

**Question for written answer E-002314/2019
to the Commission**
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Subject: Galileo

In his 2018 State of the Union Address, Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker lauded the Galileo programme as a European success.

From 12 to 15 July 2019, however, all Galileo satellites were down.

Galileo was originally intended to go into service in 2008, but did not do so - and then only partially - until late 2016; it is now set for completion in 2020, when the final four satellites become operational.

The Galileo project has been marked by embarrassing delays and substantial cost increases. EUR 2.9 billion was originally earmarked for the programme - a sum that has tripled in the meantime.¹

In a report as long ago as 2009, the European Court of Auditors came to the conclusion that the Commission had failed to provide leadership in developing and managing Galileo.²

What specific action has the Commission taken in response to the critical report by the Court of Auditors?

Is the Commission planning a new Galileo generation, and how much money is earmarked for that?

How much money has Germany paid to date for Galileo, and how much more will it be paying?

¹ Gerhard Hegmann: 'Europas Navigationssatellitennetz ist ausgefallen', Die Welt, situation as at 15 July 2019.

² European Court of Auditors, Special Report on the management of the Galileo programme's development and validation phase, press release, 29 June 2009.