

Resolution on taking stock of the Galileo programme

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The European Parliament adopted a joint resolution on the Galileo programme noting that the technical aspects of the programme are in place and the most important element remaining in order to bring the project forward is good governance. Calling on the Commission to assess what modifications in legal and procedural regulations could be made in order to ensure the continued progress of the project, Parliament that this might mean the application of solutions that are more creative and more appropriate to the objectives of the programme. The Commission was asked to comply with the new timetable and to enforce compliance. It should also inform Parliament about costs and about any significant future alterations, but in a timely fashion, not with a delay of years.

Parliament welcomed the progress made in negotiations with the concessionaries, and called on the parties participating in the consortium to strive to reach agreement in a constructive manner, so that this common European project might play its part in fulfilling the Lisbon goals as soon as possible. The GNSS Supervisory Authority was requested to deliver semi-annual progress reports to Parliament, with special regard to progress in tasks to be imposed upon the GNSS Supervisory Authority from 1 January 2007 by the proposed regulation amending Regulation 1321/2004/EC. The GNSS Supervisory Authority was also asked to grant the expert nominated by the European Parliament permanent observer status, in accordance with Article 5(5) of that Regulation.

Considering the Community character of the project, the Commission must ensure that Parliament was informed before the signing of any contract of institutional participation with third countries.