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## COMMISSION

**Call for expressions of interest from undertakings for the 'Galileo Concession' to deploy and operate the Galileo satellite navigation system**

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**Announcement**

This call for expression of interest aim solely at constituting a database of parties interested to bid in the course of this year for the Galileo Concession. It is without prejudice to the provisions of Council Regulation (EC) No 876/2002<sup>(1)</sup> of 21 May 2002 and the decisions of the Galileo Joint Undertaking on the tendering procedure to be taken on the basis of that Regulation.

**What is Galileo?**

The Galileo satellite radio-navigation programme depends on cutting-edge technology and enables a user equipped with a receiver to receive signals from several satellites and thus determine his exact position in time and space at any given moment. Galileo is based on a constellation of 30 satellites placed in a medium earth orbit (at an altitude of approximately 24 000 km) continuously covering the entire surface of the earth. Each satellite is a platform equipped with an atomic clock providing extremely precise time measurement (Galileo time). Technically, the system is managed by ground stations.

The European Space Agency is fully involved in the project and is responsible for its technical implementation. Galileo is the first major programme bringing together the Community institutions and the European Space Agency.

**What is the Galileo Joint Undertaking?**

The Joint Undertaking has been established by Regulation (EC) No 876/2002, the text of which is available from [http://europa.eu.int/comm/energy\\_transport/en/gal\\_doc\\_en.html](http://europa.eu.int/comm/energy_transport/en/gal_doc_en.html) as the operational body to implement the development phase of the Galileo programme of radio-navigation by satellite.

**What are the missions of the Joint Undertaking?**

- to launch the research and development activities needed to successfully complete the development phase (2002-2005);

- to help to mobilise the public and private sector funds needed; in particular, to negotiate, by way of a competitive tendering process with the private sector, an overall agreement for the financing of the deployment (2006-2007) and operational phases;

- to supervise the carrying-out of all programmes;

- to oversee the optimal integration of EGNOS in Galileo.

**The concession process**

The concession process will be managed by the Galileo Joint Undertaking, as provided for in particular by Articles 4 and 9 of the statutes of the Joint Undertaking annexed to Regulation (EC) No 876/2002. The Galileo Joint Undertaking should be in a position to take the appropriate decisions in 2003 and 2004, so that final bids could be submitted in Summer 2004, after which time the final Concession Contract will be awarded.

**Planning**

In order to have a view of the number of potential bidders, interested parties should express by 15 April 2003, their interest to the Galileo Concession in writing to the European Commission by registered post to:

European Commission  
Directorate-General for Energy and Transport  
Unit TREN.E.4  
Office DM 28 1/32  
B-1049 Brussels.

Interested parties are not required to provide any further information at this stage. Those companies having answered to this call for expression of interest will receive the documentation relevant to the Galileo programme.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 138, 28.5.2002, p. 1.

**Further Information**

As published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities* on 19 July 2002, the European Commission will be holding a briefing session on 18 March 2003. The event will be held in Brussels and be hosted by representatives of the Commission, the Galileo Joint Undertaking, the European Space Agency and consultants. It will provide an opportunity to inform undertakings about progress on the programme, the stages in the

procedure for selection of the future concession holder and the many services which satellite radio-navigation will bring.

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided so that contributions can be made in English, French or German.

Further information on the Galileo programme can be found at:

[http://europa.eu.int/comm/dgs/energy\\_transport/galileo/index\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu.int/comm/dgs/energy_transport/galileo/index_en.htm)

**CALL FOR PROPOSALS****For the ASEAN-EU University Network Programme (AUNP) issued by the European Commission**

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**1. Publication reference**

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**2. Programme and financing source**

ASEAN-EU University Network Programme (AUNP).  
Budget line B7-3010 (Economic cooperation with Asia).

**3. Nature of activities, geographical area and project duration**

(a) The AUNP has been designed to enhance higher education cooperation between the European Union and ASEAN, and to promote regional integration within ASEAN. The programme will serve as a framework for a broad range of activities aiming to promote mutual awareness and understanding, exchange of experience and knowledge between the two regions.

The programme comprises the following three components for which grant support may be offered:

- AUNP common applied research,
- AUNP human resource development,
- AUNP curriculum development.

More specifically, the ASEAN-EU University Network Programme will provide grants to:

- facilitate partnership projects between higher education institutions in European Union Member States and the eligible ASEAN countries in order to initiate/strengthen coordinated and sustainable relations in the field of higher education,
- promote joint academic activities, such as the creation of common curricula and courses/modules, and the development/improvement of course material,
- upgrade the skills of postgraduate students, academic and administrative staff through the provision of in-country and overseas training, and through the exchange of experience,
- facilitate reciprocal access to higher education,
- encourage mutual knowledge and recognition of study programmes; agreements on credit transfer and mutual degree recognition,
- foster collaborative applied research focusing on fields of study of demonstrable EU-ASEAN mutual interest, with the subsequent sharing of research output and publications,