	IGS	Show	LMMF	Aeroport Aime CESAIRE-LE LAMENTIN-Meteo Fra.	France	IGS MGEX	IGS
Show	MAR7	Maartsbo	Sweden	MGEX	MGEX	Show	MAR7	Maartsbo	Sweden	MGEX	MGEX
Show	MATG	MateraG	Italy	MGEX	MGEX	Show	MATG	MateraG	Italy	MGEX	MGEX
Show	MYVA	Reykjahlid / Iceland	Iceland	MGEX	MGEX	Show	MYVA	Reykjahlid / Iceland	Iceland	MGEX	MGEX
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	OHIX	O'Higgins / Antarctica	Antarctica	MGEX	MGEX	Show	OHIX	O'Higgins / Antarctica	Antarctica	MGEX	MGEX
	ONS1	Onsala	Sweden	MGEX	MGEX	Show	ONS1	Onsala	Sweden	MGEX	MGEX
	REUN	La Reunion - Observatoire Volcanologique	France	IGS MGEX	IGS	Show	REUN	La Reunion - Observatoire Volcanologique	France	IGS MGEX	IGS
	STK2	SHINTOTSUKAWA-A	Japan	IGS MGEX	IGS	Show	STK2	SHINTOTSUKAWA-A	Japan	IGS MGEX	IGS
	TLSE	Toulouse	France	IGS EUREF MGEX	IGS	Show	TLSE	Toulouse	France	IGS EUREF MGEX	IGS
	TSK2	TSUKUBA2-A	Japan	IGS MGEX	IGS	Show	TSK2	TSUKUBA2-A	Japan	IGS MGEX	IGS
	USN4	U.S. Naval Observatory Time Service	USA	MGEX	MGEX	Show	USN4	U.S. Naval Observatory Time Service	USA	MGEX	MGEX
	USN5	U.S. Naval Observatory Time Service	USA	MGEX	MGEX	Show	USN5	U.S. Naval Observatory Time Service	USA	MGEX	MGEX
	WTZZ	Wettzell / Germany	Germany	IGS MGEX	IGS	Show	WTZZ	Wettzell / Germany	Germany	IGS MGEX	IGS



IGS Multi-GNSS Experiment - Data Availability -





IGS Multi-GNSS Experiment - Data Availability -

GDC
GNSS DATA CENTER

User: _____
Password: _____

Home | About Us | Data & Products | NTRIP | Links | XML | Help | Project Filter: MGEX

Data & Products > Project Information > Data Availability > hourly RINEX

Data Availability - hourly

Hour: 8 DOY: 114 Year: 2012 Rinex Type: Observation RINEX Version: 3 Stations: active show

Stations	113	113	113	113	113	113	113	113	113	113	114	114	114	114	114	114	114	
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07
o	p	q	r	s	t	u	v	w	x	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i
ABMF - Aeroport du Raizet -LES ABYMES - Météo ...	green	green	green	green	green	green	green	green	green	green	green							
AIRA - AIRA	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white							
BRST - Brest	green	orange	green															
BRUX - Brussels	green	green	green	green	green	green	green	green	green	green	green							
CCJ2 - CHICHIJIMA-A	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white							
CONZ - Concepcion - TIGO	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white							
CUTO - Curtin University Bentley	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white							
DYNG - DIONYSOS	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white							
GMSD - GUTS Masda	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white							
GOP6 - Pecny, Ondrejov / CZ	green	green	green	green	green	green	green	green	green	green	green							
GRA1 - Graz_B	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white							
GRA2 - Graz_B	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white							
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GRAC - GRASSE	white	orange	white															
HARB - Hartebeesthoek	green	green	green	green	green	green	green	green	green	green	green							
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KOUG - KOUROU	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white							
KZN2 - KAZAN	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white							
LMMF - Aeroport Aime CESAIRE-LE LAMENTIN-Meteo...	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white							
MAR7 - Maartsbo	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white							
MATG - Materag	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white							
MYVA - Reykjahlid / Iceland	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white							
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OHIX - O'Higgins / Antarctica	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white							
ONS1 - Onsala	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white							
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STK2 - SHINTOTSUKAWA-A	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white							
TLSE - Toulouse	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white							
TSK2 - TSUKUBA2-A	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white							
USN4 - U.S. Naval Observatory Time Service	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white							
USN5 - U.S. Naval Observatory Time Service	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white							
WTZZ - Wettzell / Germany	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white							

<impressum> <sitemap> <contact>

Info

In here you can see the data availability of hourly rinex-files for stations of the selected project.

