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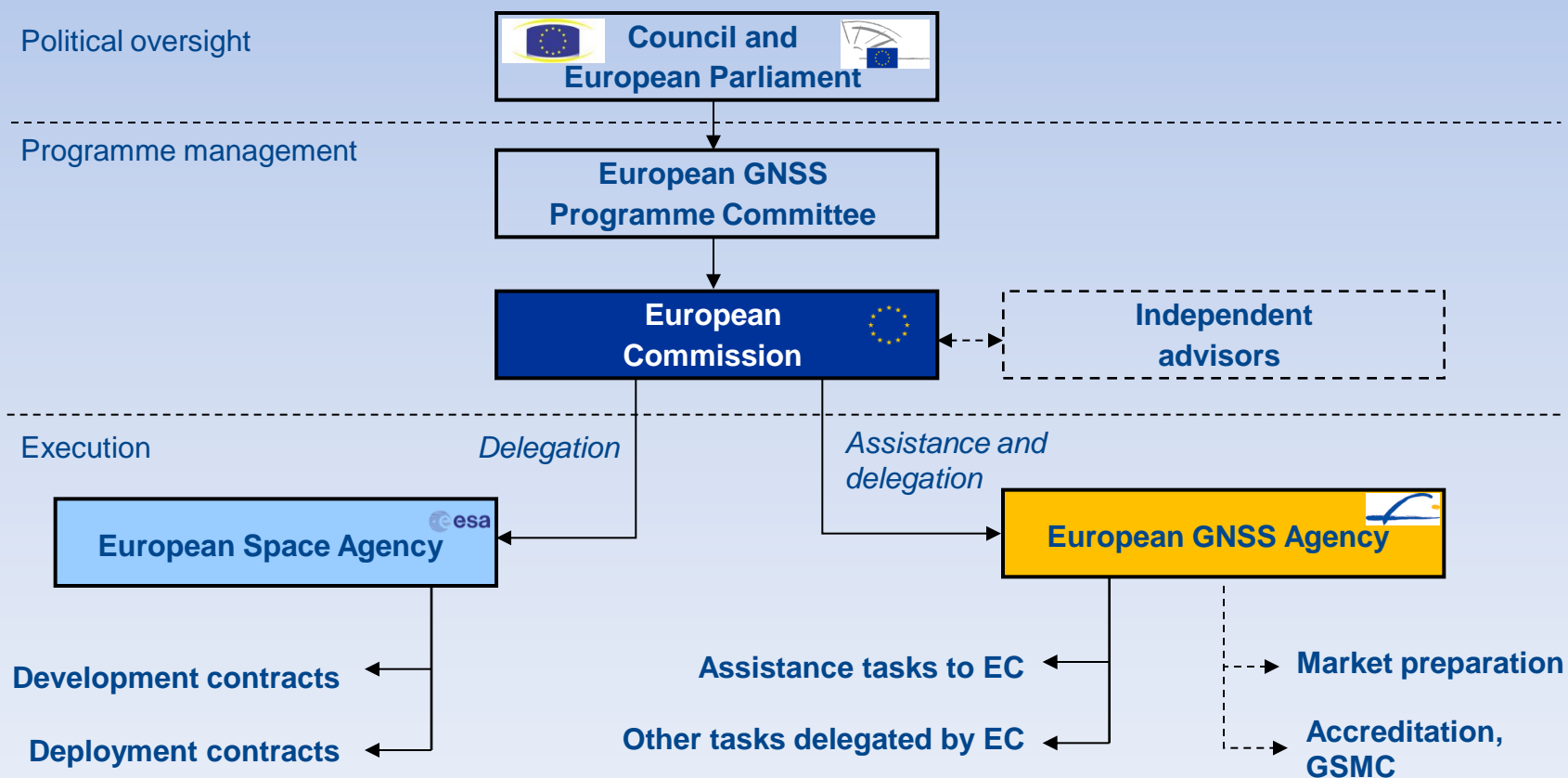
# EGNOS in Precision Agriculture: An affordable solution for a wide range of applications

