

**Workshop on GNSS “Opportunities of Satellite Navigation for Arabic countries”
8 April 2010, Damascus (Syria)**

Conclusions

The following conclusions were outlined on the basis of the presentations and discussions held at the workshop on GNSS “Opportunities of Satellite Navigation for Arabic countries”, taking place in Damascus and organised by the Syrian Arab Republic Ministry of Transport following the results of the Euro-MED Transport Programme on GNSS cooperation.

1. The participation of the Syrian Arab Republic Ministry of Transport in the works and discussions of the Euro-MED Transport regional cooperation was emphasized. The EC also congratulated more specifically Syrian Delegates through the national coordinator and the deputy national coordinator for their active contribution within the Euro-MED structures.

The Syrian Institutions reiterated their interest in being involved in the EU GNSS programmes, EGNOS today and Galileo in the future.

2. The group confirms the opportunities and role of GNSS, EGNOS and Galileo, in country’s economy, especially in transport sector. EGNOS/Galileo can provide both social and economical benefits to all Arabic countries. However, it was stressed that the actions of the EC in this field also need the support of countries’ institutions.
3. For the Mediterranean region, following the Euro-MED GNSS I, EC is putting in place the Euro-MED GNSS programme II, aimed at developing the infrastructures for the EGNOS service extension and in parallel preparing the market.

Mediterranean countries’ institutions are recommended to continue and enforce their cooperation with the Euro-MED GNSS programme, and in turn to stimulate country’s stakeholders in contributing to the activities that will be developed by the Euro-MED GNSS II.

4. For the other Arabic countries which are not covered by the European Neighbourhood policy the EC will explore the opportunities to exchange experience and initiative in implementing projects and initiatives aimed at validating service needs and market opportunities, to give inputs to the on-going technical studies related to the EGNOS service extension and necessary infrastructure development.