

Expanding E-GNSS horizons in the Euromed countries

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The representatives from the transport communities of the Euromed region met in Amman at the event organized by MEDUSA under the auspices of the Ministry of Transport of Jordan.

The event was aimed at presenting the results of the activity carried out by MEDUSA in relation to the use of satellite navigation for the freight transport. Since April 2014, supported by the European companies involved in MEDUSA, the Jordanian Customs has been concretely proving and validating the use of EGNOS in real cases, to track & trace intermodal containers shipped across the Mediterranean sea and monitoring the movement of vehicles transporting goods in Jordan.

Since EGNOS is operational, this is the first life experience of its services usage in the most distant areas from Europe.

An institutional panel, including representatives of the Jordan Ministry of Transport, the European Delegation to Jordan and the European GNSS Agency, opened the event in Amman. The participants from the institutions and main stakeholders of the Euromed countries, capitalizing on the Jordanian experience, discussed on the opportunities offered by the use of satellite navigation services in the freight transport and road domains, shared interests and strategies in a national and regional perspective, learned about similar European experiences and success stories.

The event in Amman follows a similar one held in Tunis last June, which was focused on aviation. As happened in Tunis, also in Amman the Euromed countries reiterated their interest towards the E-GNSS, thus confirming that EGNOS today and Galileo in the future can provide benefits not only to European countries, but also to countries outside Europe, and particularly to those of the Euromed region already benefitting from early EGNOS services.

Overall, MEDUSA is continuing to play its crucial role of helping the countries in North Africa and in the Middle East to utilize E-GNSS services, and to bring them close to the operational adoption of EGNOS and in view of Galileo.

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Coordinated by Telespazio, the MEDUSA project belongs to the Euromed GNSS framework, part of the Euromed Transport programme. MEDUSA aids the Euromed countries towards the operational introduction and the exploitation of the European GNSS (EGNOS/Galileo) in various applications, mainly in the transport sectors.

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