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# EGNSS Governance



GSMC: Galileo Security Monitoring Centre



# The European Satellite Programme: EGNOS/EDAS and Galileo



- Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS)
- Compatible with most other GNSS
- Inter-operable with GPS
- 2 first satellites launched in October 2011
- 18 satellites in 2014/15
- Will support 5 services



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- Measures and improved GPS performance
- Sends corrections to users via satellite or terrestrial links (EDAS)
- Certified for Safety Of Life since March 2011
- Covers most of EU
- Expansion to Africa, Middle East and Eastern Europe

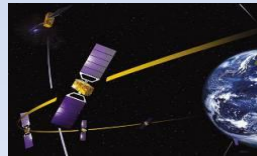


# Galileo Implementation Plan

In order for Galileo to be recognized by the downstream market as the second satellite navigation system of choice it is key to deliver early services as soon as 2014/2015.

**Galileo System Testbed v2**  
2 initial test satellites  
**2005**

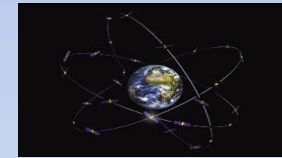
**Galileo System Testbed v1**  
Validation of critical algorithms  
**2003**



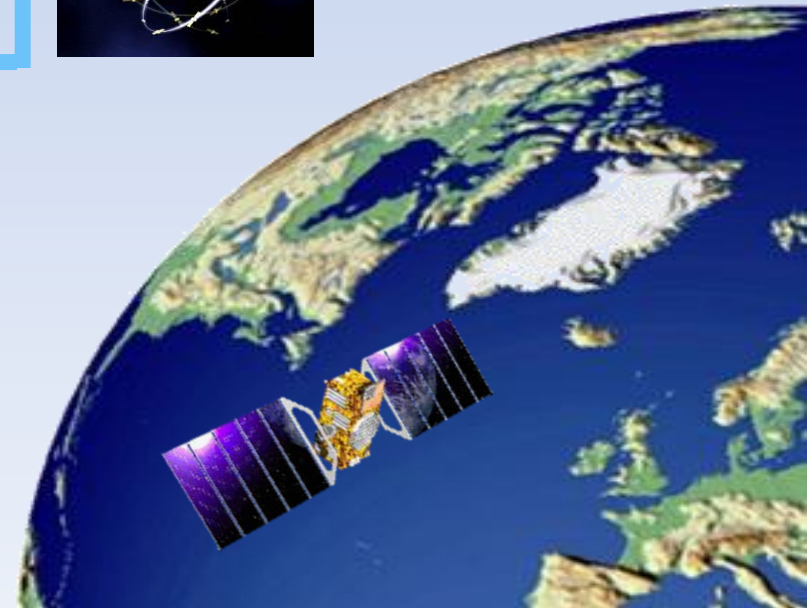
**In-Orbit Validation**  
4 IOV satellites plus  
ground segment  
**2011/12**



**Initial Operational Capability**  
Early Services for OS, SAR, PRS  
18 satellites  
**2014/2015**



**Full Operational Capability**  
All services, 30 satellites  
**2019/2020**



# The Galileo implementation plan launches are under way



The launch of the first two Galileo IOV (In-Orbit Validation) satellites took place in October 2011 from Kourou, in French Guiana.

