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1 INTRODUCTION

This document is the first edition of the *Galileo Enhanced Service Search and Rescue Service (SAR/GALILEO) Public Performance Report* for the period of October, November and December 2020. Following the declaration of the SAR/Galileo Enhanced Services in January 2020, issue 2.0 of [SAR-SDD] was published and is the reference document for the present performance report.

This document reports on the following performance parameters, with respect to their Minimum Performance Levels (MPLs) declared in the [SAR-SDD]:

- ◇ Forward Link Service, Detection and Location Performance;
- ◇ Return Link Service, RLM Delivery Latency and Reception Probability Performance;
- ◇ European MEOLUT and Space Segment Availability Performance.

The document comprises the following sections:

Section 1: is an introduction to this report. It includes the status of Galileo constellation for the Search and Rescue Service over the quarterly reporting period.

Section 2: Provides an executive summary of the achieved performance. Details are reported in the following chapters.

Section 3: Provides the detailed performance for the SAR/Galileo Forward Link Service.

Section 4: Provides the detailed performance of the SAR/Galileo Return Link Service.

Section 5: Provides the detailed performance for the SAR/Galileo Space Segment infrastructure availability.

Section 6: Provides supplementary performance metrics of interest, not subject to MPL.

Section 7: Lists the reference documents.

In October 2020, an anomaly on the monitoring tool impacted the SAR/Galileo MPL computation during a part of the month which therefore is not covered by this report. The additional measures in place during the outage period confirm that compliance to the MPL was always achieved and the SAR/Galileo Services were delivered nominally.

Table 1 provides the status of the relevant SAR/Galileo space constellation, for which the performance data has been derived for the reporting period.

Satellite Code	SV ID (PRN)	Cospas-Sarsat ID	Orbital Slot	Status
GSAT-0103	19	419	C04	Available
GSAT-0104	20	420	C05	Available ¹
GSAT-0201	18	418	Ecc ²	Available
GSAT-0202	14	414	Ecc ²	Available
GSAT-0203	26	426	B08	Available
GSAT-0205	24	424	A08	Available
GSAT-0204	22	422	B03	Available ³
GSAT-0206	30	430	A05	Available
GSAT-0207	07	407	C01	Available
GSAT-0208	08	408	C07	Available
GSAT-0209	09	409	C02	Available
GSAT-0210	01	401	A02	Available
GSAT-0211	02	402	A06	Available
GSAT-0212	03	403	C03	Available
GSAT-0213	04	404	C06	Available
GSAT-0214	05	405	C08	Available
GSAT-0215	21	421	A03	Available
GSAT-0216	25	425	A07	Available
GSAT-0217	27	427	A04	Available
GSAT-0218	31	431	A01	Available
GSAT-0219	36	436	B04	Available
GSAT-0220	31	413	B01	Available
GSAT-0221	15	415	B02	Available
GSAT-0222	33	433	B07	Available

Table 1: Galileo Reported Constellation Information for the SAR/Galileo Service

For the most up-to-date information, please refer to the European GNSS Service Centre (GSC) Web pages listed in Table 2 hereafter.

¹ Galileo satellite GSAT-0104 SART is active and used in operations only for SAR/Galileo FLS Service.

² Although Galileo satellites GSAT-0201 and GSA-0202 are located in an eccentric orbit, they have been declared operational for the SAR/Galileo Services

³ Galileo satellite GSAT-0204 SART is operational and available for FLS only, since May 4th 2020.

GNSS Service Centre Web Resources	
Constellation Information	www.gsc-europa.eu/system-status/Constellation-Information
Reference Constellation Orbital and Technical Parameters	www.gsc-europa.eu/system-service-status/orbital-and-technical-parameters
Incident Reporting	www.gsc-europa.eu/helpdesk (Report a Galileo Incident)
Interactive support to users	www.gsc-europa.eu/helpdesk (Raise your questions)

Table 2: GSC Main Information Web pages About Galileo Status

Note that the Galileo Help Desk allows close interaction with users, both to support the exploitation of Galileo services and collect relevant information on signal performance as observed by the users.

Finally, GSC provides an important service which consists in the provision of detailed orbit data for the Galileo satellites on a server accessible to the SAR community. Access to this server can be requested via the Galileo Help Desk.

2 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

During the reported period, the measured SAR/Galileo Service performance figures exceeded the Minimum Performance Level (MPL) targets specified in the [SAR-SDD] with significant margins except for the SAR transponder availability for GSAT0103.

The following dashboards (Table 3a and Table 3b) summarise the compliance with the MPLs, using the colour coding defined in the subsequent legend Table 3c.

