



PRESS INVITATION:

LIVE DEMONSTRATION OF SEA RESCUE WITH THE HELP OF EUROPEAN UNION SPACE SERVICES

The EU Space Week team, comprising the European GNSS Agency (GSA), the European Commission and the CNES (French Space Agency), has the pleasure of inviting you to participate in a special **Maritime Press Event** that will take place in collaboration with the French Navy on **Tuesday, 4 December 2018** in the morning as part of the 2018 European Space Week in Marseille.

This event will involve a dramatic sea rescue simulation of a fishing boat (due to water ingress and fire), organised for selected members of the media in the presence of European Commissioner Elżbieta Bieńkowska and CNES President Jean-Yves Le Gall, among others. To participate in the exercise, the press and VIPs will set sail on a French Navy tugboat to a test site where a Galileo search and rescue (SAR) beacons will be activated on fishermen and on the boat; and a Copernicus Maritime Security map will be requested. This will trigger the deployment of French rescue boats and a helicopter to carry out the rescue operation of fishermen. The demonstration will be followed by a debrief session on the technologies used, explaining how space is making maritime rescue faster and more efficient.

Agenda

- 8.30 – 9.30: Introductory press briefing;
- 9.30 – 9.45: Press sails on Navy vessel from Marseille Old Port to exercise site;
- 9.45 – 11.15: Rescue simulation takes place;
- 11.15 – 11.30: Debriefing by the French authorities during the journey back
- 11.30 – 11.45: Concluding remarks from the European Commission

There will be a limited number of places available at this event. To book your place, register to attend European Space Week as a journalist [here](#), and then click on the maritime press event to confirm your participation, or contact Marie.Menard@gsa.europa.eu

We look forward to welcoming you to Marseille in December, to attend this not-to-be-missed demonstration of cutting-edge European space technology being used to save lives.

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