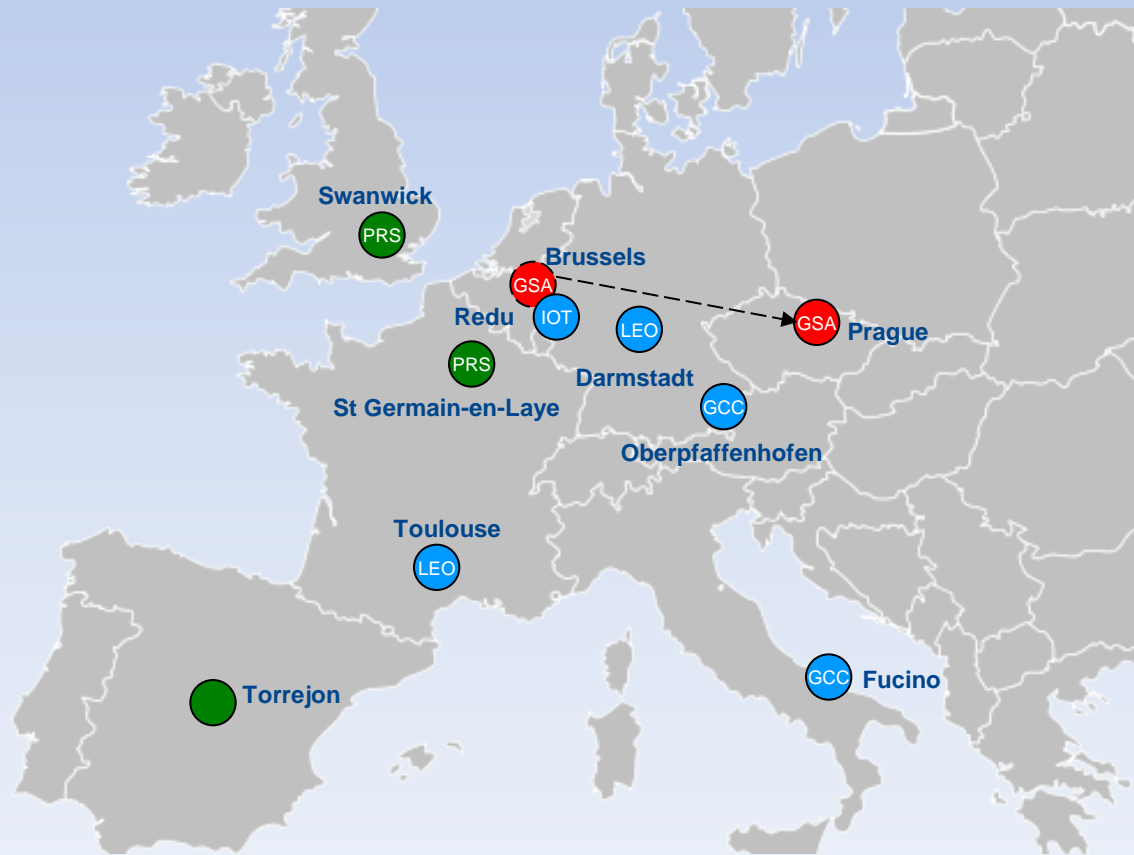
Second pair followed October 2012.

These satellites are part of the Galileo final constellation.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lbnie1dt-Gs>



# The major Galileo centres and facilities are located throughout Europe



- GSA** European GNSS Agency
- GCC** Galileo Control Centre
- IOT** Galileo In-Orbit Testing Centre
- LEO** LEOP Centre
- PRS** Galileo Security Centre (PRS)
- GSC** Galileo Service Centre (OS/CS/SoL)



# Galileo IOV Control Centres operational



Fucino (IT)

Oberpfaffenhofen (DE)



Credits: ESA





# Galileo IOV ground segment sites completed



Kiruna Galileo TTC Site Completed (Nov 2007)



Svalbard Galileo ULS/GSS Site Completed (May 2008)

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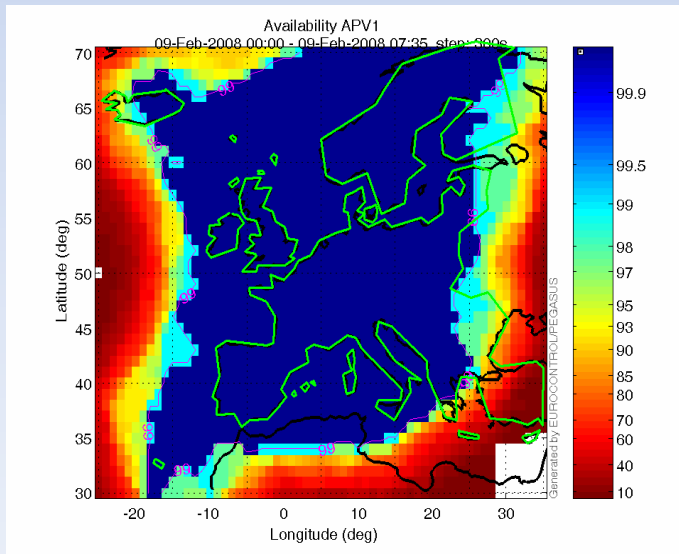