A coloured box shows you that the RINEX file is available for the hour and you can download by clicking on the box. The colour of the box shows you the latency of the RINEX file, that is the time between the last epoch of the RINEX file and the arrival of the file at our DataCenter.

The latencies are:

- █ <= 5 min
- █ <= 10 min
- █ <= 30 min
- █ <= 1 hour
- █ <= 4 hours
- █ > 4 hours



IGS Multi-GNSS Experiment - File Browser -

The screenshot shows a web-based file browser interface for the GNSS Data Center (GDC). The top navigation bar includes links for Home, About Us, Data & Products (with a dropdown), NTRIP (with a dropdown), Links (with a dropdown), a search bar, and a login button. A project filter dropdown is set to MGEX.

The main content area displays a hierarchical file tree on the left and detailed file information on the right. The file tree shows directories like highrate, highrate_v3, nrt, nrt_v3, obs, and obs_v3, which further contain sub-directories such as 2012, 051, 050, 049, 048, 047, 046, 045, 044, 043, 042, 041, 040, 039, 038, 037, 036, 035, 034, 033, and 032. Within the 051 directory, several files are listed: gop60510.12d.Z, gop60510.12g.Z, gop60510.12m.Z, gop60510.12n.Z, grac0510.12d.Z, myva0510.12d.Z, myva0510.12g.Z, myva0510.12n.Z, ohix0510.12d.Z, ohix0510.12g.Z, and ohix0510.12n.Z.

The right panel provides "File-Information of ohix0510.12d.Z" for the selected file. The details are as follows:

Station:	O'Higgins / Antarctica
Receiver:	LEICA GRX1200+GNSS
Antenna:	LEIAR25.R3 LEIT
Received:	2012-02-21 06:45:03
Filename:	ohix0510.12d.Z
Filepath:	archive/MGEX/obs_v3/2012/051/
Filesize:	1.16 MB
Number of Observations:	
Maximal Observations:	

Below the file information are several icons: a blue floppy disk, a red "plain data" button, a shopping cart, a document, and a yellow folder.

At the bottom of the page are links for <impressum>, <sitemap>, and <contact>.

