



INVITATION TO PRESS

WHAT?

The European Commission, the French Space Agency (CNES) and the European GNSS Agency (GSA) have the pleasure of inviting you to participate in this year's **European Space Week**, Europe's No. 1 space event, showcasing the latest in how Europe is harnessing its space technologies and applications for business and society.

WHERE & WHEN?

The Palais de Pharo, Marseille France

3-6 December 2018

WHO & WHAT?

- [Keynote speakers](#), including European Commissioner E. Bieńkowska, French Minister of Higher Education, Research and Innovation F. Vidal, Spanish Science Minister P. Duque, French Space Agency (CNES) President J-Y. Le Gall, HERE Deutschland Managing Director M. Bültmann, GSA Executive Director C. des Dorides, UNOOSA Director S. Di Pippo, and many more!
- The **5th European Space Solutions** conference, with sessions driven by leading experts on [Smart Cities](#), [Sustainable Land Management](#), [Interconnectivity](#), [Marine and Maritime](#), [Infrastructure Management](#), and [Security and Defence](#)
- The ['2018 Space Oscars'](#) – the annual Galileo and Copernicus Masters gala award ceremony awarding over EUR 1 million in prizes.
- [Investor Meet-up](#), watch top start-ups from the Copernicus Start-Up Programme, the EGNSS Accelerator and the CNES ecosystem present in front of panel of investors and market experts.
- An overview of [EU Space Programme performance/service delivery](#); the latest from the **Copernicus and European GNSS accelerators**; the 2nd European GNSS User Consultation Platform and more.

This year, European Space Week will also include a special [Maritime Press Event](#) on December 4, which will involve a [live sea rescue simulation](#) organised for selected members of the media. The demonstration will be followed by a debrief session on the technologies used, explaining how the European Space Programme is saving lives by making maritime rescue faster and more efficient

Registration is free for members of the press - [REGISTER NOW](#) to guarantee your place.

We look forward to welcoming you to Marseille in December!

The EU Space Week Team



2018 EU Space Week Press Programme

Monday, 3 December		
09:00 - 18:00	EGNSS User Consultation Platform	Talk to EGNSS users and user associations (e.g. industry groups), regulatory bodies, receiver and chipset manufacturers, application developers, and others.
Tuesday, 4 December		
08:30 - 12:00	Maritime Press Event	A chance to witness a live Search and Rescue operation in action with the support of Galileo and Copernicus
09:00-13:00	Copernicus Accelerator	Interview representatives from 50 visionary start-ups and entrepreneurs using Earth Observation to tackle societal challenges.
09:00-13:00	European GNSS User Consultation Plenary Session	Hear feedback from GNSS users that will shape the future evolution of the European space programmes.
13:30-14:00	Press Conference	Q&A with European Commissioner E. Bieńkowska, French Minister of Higher Education, Research and Innovation Vidal, French Space Agency President Le Gall
13:50-	Signature of Galileo contract for the Ground Mission Segment, allowing for the Full Operational Capability of the Galileo Public Regulated Service (PRS) and Galileo Open Service	Photo opportunity: J. Wörner, Director General ESA and J-L Galle, Executive VP Space, Thalès Alenia Space – France, in the presence of European Commissioner E. Bieńkowska and GSA Executive Director, C. des Dorides
14:00-17:45	EU Space Week Plenary	Listen to public sector and industry leaders, including European Commissioner E. Bieńkowska, GSA Executive Director C. des Dorides, CNES President J-Y Le Gall, UNOOSA Director S. di Pippo, HERE Deutschland Managing Director M. Bültmann, DG Grow Deputy General Director P. Delsaux and other high-level speakers.
17:30-19:00	Investor Meet-up	Exchange with the top-9 start-ups from the Copernicus Start-Up Programme, the EGNSS Accelerator and the CNES ecosystem about their vision and their investment opportunities.
19:00-22:00	Space Oscars	Meet the winners of over EUR 1 million in prizes at the Galileo and Copernicus Masters gala award ceremony.
Wednesday, 5 December		
08:30 - 13:00	EU Space Programme: Performance and Service Delivery	Catch the latest news from Galileo, EGNOS and Copernicus and put your questions to representatives from the EU space programmes.
14:00-16:00	Parallel sessions on: Interconnectivity Smart Cities, Sustainable Land Management and Aviation	Talk to representatives from European businesses, entrepreneurs and small and medium-sized companies that are harnessing the power of space to boost European economic growth.
Thursday, 6 December		
09:00-13:00	Parallel sessions on: Infrastructure Management, Marine and Maritime and Security and Defence	Learn how businesses are building the innovative space applications and services needed to tackle pressing challenges facing Europe.
14:00-17:00	H2020 Info Session	Discover funding opportunities available under the 4 th call for Applications in Satellite Navigation and Earth Observation and talk to current beneficiaries about their success stories.

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