

MINUTES OF MEETING

Galileo Information Centre for Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean

Progress Meeting PM9

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MEETING NOTES

These minutes include the main topics presented and addressed during the **ninth Progress meeting (PM9)** of the Galileo Information Centre (GIC) for Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean, that was held online on the **7th of September 2023, from 16:30 to 18:30 (CET)** to overview the progress of the project and the activities developed **since the previous meeting (PM8) on the 4th of May 2023**. The attached presentation shows the status of the activities.



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1. Welcome

Luis Cuervo (DG DEFIS) and Elena Megias (TPZ IB) welcomed the attendees to the **ninth progress meeting of the project (PM9)**.

In addition, **AEM was presented officially as a new subcontractor of the consortium**. AEM is involved in several activities such as: Participation in GNSS conferences and exhibitions, support for the integration of Galileo into GNSS plans in the region, organization of meeting events for the industry and fostering closer relationships between entities involved in GNSS.

It was noted that although no official delivery was planned, some new and updated **documentation was submitted on the 21st of July 2023**.

2. Progress review at M9

- Regarding the **status of the WP1000**, new Points of Contact made this reporting period were presented, which in total add **55 new contacts** to the database.
- In what regards **WP2000**, a new “**GNSS online Course**” section has been **created on the GIC website** (<https://galileoic-mexico.com/gnss-course-online/>) on the basis of the 40 hours of recorded sessions of the course given at the National Autonomous University of Mexico from 1 to 7 February 2023. The course consist of 8 modules lasting less than one hour each. The most popular module is **#7 (orbits and ephemeris)** seen by 66 people in a month and a half, closely followed by module **#1 (Introduction to GNSS)** seen by 60 people in the same time frame. In addition, **new post on social networks (3) and some (4) GNSS related and GIC relevant news published** in the GIC web page.

- On the subject of **WP3000**, the following **four technical notes** - Road, Geomatics, Aviation and Emergencies - **were submitted to DG DEFIS** for review. When approved, the 6 technical notes, will be published on the GIC website. Potential benefits for the region are covered by this TNs, commented Mr. Giuseppe De Chiara from TPZ Italy.
- Thanks to the promotion and awareness raising of the European satellite system Galileo among the students of the UNAM due to the delivery of the GNSS course, **within the WP4000, four students** (undergraduates and Masters students) that were **searching for a thesis topic have decided to work on applications related to GNSS technology**. The topics are related to four different segments: agriculture, utilities, land use changes and security in Galileo satellite communications.
- In the frame of **WP5000**, in this reporting period **the Industry Day event took place** on the 27th of April 2023 during FAMEX 2023. AEM's Antonio de Jesus Serrano took the floor and noted that this event provided **a great opportunity to share meaningful information about the products and services that use GNSS-based positioning and navigation as a significant enabler in the aviation segment**. The industrial workshop, a private event by invitation only, included a session that provided attendees time for informal networking with other companies (both local and European companies) that were attending and could become partners. Further details on this Industry Day on you tube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l8Wo2fhcXr0>

Project way forward - next steps (M30-M33)

With the aim at addressing project tasks homogeneously for all target countries the following activities will be carried out:

- A hybrid session (online and face-to-face) for Central American Countries showcasing the basics of Galileo. (30/08/2023)
- An online webinar for Central American countries on the topic "SAR Galileo Service and Emergency Management". (21/09/2023).
- An online webinar for the Caribbean countries on the topic "Emergency Management", in October.

Other planned activities:

- Closing event (online and onsite) at Palacio de la Minería, Mexico city. (26/10/2023)
- Last session of the Working Groups on the topic of the Technical notes, in October.

3. Review of actions and risks

Previous actions were all closed except for action #21 (To organize several webinars for Central America an English speaking countries of the region) that is in progress.



No risks have been identified since the last period up to now. However, Mr. Luis Cuervo pointed out the fact that it would have to be considered how to ensure that the activities initiated by the GIC will be continued when the GIC concludes.

4. AoB

Under this point of the agenda, Luis Cuervo thanks the Consortium for the good work done, in particular videos of the GNSS course, technical notes and thesis students.

Additionally, he noted that some WPs that were slightly behind in relation to the involvement of some countries other than Mexico.

5. Closure

The EC and the project manager thanked all the attendees for their participation and for their work in the project and then the meeting was closed.