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1. Introduction

The purpose of this document is to present the liaison activities with other Galileo Information Centres in Latam and also with the GNSS Service Centre (GSC), developed in the frame of the Galileo Information Centre for México, Central America and the Caribbean project.

This document is one of the agreed project deliverables and is structured in the following way:

- Chapter 1 (this section) provides an introduction of the document including the purpose and scope.
- Chapter 2 lists all reference and applicable documents.
- Chapter 3 describes the liaison activities developed.
- Chapter 4 includes the conclusions of this report and suggested way forward.

2. References

2.1. Applicable Documents

The following table provides the list of documents that are applicable within the scope and purpose of this document.

Id.	Title	Reference	Issue	Date
[AD.1]	Grant Agreement for the action entitled Galileo Information Centre in the United Mexican States, Central America and the Caribbean	307/G/GRO/SAT/19/111 67-2	--	December 2020
[AD.2]	PROPOSAL GALIC-MC2 DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTION B6		1.0	January 2020

Table 1: List of applicable documents

2.2. Reference Documents

The following table provides the list of reference document that are a reference for the content of this document

Id.	Title	Reference	Issue	Date
[RD.1]	Project Plan	GICMEXICO-D6.1-0100	1.0	21/04/2021

Table 2: List of reference documents

3. Liaison activities with other Galileo Information centres in Latin America.

The objective of these liaison activities is to establish a coordination mechanism between the Galileo Information Centres in Latin America (GIC-Brazil and GIC-Chile) and the Galileo Information Centre for Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean.

This task serves also to establish an interface with GNSS Service Centre in Europe (Madrid). The following activities will be coordinated:

3.1. Performed liaison activities

Galileo Information Centres (GICs)

The liaison activities developed in cooperation with other GICs till date are listed hereafter:

- A first coordination meeting was held with GIC Chile and GIC Brazil coordinators (3rd February 2021), in order to introduce to the GIC Mexico project.
- The first coordination established was the definition of the GIC visual identity and website design, with the support and advice of other GICs coordinators, and following what was already in place and has been already approved for the GICs in Chile and Brazil.
- The GIC Mexico has reorganised the matchmaking activities into working groups, within WP5000, following the path already set up by GIC Chile and GIC Brazil.

Although no direct interaction was held between the centres, the project could benefit from the lessons learnt and recommendations coming from the experience of the other GICs, that were already preparing their working groups sessions.

- Coordination meeting with EC and the GICs representatives held the 13th October 2021. The objective of this meeting was two-fold:
 - Meet the new coordinator of GIC Chile – so as to know him and facilitate future activities
 - Coordinate the organisation of an information session on EC Horizon Europe Programme
- Coordination meeting between the GICs coordinators held the 2nd of November 2021. The three coordinators met in order to identify key topics

(related to GNSS applications) that could be of interest in the objective region to suggested to the EC to be included in the next Horizon Europe Programme (2023-2024)

- The GIC Chile and GIC Brazil teams were invited to attend the webinar on SBAS held the 30th November 2021.
- Coordination meeting between the GICs coordinators held the 27th January 2022 to organise the joint Working Groups session on financial schemes held the 31st of March 2022. The following points were coordinated among the three GICs:
 - Decision of the best date for this event
 - Definition of the agenda
 - Selection of the platform
 - Localisation of the interpreters
 - Coordination of the information to be presented and generation of the slides used during the event.

Different meetings were held the 10th and 24th of March (and off-line communications) in order to detail all the activities indicated above.

- The GIC Mexico team and the other GICs representatives met the 26th of May 2022 in order to decide on whether to celebrate together a third session of the WGs, in order to maximise the impact and results. Finally, GIC Chile and GIC Mexico decided to organise a Hackathon together, to be held in September 2022.
- The GIC Chile and GIC Mexico team organised together all the details for the Hackathon. To do so, at least one coordination meeting was held every week since the 2nd of June 2022 in order to define:
 - The dates for the Hackathon celebration
 - The calendar and schedule
 - The challenges (characteristics and template)
 - The event participation conditions
 - The stakeholders to be involved
 - The website hackathon content and look-and-feel
 - The invitations and mailing
 - The banners design
 - The dates and content for the informative sessions
 - Registration template

- And other necessary organisation details
- The GIC Chile and GIC Mexico team continued with the coordination meetings till the celebration of the Galileo GICkathon the 9 and 10th of September 2022.
 - A first information webinar was jointly organised and held the 28th July 2022
 - A second information webinar was jointly organised the 1st September 2022.
 - The hackathon was celebrated and jointly coordinated by GIC Chile and GIC Mexico representatives, the 9th and 10th of September 2022.

Note that the other Galileo Information Centres in Latin America (GIC-Brazil and GIC-Chile) finished their activities in November 2022.

So, in the last phase of the GIC Mexico project, the team will focus in the interaction and coordination of activities with the GNSS Service Centre and other ad-hoc coordination activities (e.g. EU Global Action) when necessary.