SAR MPLs			Target Value	Element	October-20	November-20	December-20
Service	Detection (Probability)	Valid	>=99%	GAL-EU1 - Toulouse			
				GAL-EU2 - Spitsbergen			
				GAL-EU3 - Santa Maria			
				GAL-EU4 - Maspalomas			
				GAL-EU5 - Larnaca			
	Localization (Quality)	5 km [1-12 B]	>=95%	GAL-EU1 - Toulouse			
				GAL-EU2 - Spitsbergen			
				GAL-EU3 - Santa Maria			
				GAL-EU4 - Maspalomas			
				GAL-EU5 - Larnaca			
		5 km [SB]	>=90%	GAL-EU1 - Toulouse			
				GAL-EU2 - Spitsbergen			
				GAL-EU3 - Santa Maria			
				GAL-EU4 - Maspalomas			
				GAL-EU5 - Larnaca			
		L.Prob [SB]	>=90%	GAL-EU1 - Toulouse			
				GAL-EU2 - Spitsbergen			
				GAL-EU3 - Santa Maria			
				GAL-EU4 - Maspalomas			
	GAL-EU5 - Larnaca						
L.Prob [1-12 B]	>=98%	GAL-EU1 - Toulouse					
		GAL-EU2 - Spitsbergen					
		GAL-EU3 - Santa Maria					
		GAL-EU4 - Maspalomas					
		GAL-EU5 - Larnaca					
RLM Delivery	Latency <= 15 [min]	>=99%	Worst Case among all REFBEs				
RLM Reception	Probability	>=99%	Worst Case among all REFBEs				

Table 3a: MPL Fulfilment Status Dashboard

SAR MPLs			Target Value	Element	October-20	November-20	December-20
GSATSAR Transponder Availability	Per Satellite	Monthly Percentage	≥95%	GSAT-0103			
				GSAT-0104			
				GSAT-0201			
				GSAT-0202			
				GSAT-0203			
				GSAT-0204			
				GSAT-0205			
				GSAT-0206			
				GSAT-0207			
				GSAT-0208			
				GSAT-0209			
				GSAT-0210			
				GSAT-2011			
				GSAT-0212			
				GSAT-0213			
				GSAT-0214			
				GSAT-0215			
				GSAT-0216			
				GSAT-0217			
				GSAT-0218			
				GSAT-0219			
				GSAT-0220			
GSAT-0221							
GSAT-0222							
SAR Ground Segment Availability	MEOLUT Status	Nominal	≥95%	Larnaca			
				Maspalomas			
				Spitsbergen			
		Nominal or Degraded		Larnaca			
				Maspalomas			
				Spitsbergen			
	Forward Link Service			≥ 99%			
Return Link Service			≥95%				

Table 3b: MPL Fulfilment Status Dashboard (Availability)

Legend

	MPL measurement not available or not applicable
	Target Value for MPL is fulfilled
	Target Value for MPL is NOT fulfilled (less than 10% away from the Target Value)
	Target Value for MPL is NOT fulfilled (more than 10% away from the Target Value)

Table 3c: Dashboards legend colour code

The SAR/Galileo Forward Link and Return Link Service MPLs are computed based on the five SAR/Galileo Reference Beacons (REFBE) located in the SAR/Galileo Coverage area (SGC) defined in the

[SAR-SDD] and are provided for the worst and best REFBE location for each of the applicable individual performance parameters.

Several MPLs presented in the [SAR-SDD] are defined as annually normalised. In December 2020 we achieved the first annual normalisation cumulating 12 months of data collect from January 2020 and each value computed as a 12 months average met its target MPL.

The **Availability of the SAR/Galileo Forward Link Service** exceeded **98.9%** each month of the reported period and the annually normalised value since January 2020 achieved 99.7% in December, above the defined MPL of 99%.

The **Availability of the SAR/Galileo MEOLUT Facilities** in “Nominal” and “Nominal + Degraded” modes during the reporting period remains at excellent levels with annually normalised values in December better than **99.4%** and **99.7%** respectively, always above the MPL targets of 95% in “Nominal” and 97.5% in “Nominal + Degraded” modes.

The **Performance of the Detection Service** is above expectations, with monthly values of a valid message detection probability after a single transmitted burst of **100%** every months of the reported period, where the MPL target is 99%.

The **Performance of Location Probability** achieved excellent values with monthly values higher than **98.8%** for single burst, where the MPL target is 90%, and **100%** after 12 transmitted bursts (multi-burst), where the MPL target is 98%.

The **Performance of Location Accuracy** surpasses the targets with monthly values higher than **97.3%** for single burst and **99.4%** for multi-burst transmissions with an accuracy better than 5km, while the MPLs are 90% and 95% respectively.

The **Availability of the SAR/Galileo Return Link Service** was **100%** every month for the reported period with an MPL set to 95%.