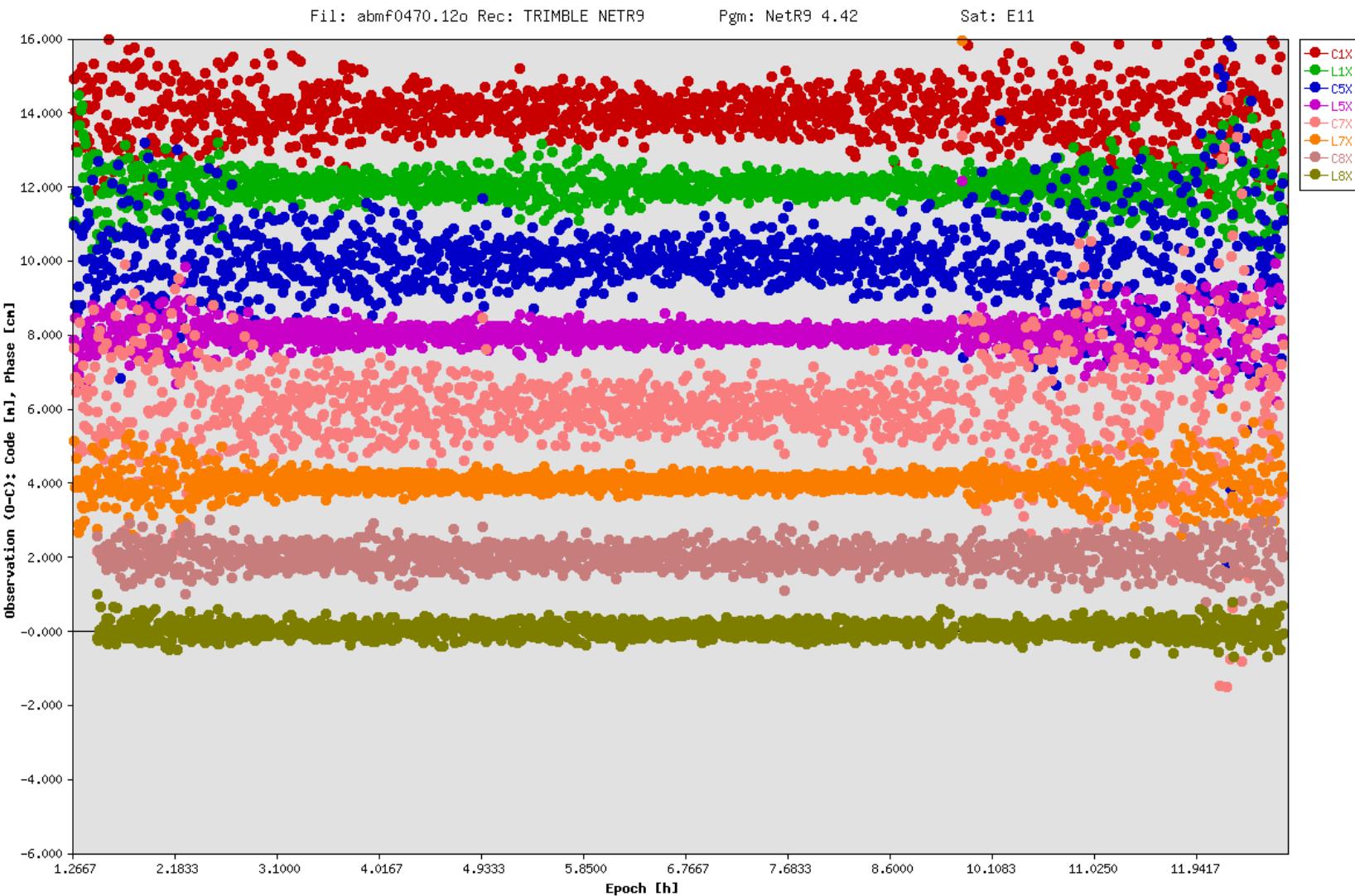


M-GEX Receiver Types (32 Sites)

Site	Project	ReceiverType	SatelliteSystem	FirmwareVersion
GRA1	MGEX	TRIMBLE NETRS	GPS	1.1-3 28 Apr 2005
TLSE	IGS	TRIMBLE NETR9	GPS+GLONASS	4.42
MAR7	MGEX	TRIMBLE NETR9	not defined	4.43
ONS1	MGEX	TRIMBLE NETR9	not defined	4.43
KIR8	MGEX	TRIMBLE NETR9	not defined	4.43
KZN2	MGEX	TRIMBLE NETR9	not defined	4.43
REUN	IGS	TRIMBLE NETR9	GPS+GLONASS+GALILEO	4.42
BRST	IGS	TRIMBLE NETR9	GPS+GLONASS+GALILEO	4.42
LMMF	IGS	TRIMBLE NETR9	GPS+GLONASS+GALILEO	4.42
ABMF	IGS	TRIMBLE NETR9	GPS+GLONASS+GALILEO	4.42
STK2	IGS	TRIMBLE NETR9	GPS	4.45
GMSD	IGS	TRIMBLE NETR9	GPS	4.48
CCJ2	IGS	TRIMBLE NETR9	GPS	4.45
DYNG	EUREF	TRIMBLE NETR9	GPS+GLONASS	4.42
CUT0	MGEX	TRIMBLE NETR9	GPS+GLONASS+GALILEO+QZSS+COMPASS	4.48
NKLG	IGS	TRIMBLE NETR9	GPS+GLONASS	4.42
HARB	IGS	TRIMBLE NETR9	GPS+GLONASS	4.42
GRAC	MGEX	TRIMBLE NETR9	GPS+GLONASS	4.42
AIRA	IGS	TRIMBLE 5700	GPS	1.24
USN4	MGEX	SEPT POLARX4TR	not defined	2.3
BRUX	IGS	SEPT POLARX4TR	GPS+GLONASS	2.3-tst120216r34012
USN5	MGEX	NOV OEM6	not defined	OEM060000RN0000
GOP6	MGEX	LEICA GRX1200+GNSS	GPS+GLONASS+GALILEO+SBAS	8.51/6.110
OHIX	MGEX	LEICA GRX1200+GNSS	GPS+GLONASS+GALILEO	8.50/6.110
CONZ	IGS	LEICA GRX1200+GNSS	GPS+GLONASS	8.51/6.110
GRA2	MGEX	LEICA GRX1200+GNSS	GPS+GLONASS	8.50 / 6.110
MATG	MGEX	LEICA GRX1200+GNSS	GPS+GLONASS+GALILEO	8.51/6.110
KOUG	MGEX	LEICA GR10	GPS+GLONASS	4.010.S9
MYVA	MGEX	LEICA GR10	GPS+GLONASS+GALILEO	6.110
WTZZ	IGS	JAVAD TRE_G3TH DELTA	GPS+GLONASS	3.3.8 MAR,20,2012
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GRAB	IGLOS	IFEN SX_NSRT_400	not defined	phase 3

