

**Question for written answer P-009323/2011
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Financial breakdown of the budget for Galileo for the next MFF

In June 2011 the European Parliament adopted a resolution based on an own-initiative report of the ITRE Committee on 'the mid-term review of the European satellite navigation programmes: implementation assessment, future challenges and financing perspectives' (P7_TA(2011)0265).

During the discussions in the ITRE Committee, the need was pointed out for the Members of the European Parliament to be provided with more accurate financial information regarding the financing of the Galileo project so as to enable them to make better informed decisions. Paragraph 18 of the adopted resolution calls for a full assessment to be undertaken on the operational and financial options for going forward.

It is our understanding that this reflects the Commission approach for the drafting of the impact assessment promised in the mid-term review and expected by the end of this year. However, in view of the publication of the Multiannual Financial Framework by the Commission and the beginning of negotiations for its adoption, full transparency over costs and options of Galileo is now essential.

I would therefore ask the Commission to provide the European Parliament with clear information on the following questions without which the European Parliament would not be able to make an informed decision:

1. What are the technical specifications (accuracy, geographical coverage, integrity, etc.) of the Galileo services that the different satellite configurations could provide (including IOC and FOC, used in combination with other GNSS systems or as stand-alone)?
2. What is the role of EGNOS services with regards to the different possible Galileo configurations and what is the need, or not, for keeping EGNOS in a FOC constellation?
3. What are the associated costs and financial implications (detailed budget breakdown) of the possible Galileo and EGNOS configurations detailed under the questions above in terms of infrastructure investments, launching, operational management, maintenance and contingency costs (including IOC, FOC or other possible options, including the zero option)?