The **RLS Delivery Latency within 15 min** was above **99.95%** and at **99.97%** in average over the reported period for an MPL set to 99%.

The **RLS Reception Probability** was above **100%** over the reported period for an MPL set to 99%.

The **Availability of the SAR Transponders** achieved excellent levels of performance reaching satellite transponder monthly availability of **100%** for all space vehicles during the reporting period and long-term availability above the MPL of 95% for all satellites except for GSAT-0103 (see section 5).

3 SAR/GALILEO FORWARD LINK SERVICE PERFORMANCES

This section reports the following detailed performance figures for the SAR/Galileo Forward Link Service:

- ❖ Service availability in section 3.1;
- ❖ European MEOLUT facility availability in section 3.2;
- ❖ Detection Probability in section 3.3;
- ❖ Location Probability in section 3.4.1;
- ❖ Location Accuracy in section 3.4.2.

3.1 FORWARD LINK SERVICE AVAILABILITY

The MPL for the Forward Link Service availability is defined in the [SAR-SDD]⁴. The Forward Link Service availability MPL is defined over a period of twelve months (long-term), with a sliding window moving one month ahead every month. When 12 months of data are not yet available (from January until November), the value is normalized over the period for which data are available. The value reported in December (99.7%) represents the 12 months averaged availability value for which the MPL is defined.

During the reported period, the monthly FLS availability was above **98.9%**. The normalised value since service declaration in January 2020 was above **99.7%** every month compliant with the MPL target of 99% defined over 12 months in particular in December.

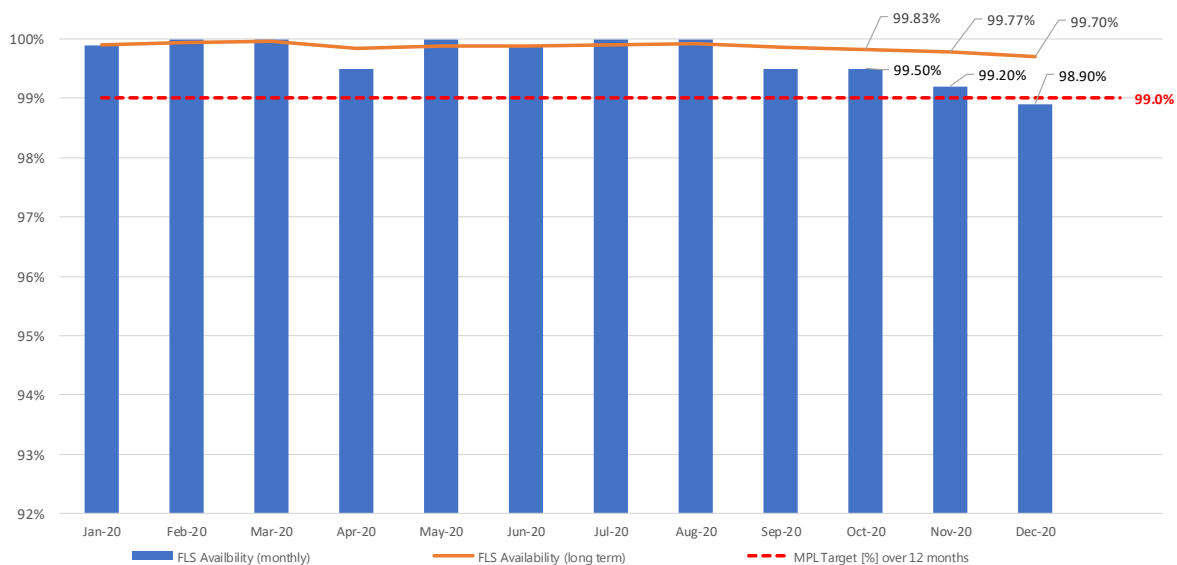


Figure 1: Forward Link Service Availability - monthly and long term trend

⁴ Ref.: [SAR-SDD], §5.1.1 (Table 9)

3.2 EUROPEAN MEOLUT FACILITY AVAILABILITY

The MPLs for the availability of the SAR/Galileo European MEOLUT Facility are defined in the [SAR-SDD] ⁵ over a period of twelve months (long-term), with a sliding window moving one month ahead every month. Figure 2 and Figure 3, below, also report the short term (monthly) EU MEOLUT Local Facility availability to show the performance trend over time.

During the reporting period, all EU MEOLUT Local Facilities show a long-term normalised “Nominal” mode availability performance compliant with the MPL target specified at 95%, achieving in December 2020 values of **99.4%**, **99.6%** and **99.8%** for respectively Larnaca, Maspalomas and Spitsbergen EU MEOLUT Facilities long term availability.

