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to the Commission
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Subject: Problems for the Galileo global navigation satellite system

The EU's Galileo global navigation satellite system (GNSS) project is years behind schedule. The project was launched with the specific aim of competing with other GNSSs, such as the US and Russian systems. Since then, however, both China and India have started developing their own systems, so if the project continues to be delayed in a few years' time it will be extremely difficult, if not well-nigh impossible, for Galileo to survive in a highly competitive and strategic GNSS market. The EU satellite industry is at a competitive disadvantage in that it does not enjoy the same level of public funding as is provided for other navigation systems.

Is the Commission working on a strategic plan for ensuring that the objectives set for the Galileo project are met?