

Satellite radio-navigation: structures for the management of the European programmes

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PURPOSE : to amend Council Regulation 1321/2004/EC to enable the European GNSS Supervisory Authority to complete the development phase of the Galileo programme after the Galileo Joint Undertaking is wound up.

PROPOSED ACT : Council Regulation.

CONTENT : the Galileo Joint Undertaking should be wound up on 31 December 2006 and its activities transferred to the Supervisory Authority. To this end, it is necessary to amend Council Regulation 1321/2004/EC on the establishment of structures for the management of the European satellite radio navigation programmes. Taking over the management of the development phase from the Galileo Joint Undertaking is not listed as one of the Authority's tasks in Article 2 of Regulation 1321/2004/EC. Nor does that Article mention research activities or work that the Authority may be called upon to carry out or finance during the development, deployment and operation phases of the programme. Consequently, in order to ensure the continuity of the Galileo programme and the smooth transfer of the activities of the Galileo Joint Undertaking to the Authority, the wording of Article 2 of the said Regulation should be amended. It is appropriate to assign explicitly to the Authority the tasks entrusted to the Galileo Joint Undertaking prior to its disbanding, together with the task of attending, where appropriate and acting in accordance with a decision by the Administrative Board of the Galileo Joint Undertaking, to the proceedings involved in winding up the Joint Undertaking after 31 December 2006. It is also necessary to entrust the Authority with the task of carrying out all research of benefit to the European GNSS programmes.

For further information concerning the financial implications of this measure, please refer to the financial statement.