# EGNOS, it's there. Use it!



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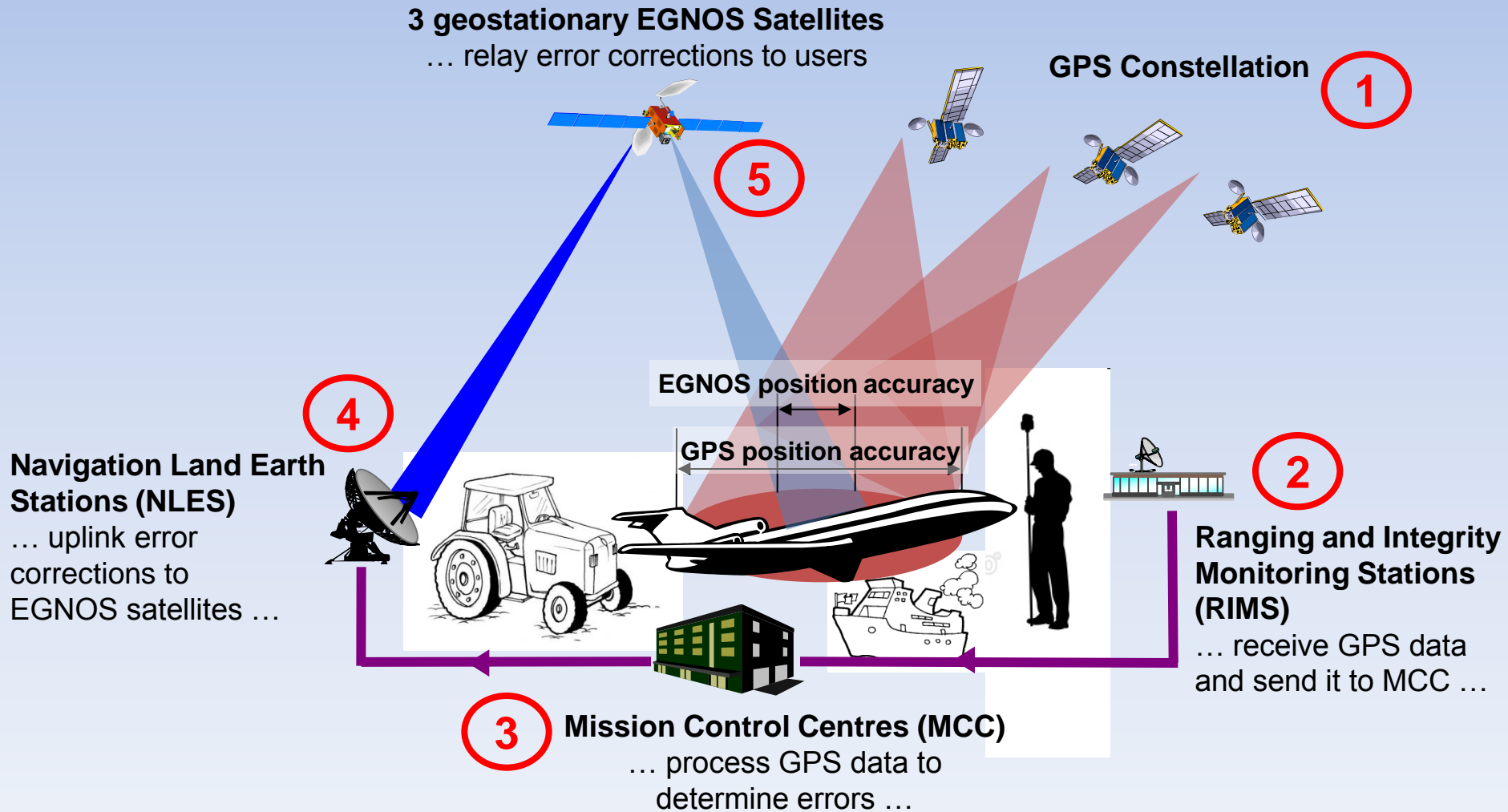
## *EGNOS availability*



