

**Question for written answer E-006716/2014
to the Commission**
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Subject: Galileo: state of development and fully operational phase

As a result of recent events and the unsuccessful launch of two Galileo satellites on 22 August, the EU has been placed in an unenviable position to the extent that it has fallen behind in the work of making the Galileo system fully operational. Given that the system is intended primarily to meet civil needs in intelligent transport and electronic road toll collection systems and for road transport and shipping safety, there is a problem not just as regards the expertise of the European motor industry, but for the related technology field as a whole. For example, in the US some states will soon be giving the go-ahead to the use of driverless road vehicles relying to a high degree on GPS technology applications. The EU, by contrast, is lagging visibly behind in that field. That being the case:

1. By what target date is the Galileo system to become fully operational? How will this be affected by the unsuccessful launch of the two satellites?
2. Will the related industry and service sector suffer any particular consequences because the Galileo project has been held up?
3. Within what time-frames will Galileo become completely usable for intelligent transport systems (ITS), electronic road toll collection, and other advanced technologies?