

## EU unveils more precise satnav system

October 1 2009

---



A GPS system installed in a car in France. The European Union has launched a free satellite navigation system with increased accuracy for drivers, hikers and boat owners, but also for use on farms and roadworks.

(AP) -- The European Union has unveiled an updated satellite navigation system that is up to five times more precise than the current GPS system.

EU Transport Commissioner Antonio Tajani says the EGNOS system will allow for far more intricate applications ranging from pinpointing agricultural spraying to helping to guide blind people in their everyday lives. It would also improve applications in aviation and automatic road tolling.

Tajani said Thursday that EGNOS is not a replacement for the EU's troubled Galileo system, which is supposed to be operational by 2013.

*©2009 The Associated Press. All rights reserved. This material may not be published, broadcast, rewritten or redistributed.*

Citation: EU unveils more precise satnav system (2009, October 1) retrieved 20 April 2024 from <https://phys.org/news/2009-10-eu-unveils-precise-satnav.html>

This document is subject to copyright. Apart from any fair dealing for the purpose of private study or research, no part may be reproduced without the written permission. The content is provided for information purposes only.