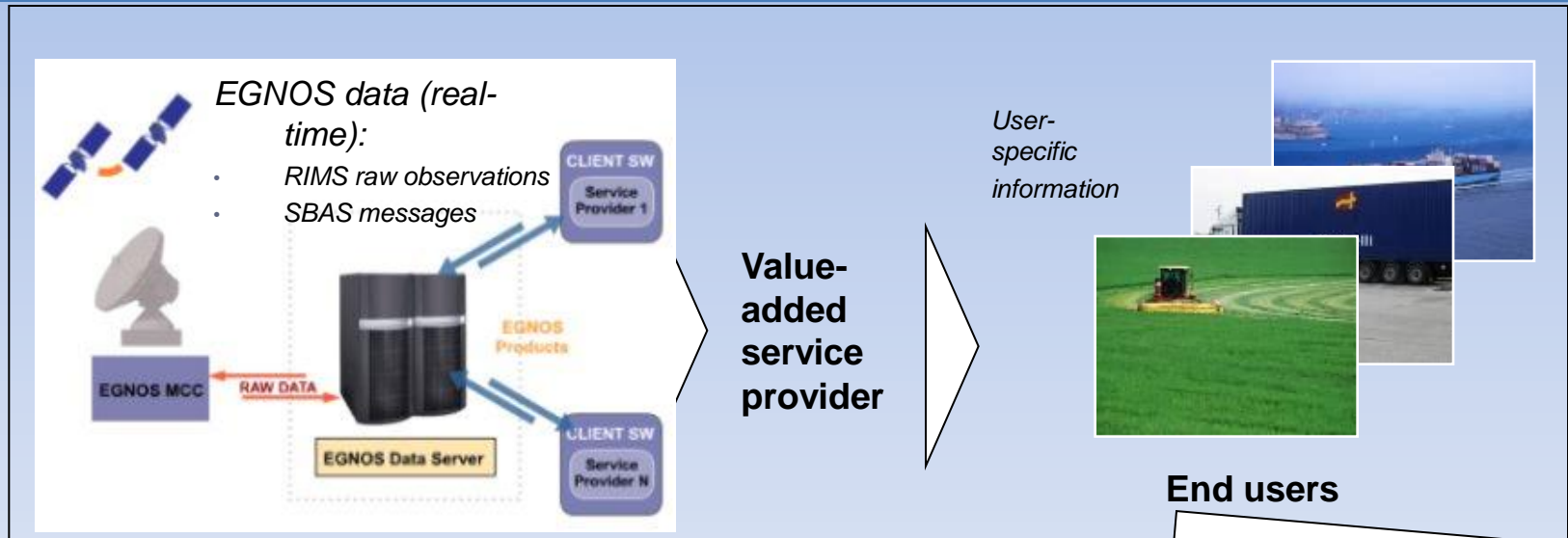
- EGNOS is the European Geostationary Navigation Overlay Service
- EGNOS improves the accuracy of position measurements by sending out signals that correct GPS data and providing information on its reliability
- EGNOS signal is free and already widely used in agriculture



# EGNOS improves GPS



# The EDAS Service is operational to plug in on EGNOS data via terrestrial channels (internet)



<http://www.gsa.europa.eu/go/egnos/edas>



EDAS on the way – Plug in for free

**EDAS is available. This allows any interested party is invited to sign up**



Currently the evolution of EDAS is assessed including service and system enhancements

[www.egnos-portal.eu](http://www.egnos-portal.eu)



# Why Precision Agriculture?

## Agriculture challenges:

- Rise in crops demand:
  - Population increase
  - Chemical industry diversification
  - Bio-fuel demand
- Limited resources
  - Limited increase of the cultivable land
  - Water shortage
  - Energy prizes rise

