

**PRESS RELEASE****For immediate release***Prague, 4 September 2018***Agriculture and Space Day to take place 5 September in Brussels**

***Agriculture and Space Day, which is to take place in the garden of the Belgian Natural Science Museum in Brussels from 12:00 to 14:30 on September 5, will showcase how Europe's space programme is revolutionising agricultural production, making it more efficient and reducing the environmental impact of the sector.***

The Agriculture and Space Day event will demonstrate how the EU space programmes, particularly EGNOS and Galileo, are being used to track livestock with amazing accuracy, to precisely steer machinery autonomously in the field, and to help farmers reduce their use of agrochemicals.

The event will also demonstrate how space technologies are contributing to sustainable supply chain management by helping track the exact origin of food from farm to fork, and much more.

**To attend the event, register [here](#).**

**Many benefits**

“As an early adopter of EGNOS, agriculture was one of the first sectors to benefit from the European space programme. Now, thanks to precision farming powered by Galileo and EGNOS, European farmers are maximising yields, increasing productivity, and lowering their environmental impact through optimised use of fertilisers and herbicides,” GSA Executive Director Carlo des Dorides said, adding that Agriculture and Space Day is showcasing state-of-the-art technology that will ensure that farmers continue to reap the benefits of space.

Pekka Pesonen, Secretary General of Copa and Cogeca, the united voice of EU's farmers and agri-cooperatives added: “Enhanced use of satellites and new technologies will fuel the advancement of precision farming in the EU, bringing many benefits for the farmers and rural economies, agri-cooperatives, the environment and ultimately for the consumer. Further development of precision farming will also help modernise the sector and cut the administrative burden. We are therefore very happy to further develop our collaboration with the GSA to make the EU's agriculture sector more resilient and dynamic.”

**Hands-on**

At the event, participants will have the opportunity to take a seat in the latest farming equipment and see for themselves how the precision farming sector is benefitting from space technology to increase productivity, preserve biodiversity and minimise the use of herbicides and pesticides. Agriculture and Space Day will provide a comprehensive overview of how the

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synergies between Europe's space programmes are being leveraged to the benefit not only of farmers, but also of the wider community, by helping to protect our countryside.

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