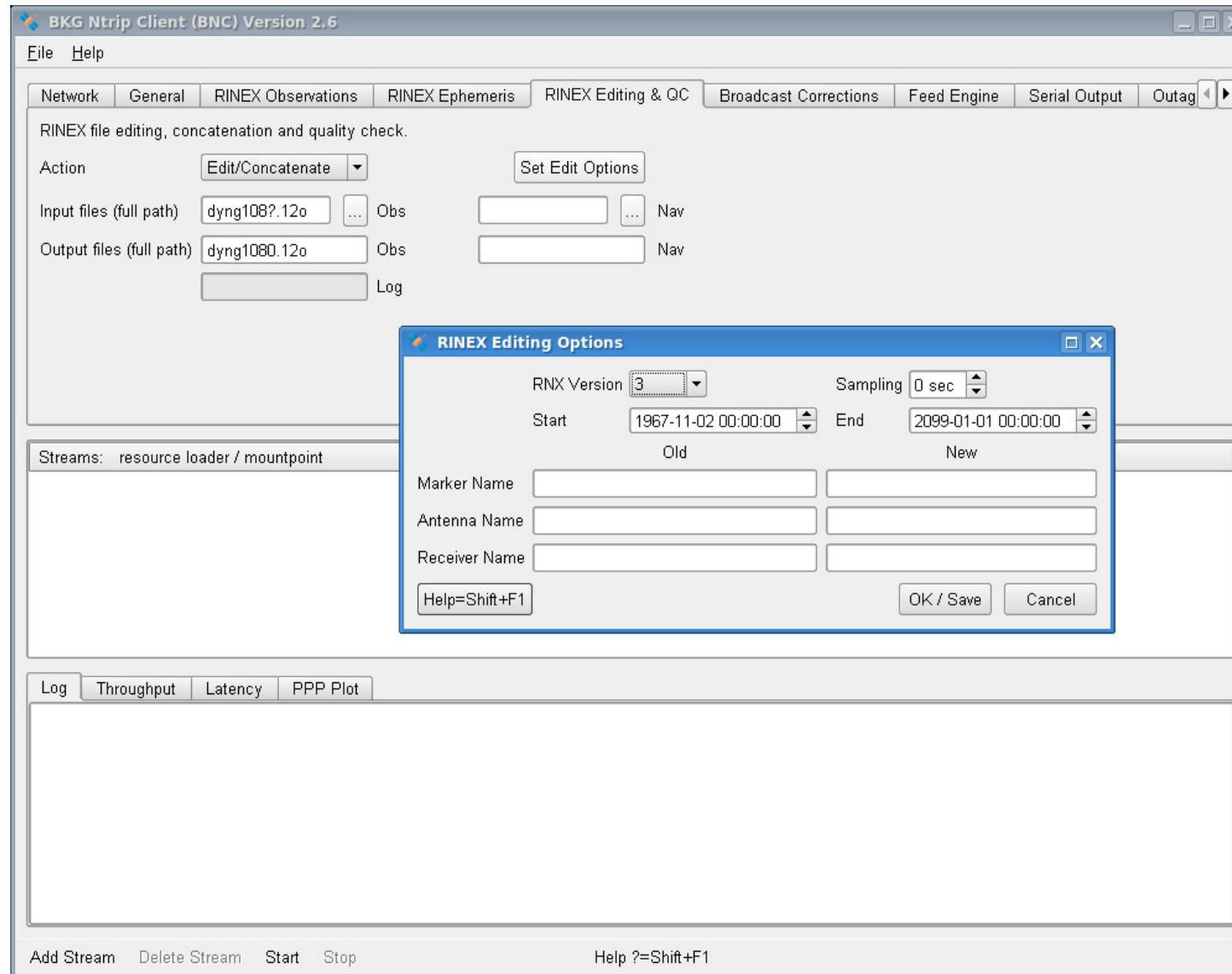


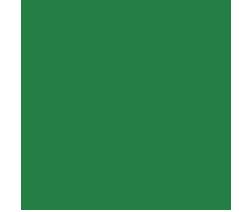
- C8Q and L8X: (E5=E5a+E5b)
- C8X smallest code-noise
- L8X smallest phase-noise (e.g. for low elevation)





New Tool for Editing and Quality Control - Concatenation of Hourly RINEX v3 Files -





- Reference frames in real-time with PPP-RTK



- Local RTK networks
 - a few cm accuracy within a few observation epochs
 - local reference stations and reference frames realization
 - no activity from EUREF in this domain
- PPP-RTK
 - PPP is global approach
 - provide and apply precise SSR information
 - concept doesn't request local reference stations
 - global reference frame realization; if needed transformed to regional or local reference frames
 - EUREF real-time product and data streams



