Basic information

2011/0054(NLE) NLE - Non-legislative enactments Decision	Procedure completed
EU/USA Agreement: promotion, provision and use of GALILEO and GPS satellite-based navigation systems and related applications **Subject** 3.30.03.06 Communications by satellite **Geographical area** United States	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
ITRE Industry, Research and Energy	REUL Herbert (PPE)	11/07/2011
	Shadow rapporteur GLANTE Norbert (S&D)	

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
TRAN Transport and Tourism	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Transport, Telecommunications and Energy	3134	2011-12-12

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs	TAJANI Antonio

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
17/03/2011	Preparatory document	COM(2011)0124	Summary
21/06/2011	Legislative proposal published	11117/2011	Summary

05/07/2011	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
26/09/2011	Vote in committee		Summary
06/10/2011	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A7-0332/2011	
26/10/2011	Decision by Parliament	T7-0463/2011	Summary
26/10/2011	Results of vote in Parliament		
12/12/2011	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
12/12/2011	End of procedure in Parliament		
31/12/2011	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2011/0054(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 218-p6a Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 171-p3 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 218-p8-a2 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 172
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ITRE/7/05672

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE472.105	08/09/2011	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A7-0332/2011	06/10/2011	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T7-0463/2011	26/10/2011	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	11117/2011	21/06/2011	Summary
Document attached to the procedure	11575/2011	21/06/2011	

European Commission

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	COM(2011)0124		

Preparatory document		17/03/2011	Summary

Additional information		
Source	**Document**	**Date**
National parliaments	IPEX	
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act	
Decision 2011/0901 OJ L 348 31.12.2011, p. 0001	Summary

EU/USA Agreement: promotion, provision and use of GALILEO and GPS satellite-based navigation systems and related applications

2011/0054(NLE) - 26/10/2011 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted a legislative resolution on draft Council decision on the conclusion of the Agreement on the promotion, provision and use of GALILEO and GPS satellite-based navigation systems and related applications between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the United States of America, of the other part.

Parliament gives its consent to the conclusion of the Agreement.

EU/USA Agreement: promotion, provision and use of GALILEO and GPS satellite-based navigation systems and related applications

2011/0054(NLE) - 21/06/2011 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to conclude the Agreement on the promotion, provision and use of GALILEO and GPS satellite-based navigation systems and related applications between the EC and its Member States, and the United States of America.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

BACKGROUND: on 30 September 1999, the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations with the USA for the conclusion of an agreement concerning the development of a Civil Global Navigation System. In accordance with the decision of the Council of 22 June 2004, the Agreement on the promotion, provision and use of GALILEO and GPS satellite based navigation systems and related applications was signed in Dromoland Castle, Ireland, on 26 June 2004 and has been provisionally applied since 1 November 2008, pending its entry into force.

It is now appropriate to approve this Agreement on behalf of the EU.

IMPACT ASSESSMENT: no impact assessment was carried out.

LEGAL BASIS: Article 171 and Article 172, first subparagraph, in conjunction with Article 218 (6) (a) and the first subparagraph of Article 218(8) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

CONTENT: this draft Decision aims to conclude the Agreement on the promotion, provision and use of GALILEO and GPS satellite-based navigation systems and related applications between the EC and its Member States, and the United States of America.

The text of the Agreement is attached to the present Decision. For further details on the content of the Agreement please refer to summary of the previous initial legislative document dated 17/03/2011.

The objective of the Agreement is to provide a framework for cooperation between the Parties in the promotion, provision and use of civil GPS and GALILEO navigation and timing signals and services, value-added services, augmentations, and global navigation and timing goods.

The Parties intend to work together, both bilaterally and in multilateral fora, to promote and facilitate the use of these signals, services, and equipment for peaceful civil, commercial, and scientific uses, consistent with and in furtherance of mutual security interests. The Agreement is intended to complement and facilitate agreements in force, or which may be negotiated in the future, between the Parties related to the design and implementation of civil satellite-based navigation and timing signals and services, augmentations, or value-added services.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS: this proposal has no implications for the EU budget.