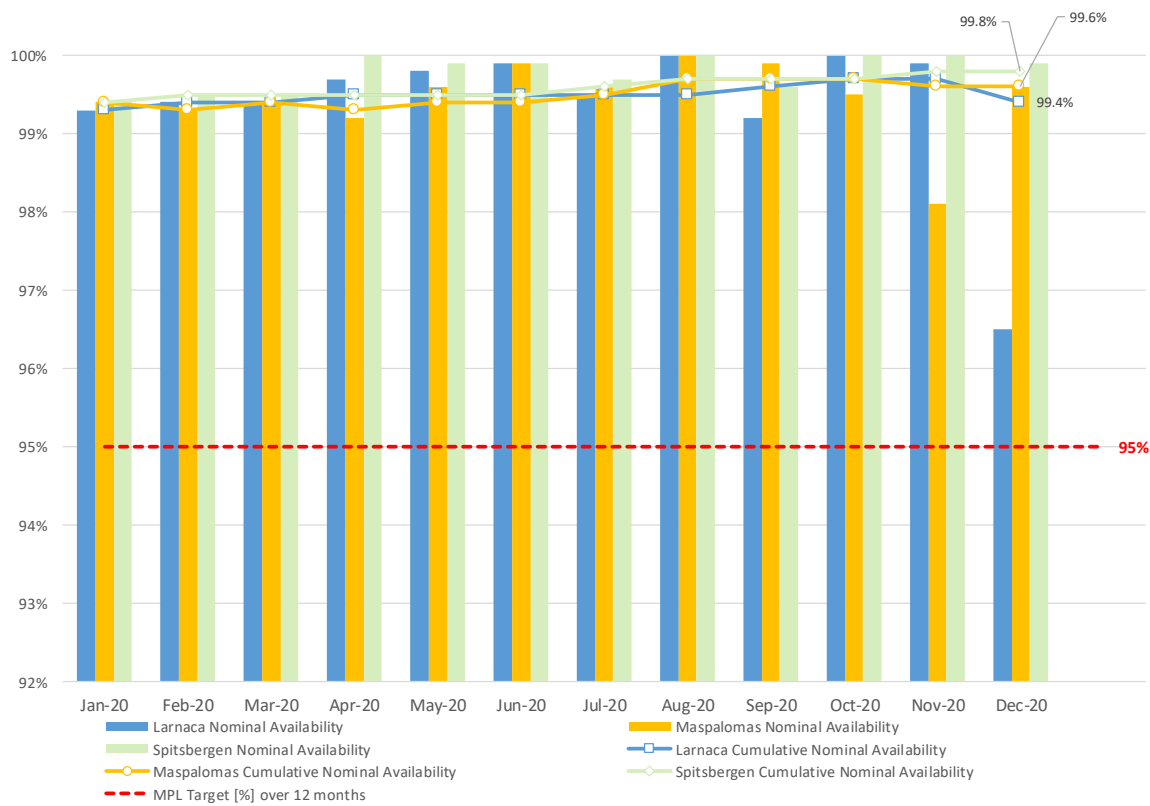


Figure 2: Per MEOLUT Facility Monthly Availability of Nominal Mode [%]

The “Nominal + Degraded” mode availability is reported in Figure 3 below with annually normalised values obtained per European MEOLUT Facility during the last twelve months of service, with an MPL target specified at 97.5%. The cumulative values always exceed the MPL for all the three European MEOLUT Facilities during the reporting period achieving in December 2020 the values of **99.7%**, **99.8%** and **99.8%** for respectively Larnaca, Maspalomas and Spitsbergen EU MEOLUT Facilities long term availability.

⁵ Ref.: [SAR-SDD], §5.1.2 (Table 10)

