

**Question for written answer E-010668/2015**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Galileo satellite navigation system

According to the available information, eight of the 30 planned EU satellites were in orbit by April 2015. The original goal was to have 18 satellites in orbit by the end of 2015, but satellite launches have been hampered by technical complications.

There is no doubt as to the importance of establishing an EU global navigation and localisation system and reducing EU dependence on the American GPS system. In today's difficult geopolitical situation, Europe's security depends on launching the satellites as early as possible.

1. At what stage was the implementation of the Galileo satellite navigation system at the end of June 2015?
2. Will the Galileo system be fully functional by 2018, as was foreseen under the original plan?