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Telespazio will lead the deployment of a new Galileo Information Centre (GIC) in Latin America

- **Telespazio Ibérica will run the new GIC as leader of a consortium composed of European and local industrial and institutional partners**
- **The new GIC will be working for 36 months and enlarges the ecosystem of Galileo Information Centres in Latin America**
- **The team will promote the EU Space Programmes and build up valuable insights on the local GNSS markets, monitoring local and regional satellite navigation initiatives and key stakeholders**

Telespazio Ibérica, a subsidiary of Telespazio – a joint venture between Leonardo (67%) and Thales (33%), is the leader of the consortium in charge of running the new Galileo Information Centre (GIC) for Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean. The Centre, located in Mexico City and with training facilities in Querétaro (Mexico), will be officially launched at the end of March.

Telespazio Ibérica will run the GIC as leader of a consortium composed of European and local industrial and institutional partners such as Everis, Enaire, Geotecnologías, and important universities such as the Universidad Politécnica de Madrid and the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México.

The Centre is co-financed by the Directorate-General for Defence Industry and Space (DG DEFIS) of the European Commission for 36 months and enlarges the ecosystem of Galileo Information Centres joining the two other Centres located in Chile and Brazil, active since November 2019. This Centre contributes to the European Commission's space outreach to promote the EU Space Programme and foster its market uptake in Latin America. It will contribute to improving the visibility of European Satellite Navigation in the region and will help promote cooperation on Galileo and EGNOS between the EU space ecosystem and actors from the region, at different levels.

In details, the team led by Telespazio Ibérica will build up valuable insights on the local GNSS markets, monitoring the local and regional satellite navigation initiatives and key stakeholders, to understand their specificities and needs and the market potential for EGNSS, providing new opportunities for the EU space ecosystem in the region. The Centre will provide communication, promotion and training activities specifically adapted to regional particularities.

The consortium members have sound experience in EGNSS system and applications development and a strategic local presence in the region, which are valuable assets to promote Galileo and EGNOS in a 177 million-population area with largely untapped market potential on space.

Telespazio, a Leonardo and Thales 67/33 joint venture, is one of the world's leading operators in satellite services. Its activities range from the design and development of space systems to the management of launch services, from in-orbit satellite control to Earth observation, from integrated communications, satellite navigation and localisation services to scientific programmes. Telespazio plays a leading role in the reference markets harnessing technological experience acquired over the years. Since its establishment, the company has participated in major European space programmes such as Galileo, EGNOS, Copernicus and COSMO-SkyMed. In 2019, Telespazio generated sales of EUR 535 million while employing 3,000 people in nine countries.

“Telespazio Ibérica already plays a key role in the Galileo Service Center (GSC) in Madrid, where it operates on behalf of Spaceopal (a JV between Telespazio and the German Space Agency DLR) under the GSA contract for the Galileo Service Operator (GSOp). We have chosen to co-finance this project with DG DEFIS to promote Galileo in Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean, considering its presence in this important region to be of a great strategic value both in promoting the use and applications offered by Galileo and the opportunity it represents for Telespazio Group”, has declared **Miguel Bermudo**, CEO of Telespazio Ibérica.