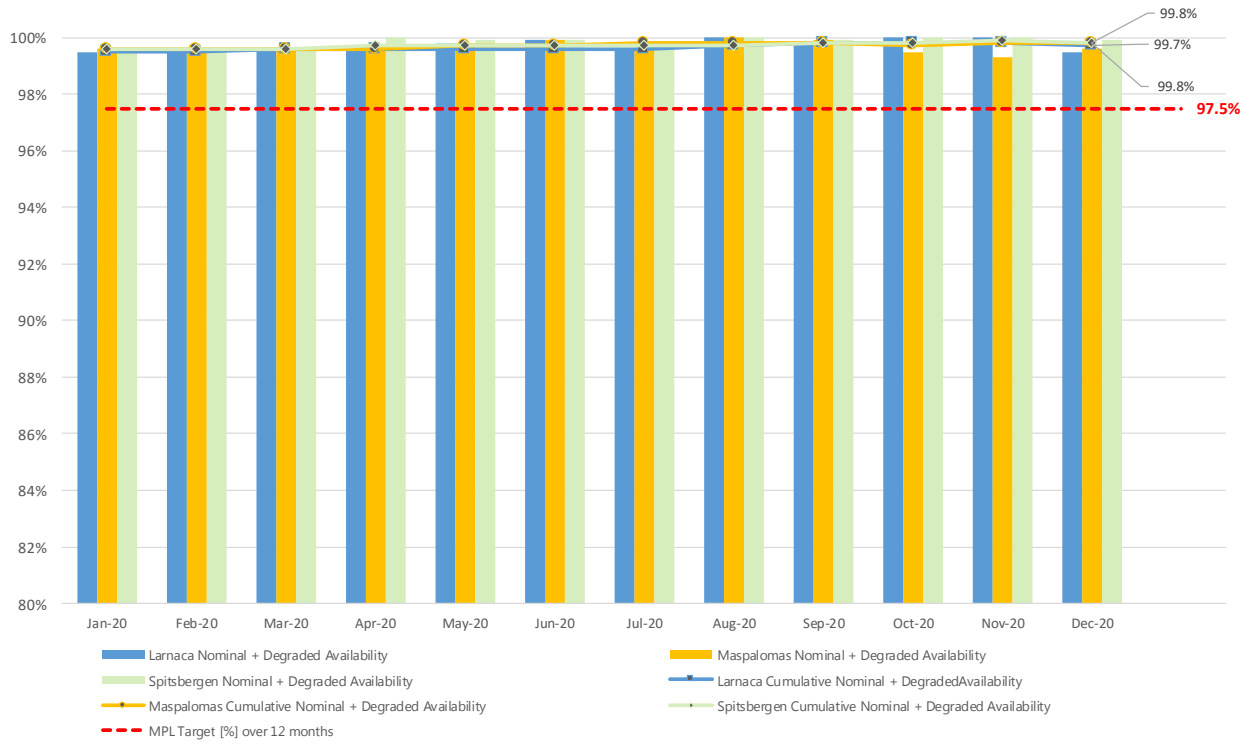


Figure 3: Per MEOLUT Facility Monthly Availability of "Nominal + Degraded" Mode [%]

3.3 DETECTION PERFORMANCES

The detection probability performance is computed for each Reference Beacon as the valid message detection probability after 1 transmitted burst. The detailed computation process for this performance parameter is described in the [SAR-SDD]. The MPL specified at 99%⁶ is valid whether the SAR/Galileo MEOLUT Facilities are in Nominal or Degraded mode. Figure 4 shows the monthly valid message detection probability for each Reference Beacon which achieved **100%** every month during the reporting period.

