

Re: EU satellite project Galileo faces fund crunch

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To that I will note that GPS is up and running providing an awesome PNT system to the world and is undergoing improvements that will provide increased accuracy, robustness, etc. And the cost to our friends in the EU.....ZERO. Not one euro, franc, shilling, mark, pound, peso.....

It is great, and thanks to the U.S. for that!
But don't you think that the world needs an another positioning system, some "back up", a *commercial* secure positioning system? Without control and fear from the government. Because GPS is a military system and nobody knows if it will work tommorrow for civilians.

Imagine:

My father is a surveyor. He has few expensive Trimble GPS machines (5700 and 5800). In a week, a month or a year can start some war. And the U.S. will block GPS for civilians. And my father is losing his job and the money invested in those devices.

Galileo is commercial; it can't happen with it.

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