## Precision Agriculture has an answer:

- Provides:
  - Increase yield production
  - Better management of resources
- Reduces:
  - Chemical pollution
  - Energy consumption
  - Time



# EGNOS: the most affordable solution for a wide range of applications...

*“Precision Agriculture is about doing the right thing, in the right place, in the right way, at the right time”*



Application category	Application field	Required accuracy level
<b>Arable</b>	High-value crop cultivation (potatoes, vegetables) Precision operations (sowing and transplanting)	<b>c.2cm</b>
	Low-value crop cultivation (e.g. cereals) Low-accuracy operations (fertilising and reaping)	<b>c.1m</b>
<b>Dairy</b>	Individual livestock positioning and virtual fencing	<b>2-5m</b>
<b>Agro-logistic</b>	Land parcel identification/ geo-traceability Post harvest pick-up Supervised tracking of livestock, manure, etc.	<b>c.2.5m</b>
<b>Legislation/ management</b>	Field measurement Boundary mapping and updating	<b>c.2.5m</b>

**EGNOS**



# ... generating strong benefits for farmers

## EGNOS value added

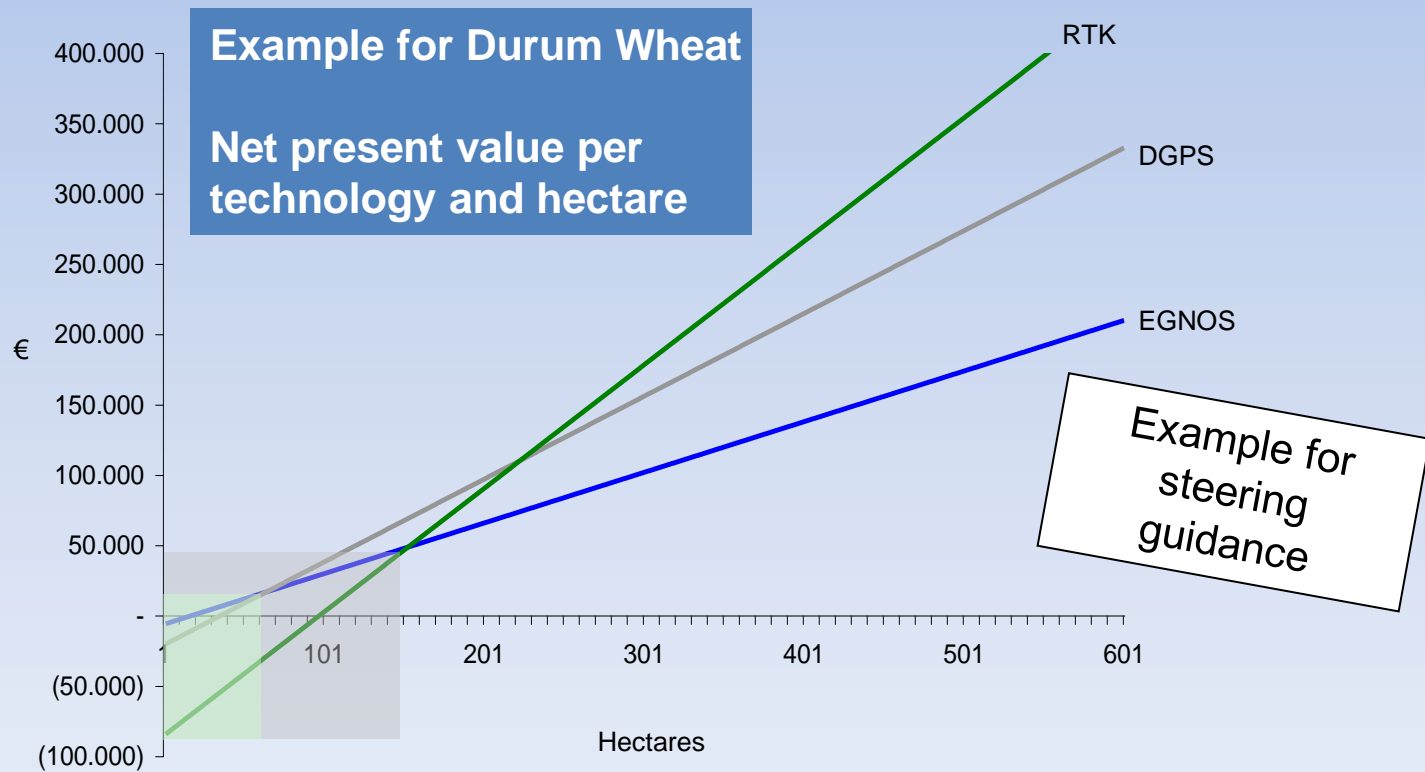
- Traditionally, precision agriculture have been characterised by significant equipment investment and costs related to usage
- EGNOS can offer an affordable precision solution by enhancing the benefits of Precision Agriculture