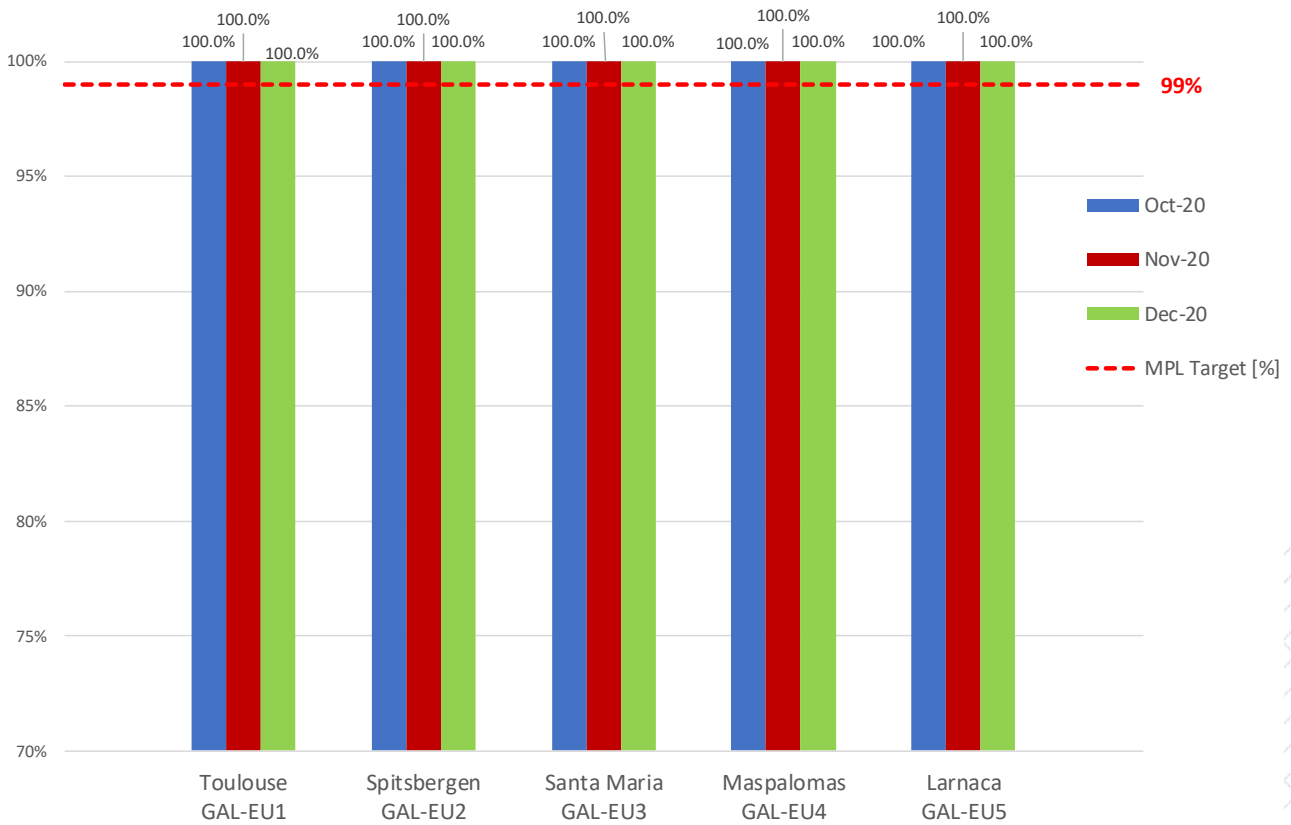


Figure 4: Per Reference Beacon Valid Message Detection Probability [%]

⁶ Ref.: [SAR-SDD], §5.1.3 (Table 11)

3.4 LOCATION PERFORMANCES

3.4.1 LOCATION PROBABILITY

The location probability performance is computed for each Reference Beacon after 1 transmitted burst (single-burst) and after 12 transmitted bursts (multi-burst). The detailed computation process for this performance parameter is described in the [SAR-SDD] and the MPLs specified at 90%⁷ in single burst and 98% in multi-burst are valid when the SAR/Galileo MEOLUT Facilities are in Nominal Mode.

Figure 5 below shows the monthly single-burst location probability which comfortably exceeds the defined MPL of 90% for each of the SAR/Galileo Reference Beacons, with a minimum value of **98.8%**, a best value of **100%** and an average over the reporting period of **99.8%**.