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RTCM – SSR Working Group

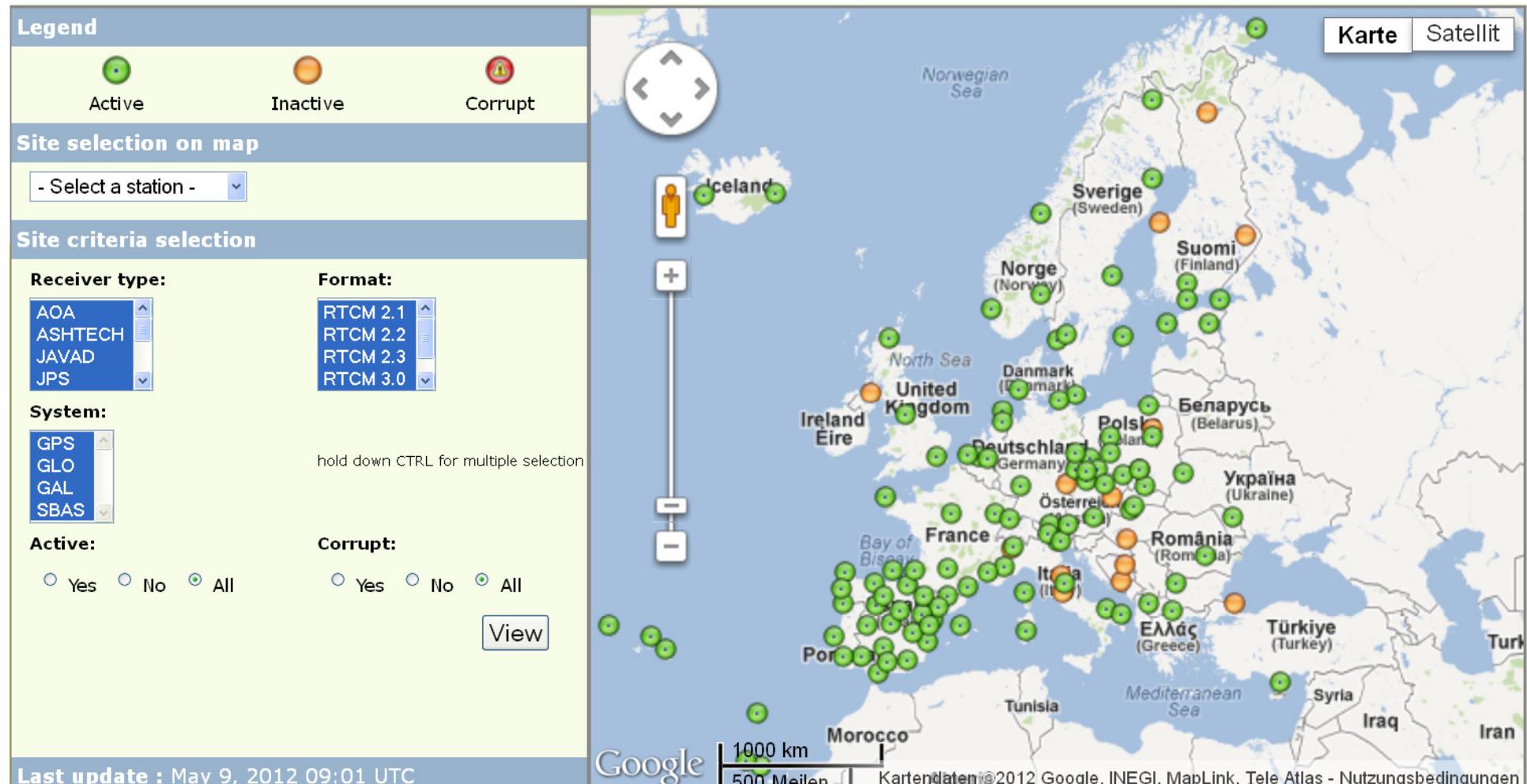


- Primary goal:
 - Development of messages to exchange information about **GNSS error states (SSR)** for **precise positioning** applications **including RTK**
 -
- Working Group established in 2007
 - ~15 members
- 3 Stage Development Plan
 1. **Satellite Orbits, Clocks, Satellite Code Biases**
 - **Code Based DF-RT-PPP**
 2. **Vertical Ionosphere (VTEC), Satellite Phase Biases**
 - **Code Based SF-RT-PPP, Carrier based DF-RT-PPP with AR**
 3. **Slant Ionosphere (STEC) and Troposphere**
 - **RTK**

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EUREF Real-Time Data Streams





