

**Question for written answer E-001666/2016
to the Commission**
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Subject: Satellite navigation

In 2003, the European Union started its own satellite navigation system, known as Galileo. Now that the teething problems have been overcome, Galileo should be operational by the year 2020 and take its place alongside GPS and Glonass. Although both of these satellite navigation systems are operational and most navigation systems can receive signals from GPS and Glonass, a further EUR 5 billion is to be invested in the Galileo project.

1. Is Galileo intended to replace GPS and Glonass in Europe in the future, making it the only satellite navigation system on the market in the EU Member States?
2. If not, what action will the Commission take to regulate the marketing of satellite navigation systems in the EU?
3. What obstacles might companies in third countries encounter if they try to import into the EU navigation devices which use geostationary satellite systems, such as Glonass or BeiDou-2, as alternatives to GPS or Galileo?