- Enhance precision
- Eliminate waste and over-application of fertilisers and herbicides
- Save time and money
- Reduce fatigue
- Optimise crop yields
- Increase profit margins





# NPV per technology and farm's hectares: The case of durum wheat



NPV > 0 (HA)	EGNOS	DGPS	RTK
	17	35	97

Source: GSA CBA



# A practical example

EGNOS is free



No installation costs neither annual subscription costs are required

EGNOS is widely available all over Europe



1 on 10 tractors in Europe are equipped today with GNSS receivers, most of them are EGNOS enabled

EGNOS is convenient



The application of EGNOS involves:

- 2,36% reduction in time, fuel and seed quantity
- 2,49% reduction in fertilize and Plant Production Products quantities



EGNOS is the best GNSS technology to be applied on a 16 HA farm  
on average European farms are 16 HA wide



# “EGNOS-only” entry products have taken a pivotal role



CO-PILOT TS  
**CLAAS**



MOJO MINI  
**Leica**



EZ-GUIDE 250  
**Trimble**

## Product characteristics

- Pass to pass accuracy of +/- 15 cm
- EGNOS-only corrections
- Ideal for fertilising, seeding and spraying
- Entry price, affordable for all farmers

## EGNOS effect on farmers

- They start with EGNOS
- They appreciate the benefits
- In few years, some of them, migrate to advanced systems to cover new functions



# R&D fill technical gaps and pave the way to adoption in High Precision...



Sets up a user forum to present and defend the needs of farmers in the development of GNSS applications and services



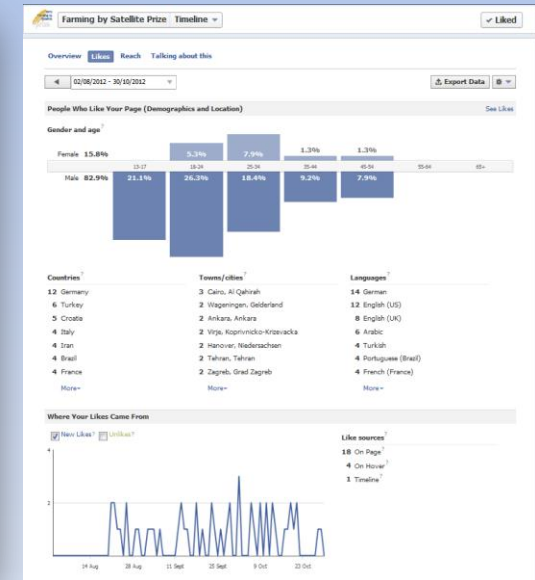
Works on system to support in-field and inter-field agricultural logistics activities



...and get ready for Galileo



# Farming by Satellite Prize



- New competition to be launched 2013
- Open to young farmers/professionals aged <32
- Last edition with 117 registrations from 25 countries around Europe
- Awarded at SIMA, February 2013



# And the winners are...

Ranking	Application
1st	“European Farm Management Information System”
2nd	“A satellite aided bale collection system”
3rd	“Vitismart: Digital Maps for limited-size vineyards”



# Thank you!



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