

GSA Open Days – come see for yourself how Accuracy Matters!

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The European GNSS Agency (GSA) is opening its doors to the public for the fifth time on 8-9 November in what has become an eagerly awaited annual presentation of the GSA's activities and of the European Union's space programmes Galileo and EGNOS. As in previous years, the GSA Open Days 2019, which is being organised during Czech Space Week, will be packed with exciting activities and interesting presentations for the public to enjoy.

Seminars in Czech and English held at various times throughout the day on Saturday will inform visitors about the visible services provided by the invisible space infrastructure on which millions of Europeans have come to depend. Other presentations will explain Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS) in a nutshell and provide insight into the activities of the GSA, the location of which in Prague is worth approximately 200 million CZK to the Czech economy every year.

More than 350 students have already registered to participate in the activities on offer over the 2 days. These include the chance to be a pilot and land an airbus A350 using EGNOS, to experience a live rescue in the snow-capped Alps with the help of Galileo or to test how EGNOS is optimising tractor use on farms. For a full programme of the GSA Open Days 2019, click [here](#).

Last year's Open Days saw over 2,000 visitors visit the GSA to learn more about the European space programmes. This year's exciting programme, which includes seminars and space workshops (in both Czech and English), competitions and quizzes, and other fun educational activities, should again attract many visitors.

"End users are at the centre of the European space programme, which was developed with the core aim of benefitting the lives of Europeans. Throwing open the doors of our

Prague home to the public gives us at the GSA the opportunity to meet with the beneficiaries of Galileo and EGNOS while giving end users the chance to learn more about the GSA and the benefits of Europe's investment in space," GSA Executive Director Carlo des Dorides said.

This investment in space continued recently, with the opening of 4 new [innovation actions](#), with a total budget of EUR 21 million, under the Horizon 2020 call 'EGNSS market uptake 2019-2020' on November 5. Dealing with EGNSS applications for pre-commercial procurement and fostering digitisation, smart mobility, societal resilience and environmental protection, these are the last Horizon 2020 calls before the launch of its successor framework programme – Horizon Europe.

MyGalileoApp

Just ahead of this year's GSA Open Days, the finals and award ceremony for the MyGalileoApp competition will be held at the GSA headquarters on Thursday 7 November.

The winners will be decided after their final pitches and the awards will be presented at a special ceremony to be held in the evening. The first-place winner will receive a EUR 100,000 prize. The runner up and third place winners will receive EUR 50,000 and EUR 30,000 respectively. For the MyGalileoApp finalists, click [here](#).

About the European GNSS Agency (GSA)

As an official European Union Regulatory Agency, the European GNSS Agency (GSA) manages public interests related to European GNSS programmes. The GSA's mission is to support European Union objectives and achieve the highest return on European GNSS investment, in terms of benefits to users and economic growth and competitiveness. For more information, visit the GSA website.

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