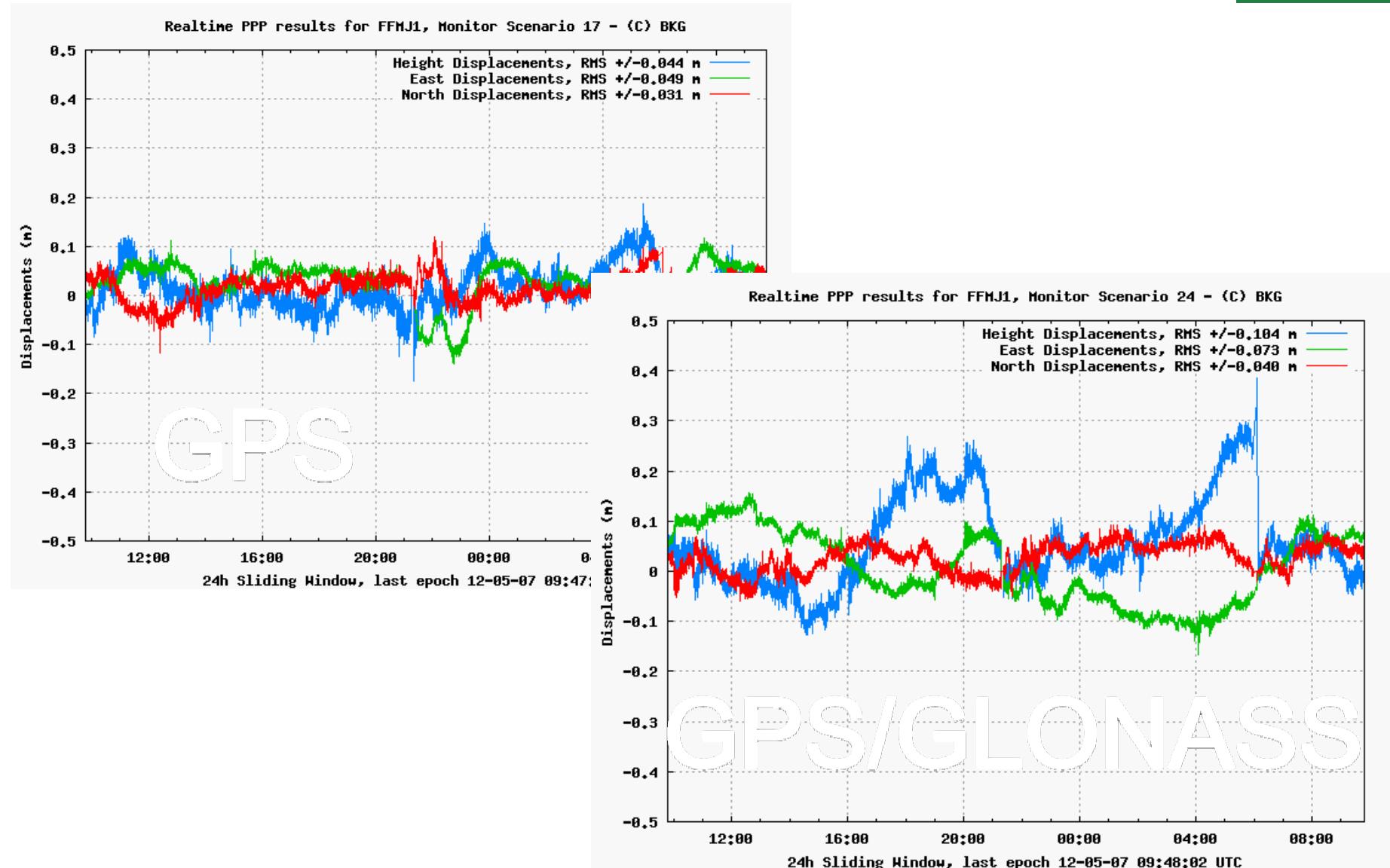
EUREF Real-Time Product Streams

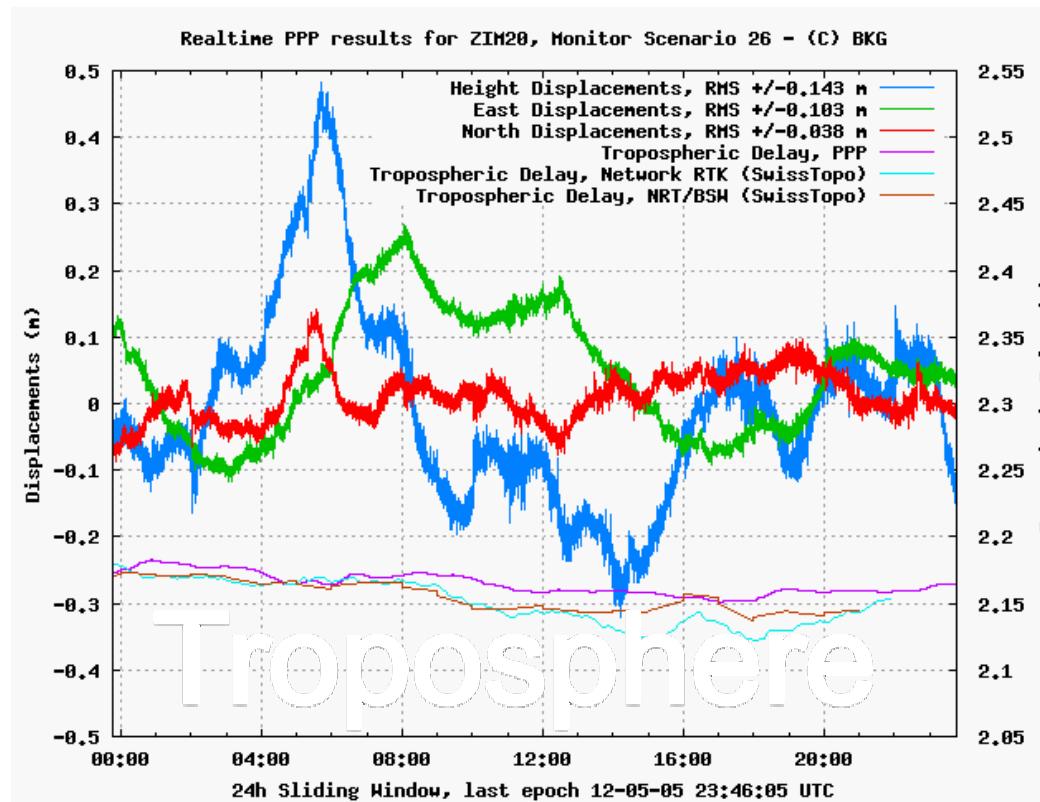
Message	Contents
1057	GPS orbit corrections to Broadcast Ephemeris
1058	GPS clock corrections to Broadcast Ephemeris
1059	GPS code biases
1060	Combined orbit and clock corrections to GPS Broadcast Ephemeris
1061	GPS User Range Accuracy
1062	High-rate GPS clock corrections to Broadcast Ephemeris
1063	GLONASS orbit corrections to Broadcast Ephemeris
1064	GLONASS clock corrections to Broadcast Ephemeris
1065	GLONASS code biases
1066	Combined orbit and clock corrections to GLONASS Broadcast Ephemeris