GNSS Service Centre (GSC)

The coordination activities carried out with the GSC are detailed below:

- A first coordination meeting was also held with GSC coordinator, Aitor Álvarez from the GSA, the 3rd February 2021.
- GSC team supported the development of the kick-off webinars held the 22nd, 23rd and 25th of March 2021. A representative from the GSC team (Aitor Álvarez and José Luis Martín) attended the different three sessions, made a presentation on the GSC objectives and activities and also supported the Q&A session at the end of those webinars.
- The GSC team revised the GIC website and proposed improvements that were implemented before its official release the 28th of May 2021.
- The GSC team attended the webinar held the 14th of July 2021 about future centre activities.
- A telco was held with Aitor Álvarez, GSC coordinator, to better clarify which support from the GSC is expected in the near future: mainly related to the participation and support in the working groups to be established in September 2021.
- Coordination of GSC team support for WGs Sessions

- The first session of the Working Group 1 – Galileo-powered Manned Aviation and Drones Solutions - held on the 7th of March 2022
- The first session of the Working Group 2 – Galileo-powered Agriculture and Geomatics solutions - held on the 15th of March 2022
- The first session of the Working Group 3 – Galileo-powered transportation solutions- held on the 22nd of March 2022.

The GSC team supported the Kick-off sessions of the Working Groups by providing a presentation on EGNSS programmes and also detailing the GSC activities to the WG members.

- The GIC Mexico team coordinated with GSC coordinator (Aitor Álvarez) the official visit of a delegation from the Government of Querétaro (Mexico) to the GNSS Service Centre in Madrid (Torrejón) the 10th March 2022.

The logistical details as well as the agenda and the material to be presented were coordinated with the GSC. The GSC activities, Galileo and the GIC activities were presented to the delegation during the meeting.

- The GSC also supported the GIC webinar organised the 12th July 2022 in English and particularly addressing English-speaking countries. GSC representative presented the EGNSS programmes to the webinar audience and supported the Q&A session.
- The GIC team coordinated the participation and support to be provided by the GSC team in the Hackathon that took place the 9th and 10th of September (online). Two members of the GSC team participated in the Hackathon as technical and business mentors.
- The GIC Mexico team directly coordinated and managed the participation of GSC members in the following webinars:
 - Curso internacional de Gestión de Operaciones de Búsqueda y Rescate (SAR) – ORH Venezuela (online, 27th October 2022)
 - Posicionamiento e Ubicación para Socorro, Salvamento y Seguridad Marítima – INEA Venezuela (online, 10th November 2022)
- The GIC Mexico team is currently coordinating and will rely on the expert support of the GSC members for the business development sessions to be provided to the winners of the Galileo GICkathon. These sessions are expected to take place at the beginning of 2023.

Other liaison activities

The following list details the coordination activities carried out with the network of Copernicus Relays and Academy in Latin America, in order to promote together the benefits of the Copernicus open data and information used together with GNSS:

- A coordination meeting with Copernicus Support Office and Copernicus networks (academic and relays) were held the 5th and 18th of February

2021 respectively, to officially present this GIC and establish coordination procedures that will help to exploit the synergies between Copernicus and EGNSS in the objective region.

- The GIC participated in a round table discussion in a Webinar for the Copernicus Academy and Relays networks (13th April 2021) on synergies between Copernicus and Galileo.
- Meeting with Global Action the 17th November 2021. Given the synergies between the GICs and the Global Action project, a meeting was organised to introduce the different teams and explain the projects activities and facilitate future interactions.
- Organization of the participation of GIC Mexico coordinator in the first webinar organised by EC Global Action scheduled to be held the 8th of February 2022. The GIC coordinator will present the GIC Mexico objective and activities within this first webinar on Galileo and EGNOS.
- [The GIC Mexico team coordinated the participation of a EUSPA representative with experience in Copernicus in the next webinar regarding SAR: Curso internacional de Gestión de Operaciones de Búsqueda y Rescate \(SAR\) – ORH Venezuela \(online, 27th October 2022\).](#)

4. Conclusions and way forward

This section introduces the main conclusions and impressions of the interactions carried out to date (T0+24 months) with the other Galileo Information Centres and with the GNSS Service Centre (GSC).

During this period, the interaction with both other Galileo Information Centres (GICs) and with the GNSS Service Centre (GSC) was increased, highlighting the intense and close coordination that was necessary for the organization and celebration of the hackathon in September 2022.

Thanks to the interaction with the GSC, it has been possible to deliver high-quality presentations in the webinars and activities organised by the GIC. Moreover, this activity has helped not only to provide adequate support to the GIC Team in these events, but also to explain the technical capacities provided by the GSC to interested actors in the region and also present their role and all the key activities that they carry out from the GSC in the European and global Space ecosystem.

In addition, the coordination activities with other GICs were intensified till the end of 2022. However, as the other Galileo Information Centres have finished their activities, no more interaction will be developed in this sense. The coordination performed so far with these GICs was very fruitful and helped the project team in learning from the other GICs experience.

For the coming months, the GIC Mexico coordination activities will be focused on the interaction with the GNSS Service Centre (GSC). The very positive coordination with the GSC will continue till the end of the GIC Mexico activities.

ACRONYM LIST

ACRONYM	MEANING
EC	European Commission
GIC	Galileo Information Centre
LATAM	LatinAmerica
GSC	GNSS Service Centre
GNSS	Global Navigation Satellite Systems
WG	Working Groups
WP	Work Package

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