



Press-release

Debating in Amman about the use of satellite navigation for freights and road in the Euromed region

The next 21 October, Jordan will host a Euromed regional event focused on the use of the satellite navigation (Global Navigation Satellite Systems - GNSS), and particularly of the European GNSS (E-GNSS), for freight and road transport.

Organized by the Euromed GNSS II/MEDUSA project, under the auspices of the Ministry of Transport of Jordan, the event will aim to share experiences and best practices, and to discuss about strategies and possible ways forward in relation to the use of the satellite navigation for freight and road transport in the region.

The event will give the occasion to present the main results of the “case study” conducted by MEDUSA, with the involvement of the Royal Jordanian Customs and the aid of the Ministry of Transport of Jordan. Since April 2014, supported by the European companies involved in MEDUSA, the Royal Jordanian Customs are having the opportunity to test and validate the use of E-GNSS, and specifically of EGNOS, for tracking and tracing containers shipped across the Mediterranean sea and vehicles transporting goods in Jordan.

This Jordan’s “case study” is one of the technical assistance actions implemented by MEDUSA, and it represents the first life experience of EGNOS services’ usage in the most distant areas from Europe.

MEDUSA belongs to the EU Euromed Transport Programme, and its objective is to promote the adoption of the E-GNSS, by the Euromed countries¹.

GNSS technology is applied to several user applications, being transport the most important one in all domains, primarily aviation, road, maritime, rail, freight transport and logistics. MEDUSA project includes a programme of specific technical assistance actions, for the Euromed countries, in order to facilitate the introduction and exploitation of GNSS services in their markets.

The wide adoption of advanced technology, also including satellite navigation, for freight and road transport applications (i.e. the Intelligent Transport Systems - ITS) enables the implementation of smart mobility and the enhancement of goods transportation/traffic volumes increasing.

During the event, the participants from the Euromed countries will have the possibility to share the lessons learnt from the Jordan’s “case study”, and to be informed about relevant best practices in Europe and in the Euromed region, as well as to debate about strategies

¹ Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Syria, Tunisia

and possible ways forward, in the light of national interests and common regional perspectives.

Opened by an institutional panel, with representatives of the Jordan Ministry of Transport and the European Commission, the event will consist of a session dedicated to the Jordan's "case study", and a session addressing opportunities in other Euromed countries, including the presentation of European success cases as examples of suitable paths to guide the GNSS operational introduction and adoption.

At the conclusion of the event, the participants will elaborate guidelines and recommendations, to be possibly translated into action plans for the Euromed countries.