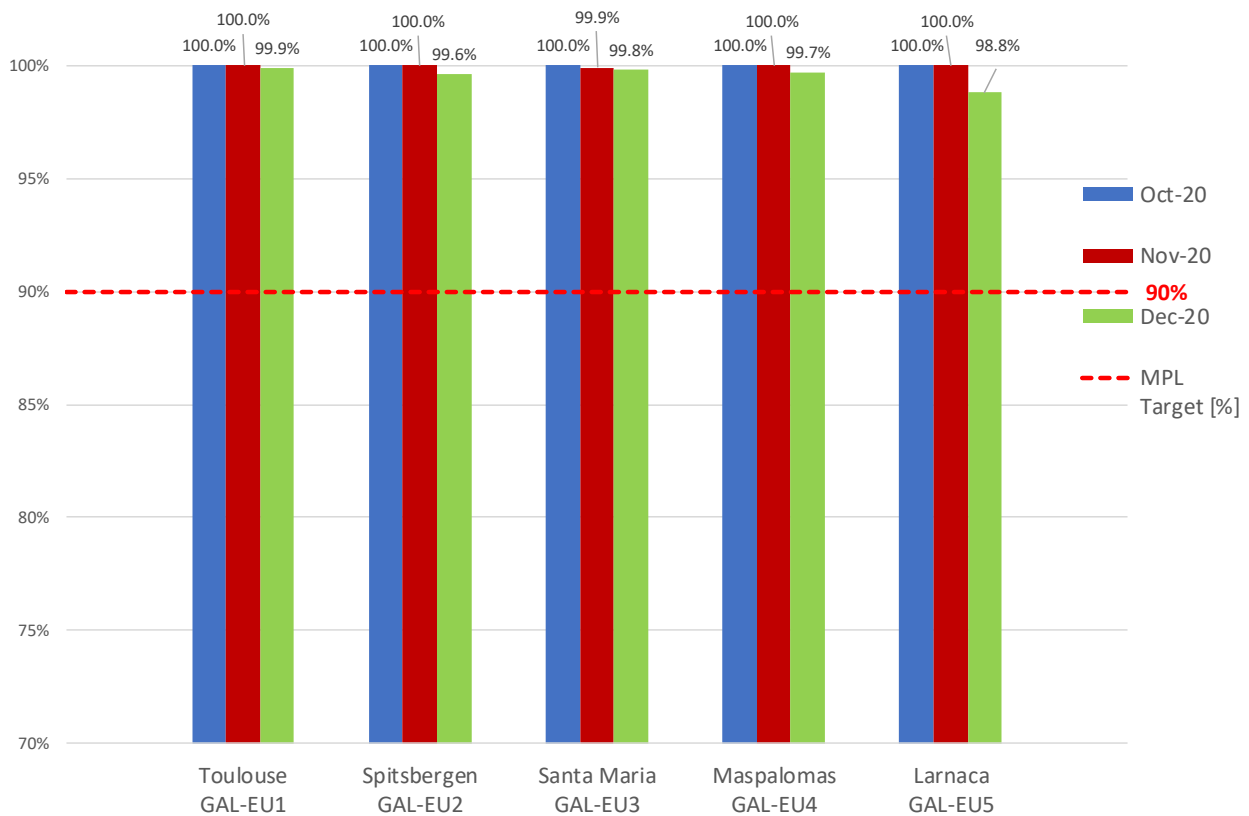


Figure 5: Per Reference Beacon Single Burst Location Probability [%]

⁷ Ref.: [SAR-SDD], §5.1.4 (Table 12)

The multi-burst location probability, displayed in Figure 6 below, is always **100%** for each of the REFBEs. Performance is always exceeding the defined [SAR-SDD]⁶ MPL target of 98%.

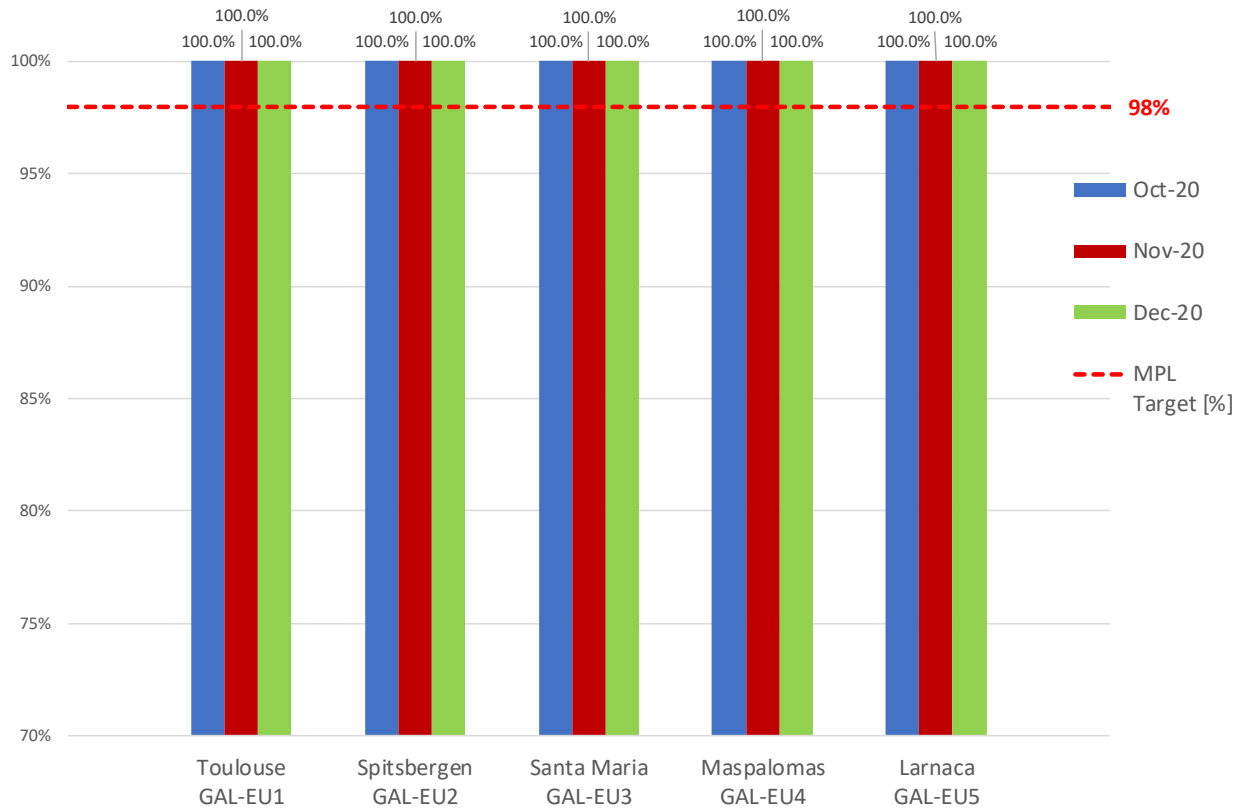


Figure 6: Per Reference Beacon Multi-Burst Location Probability [%]

3.4.2 LOCATION ACCURACY

The location accuracy performance is defined in the [SAR-SDD] as the probability to produce a location with an error bounded by a given threshold, namely 2km and 5km. The location accuracy MPLs specified in the [SAR-SDD]⁸ are valid when the MEOLUT is in Nominal mode and the results are presented per Reference Beacon in Figure 7, Figure 8 for the 5km error in single-burst and multi-burst and in Figure 10 for the 2km threshold in multi-burst only (reported only as metric).

