

NEREUS GNSS- Group – planned focus of activities 2016-2017

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Aim of the Working Group/ Main areas of interest	See ToR
Established	2009
General Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote regional priorities within the European GNSS programme • Exchange information and knowledge • Mobilize common projects and initiatives, involving administration, industry and research
Strategic context 2015/2016	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Galileo satellite navigation system is now a reality as the space system starts to provide early services ('In-Orbit Validation' (IOV) phase followed by additional 'Full Operational Capability' (FOC) satellite launches) 2. H2020 provides a platform to stimulate GNSS-related and applications-oriented R&D activities, building links between academia and business sectors. 3. A GNSS Application Action Plan 2014-2018 is being considered by EC, with cross-sectorial actions that build strongly upon APPAP 2010-2013. The sectorial measures in the APPAP 2014-2018 would focus on selected market segments, while regulatory measures could be considered, both by UE and by foreign GNSS, in order to stimulate the market uptake. 4. The FOC phase of GALILEO will provide new opportunities of GNSS Services
Planned activities for 2016/17	<p>The activities of the WG for the next period will be focus on the following topics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Contribution to the definition of a roadmap for the collaboration with GSA (in particular, definition of project ideas for regional challenges (transport, health, etc.)) 2. Exploration of project funding opportunities at both EU-level, ESA and GSA 3. Building synergies and links to the EO/Copernicus WG activities as well as WP and other NEREUS-WGs if relevant 4. Increase visibility of the network at regional and European level, through the participation in initiatives (seminars, workshops, publications etc): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st - 3rd March 2015: Munich SatNav Summit in Munich, Germany • 30 May – 3 June 2016: Space Solutions Conference The Hague, The Netherlands http://www.european-space-solutions.eu • EUREF Symposium San Sebastian, Spain http://www.euref.eu/euref_symposia.html • Joint workshop/conference with GSA in the second semester 2017 in Prague/Czech Republic, particularly targeted at Eastern European Countries

Tools

Tools	Number	Description
NEREUS Website		The NEREUS Website offers a series of public pages which inform the users on the Network: governance, membership, working groups as well as news and events. It also acts as a depository and an archive for past events and for the publications developed in time with partners such as the European Space Agency.
NEREUS Intranet	6	The Working Group intranet is accessible to the members and acts as a repository of all the documents used during the meetings, calls and projects. It can be developed further in order to better support the activities and fulfil the members' requirements.
NEREUS Newsletter		"NEREUS IN A MONTH" is the monthly newsletter which is sent out to the ca. 1000 members which form the broad NEREUS Community. It has a dedicated section on Working Group activities and announcements which can reflect the dedicated WG page on the NEREUS website.
NEREUS Newsflash		NEREUS Newsflashes are single items of important news which are broadcasted separately to the ca. 500 members of the network. They focus on open calls, tenders, and other opportunities relevant to the NEREUS Members.
Other		Other tools can be developed and defined together, on the basis of WG requirements, in view of future developments of the global NEREUS Communication / Marketing Strategy.

Numbers

Topic	Number	Comments
Number of regular participants at WG meetings	15	The membership should be consolidated and increased. Sub-groups on specific sector of applications (eg. Maritime) could be established.
Planned number of WG meetings (approx.)	2-3	Maximum two meetings linked to other NEREUS events. For 2013 one meeting in parallel with the General Assembly of 1st July 2013 and one meeting in Venice in October. Teleconferences will be organized.
Planned number of conferences or major event with external participants		Collect and organize a number of events and conferences where giving visibility to NEREUS Network. One in Venice in (October) on Space applications and maritime sector
Planned number of policy or call briefings with EU		Tbd
Planned number of training seminars held, if applicable		Tbd
Planned number of projects stimulated from within the WG		At least one
Closer co-operation with other related networks and / or observatories (plus contact point if possible)		Tbd

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