

MEDUSA introduces EGNOS operations in aviation in North Africa and Middle East

Project's outcomes relevant for other non-European Union countries

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Eight GNSS procedures (including LPV) and relevant safety assessments have been released to four Euromed countries: Tunisia - airport of Monastir (two runways), Lebanon - airport of Beirut (three runways), Israel - airport of Tel Aviv Ben-Gurion (one runway), and Algeria - airport of Bejaia (two runways).

Designed and elaborated with the contribution of the national Civil Aviation Authorities and local Air Navigation Service Providers, they are among the results of the extensive activity undertaken by MEDUSA for assisting the European Neighbouring (ENP) South countries in their path towards the adoption of EGNOS in aviation.

On 25 November 2015 in Brussels, with the participation of the European Commission and at the presence of the MEDUSA's experts, the delegates of the ENP South States representing the aviation and non-aviation sectors met for the 8th Euromed GNSS Working Group.

During the meeting, the delegates acknowledged the significant achievements obtained through MEDUSA. They shared the progresses done, the lessons learnt, and they reconfirmed their high interest towards the adoption of EGNOS services in all domains and expressed their expectations for the next steps.

The necessary actions to be implemented in order to progress in the operational introductions of EGNOS in the transport sectors, and primarily in aviation, were presented by the European Commission. It was also remarked that MEDUSA's outcomes are useful to other non-European Union countries interested to use EGNOS.

The proceedings of the meeting are available at

<http://galileo.cs.telespazio.it/medusa/public/8th%20Euromed%20GNSS%20WG%20-%2025%20November%202015>.



MEDUSA - MEDiterranean follow-Up for EGNOS Adoption

The MEDUSA project is part of the Euromed GNSS II project, funded by the European Commission in the frame of the Euromed Transport programme, whose objective is to extend/exploit the use of EGNOS in the Euromed countries (Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Syria and Tunisia).

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. Led by Telespazio (Italy) and supported by a team of EU experts, MEDUSA runs a programme of technical assistance actions, aimed at capacity building, development of enablers and regional cooperation.

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