Caster IP:Port	Mountpoint & Input Streams	Ref. Point	GNSS	Messages	Orbits	Reference System	Analysis Center & SW	Register for access
www.euref-ip.net:2101	EUREF01	APC	GPS	1059, 1060	IGS Ultra Rapid	ETRF2000	KF Combination BNC	Registration
www.euref-ip.net:2101	EUREF02	APC	GPS GLO	1057,1058,1059 1063,1064,1065	CODE Ultra Rapid	ETRF2000	KF Combination BNC	Registration

Helmert Transformation Parameters for Transformation to Regional Systems

Regional System	Tx, Ty, Tz (m)	dTx, dTy, dTz (m/y)	Rx, Ry, Rz (mas)	dRx, dRy, dRz (mas/y)	S (10**-9) dS (10**-9/y)	T0 for Rates
ETRF2000	0.0541 0.0502 -0.0538	-0.0002 0.0001 -0.0018	0.891 5.390 -8.712	0.081 0.490 -0.792	0.40 0.08	2000.0







Ambiguity resolution turns PPP into PPP-RTK

	PPP	PPP-RTK
Ambiguity fixing (zero-diff., real-time)	no	yes
Convergence time	~ 30 min	a few epochs (sec.)
Phase bias correction	no	yes
Ionoosphere modeling	yes	yes
Throposphere information	no	yes

- Commercial services for PPP and PPP-RTK available
- Big market in “precision farming”
- Open standard (here RTCM) will foster more applications



Galileo Geodetic Reference Interface (GGRI) Working Group

- Established by EC/ESA with European experts from geodesy (some experts from EUREF organizations)
- Kickoff October 2010
- Goal: Create conditions for transition from the “Service Provider” prototype to a permanent geodetic service
- Content
 - Review of baseline “Galileo Reference Service Provider” (GRSP)
 - a EU 6th framework project – and of the “Time and Geodetic Validation Facility” (TGVF/OVF) – industrial project led by ThalesAleniaSpace-France
 - User Types and Applications
 - Requirements for additional GRSP Products and Services
- Final report June 2012 (tbd); publication not yet decided



- EUREF supports all satellite navigation systems
 - data archive extended by RINEX version 3
 - GLONASS recommended in analysis guidelines
 - website at EPN central bureau ready for multi-GNSS
- EUREF established real-time services
 - data and product streams
 - permanent PPP monitoring
 - development of tools, e.g., BNC
- EUREF organizations take part in Galileo developments
 - Galileo reference frame
 - Galileo geodetic working group