EU/USA Agreement: promotion, provision and use of GALILEO and GPS satellite-based navigation systems and related applications

2011/0054(NLE) - 17/03/2011 - Preparatory document

PURPOSE: to conclude and Agreement on the promotion, provision and use of GALILEO and GPS satellite-based navigation systems and related applications between the United States of America (US) and the European Community (EC) and its Member States.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

BACKGROUND: on the basis of a Commission proposal of 14 July 1999, the Council authorised the Commission on 30 September 1999 to open negotiation with the US for the conclusion of an agreement concerning the development of a Civil Global Navigation System. These negotiations were successfully completed.

The Agreement was signed in Dromoland Castle, Ireland, on 26 June 2004 and **entered into application provisionally on 1 November 2008**. Member States have completed their respective internal procedures related to the entry into force of the agreement.

IMPACT ASSESSMENT: no impact assessment was undertaken.

LEGAL BASIS: Articles 171(3) 172 in conjunction with Article 218 (6) (a) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU.

CONTENT: this proposal involves the conclusion of the e Agreement on the promotion, provision and use of GALILEO and GPS satellite-based navigation systems and related applications between the United States of America, of the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, of the other part. Bulgaria and Romania are to become parties to the agreement by the conclusion of a protocol in accordance with Art 6(2) of the Act concerning the conditions of accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania and the adjustments to the treaties on which the European Union is founded.

Objectives: the objective is to provide a framework for cooperation between the Parties in the promotion, provision and use of civil GPS and GALILEO navigation and timing signals and services, value-added services, augmentations, and global navigation and timing goods. The Parties intend to work together, both bilaterally and in multilateral fora, as provided in the text, to promote and facilitate the use of these signals, services, and equipment for peaceful civil, commercial, and scientific uses, consistent with and in furtherance of mutual security interests. The Agreement is intended to complement and facilitate agreements in force, or which may be negotiated in the future, between the Parties related to the design and implementation of civil satellite-based navigation and timing signals and services, augmentations, or value-added services.

Nothing in the Agreement shall supersede, modify or derogate from standards, procedures, rules, regulations and recommended practices adopted in ICAO, or IMO, or under the Marrakech Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organisation.

Interoperability and Radio Frequency Compatibility: the Parties agree that GPS and GALILEO shall be radio frequency compatible and, to the greatest extent possible, interoperable at the non-military user level. In order to achieve this interoperability and facilitate the joint use of the two systems, the Parties agree to realise their geodetic coordinate reference frames as closely as possible to the International Terrestrial Reference System. The Parties also agree to transmit the time offsets between GALILEO and GPS system times in the navigation messages of their respective services.

The radio frequency compatibility and interoperability working group shall continue work already underway with a view toward achieving, inter alia:

- radio frequency compatibility in the modernisation or evolution of either system; (The Parties need to assess further the radiofrequency compatibility of GALILEO and GPS III).
- enhanced signal availability and reliability through complementary system architectures for the benefit of users worldwide;
- interoperability at the non-military user level.

The Council is requested to adopt the following proposal for a Decision on the conclusion of the agreement on behalf of the European Union after the approval of the European Parliament.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATION: the proposal has no implications for the EU budget.

EU/USA Agreement: promotion, provision and use of GALILEO and GPS satellite-based navigation systems and related applications

2011/0054(NLE) - 12/12/2011 - Final act

PURPOSE: to conclude the Agreement on the promotion, provision and use of GALILEO and GPS satellite-based navigation systems between the United States of America (US) and the European Community (EC) and its Member States.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision 2011/901/EU on the conclusion of the Agreement on the promotion, provision and use of Galileo and GPS satellite-based navigation systems and related applications between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the United States of America, of the other part.

CONTENT: the Council authorised the conclusion of this agreement with the US providing a framework for cooperation in the promotion, provision and use of civil GPS and GALILEO satellite-based navigation systems and related applications. This decision follows the completion of Member States' internal procedures and the consent given by the European Parliament.

The agreement, signed in June 2004 in Dromoland Castle in Ireland, and provisionally applied since November 2008, aims at ensuring interoperability and radio frequency compatibility, access to signals, consultation before the establishment of standards and certification, licensing or technical requirements, and non-discrimination as regards trade in the goods and services concerned.

The main provisions are as follows:

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ENTRY INTO FORCE : 12/12/2011.