The single-burst 5km location accuracy depicted in Figure 7 shows compliance by all REFBE to the [SAR-SDD] MPL target of 90%, with average value of **99.1%**, the worst performing REFBE achieving **97.3%** and the best performing **99.9%**.

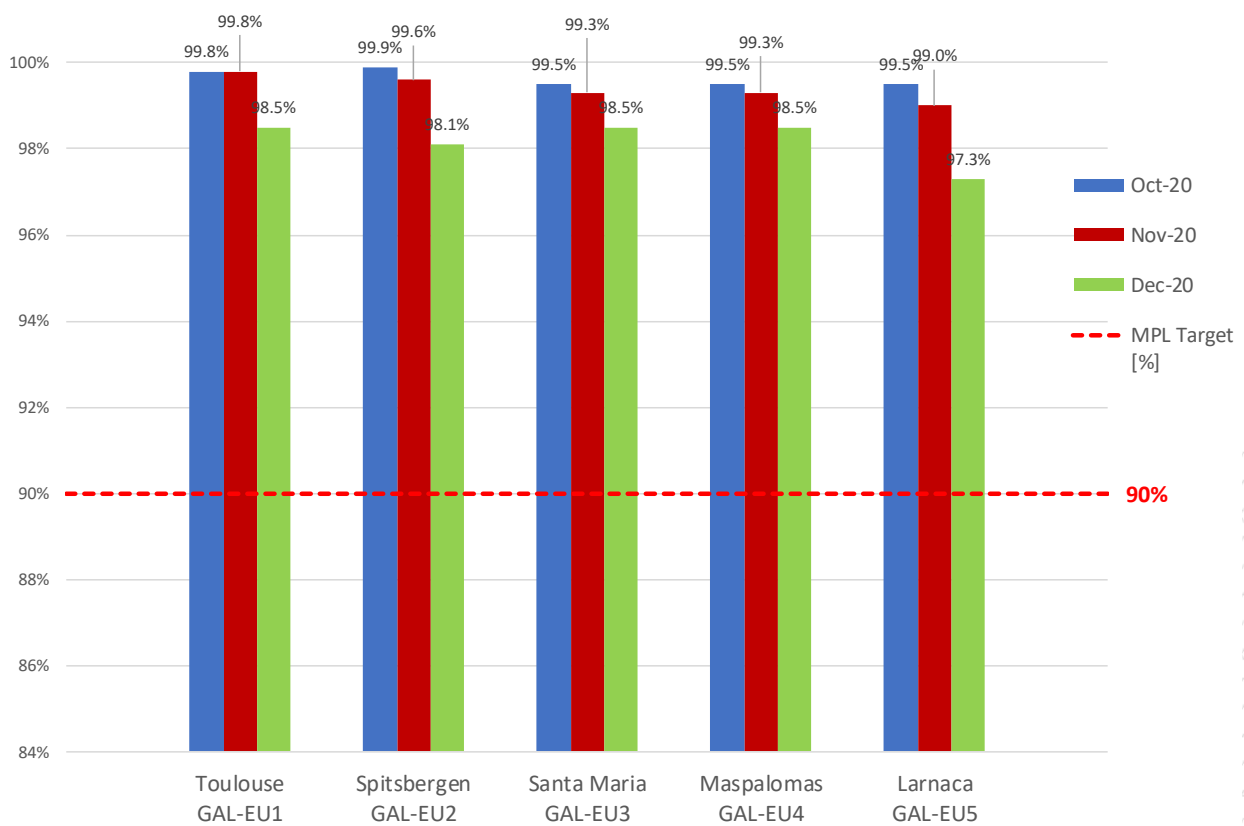


Figure 7: Per Reference Beacon Probability of 5km Accuracy in Single Burst [%]

⁸ Ref.: [SAR-SDD], §5.1.4 (Table 12)

The multi-burst location accuracy with 5km error, presented in Figure 8, achieved excellent levels of performance with average value for all REFBE of **99.8%** comfortably exceeding the [SAR-SDD] MPL specified as 95%. The worst performing REFBE achieved **99.4%** and the best **100%**.

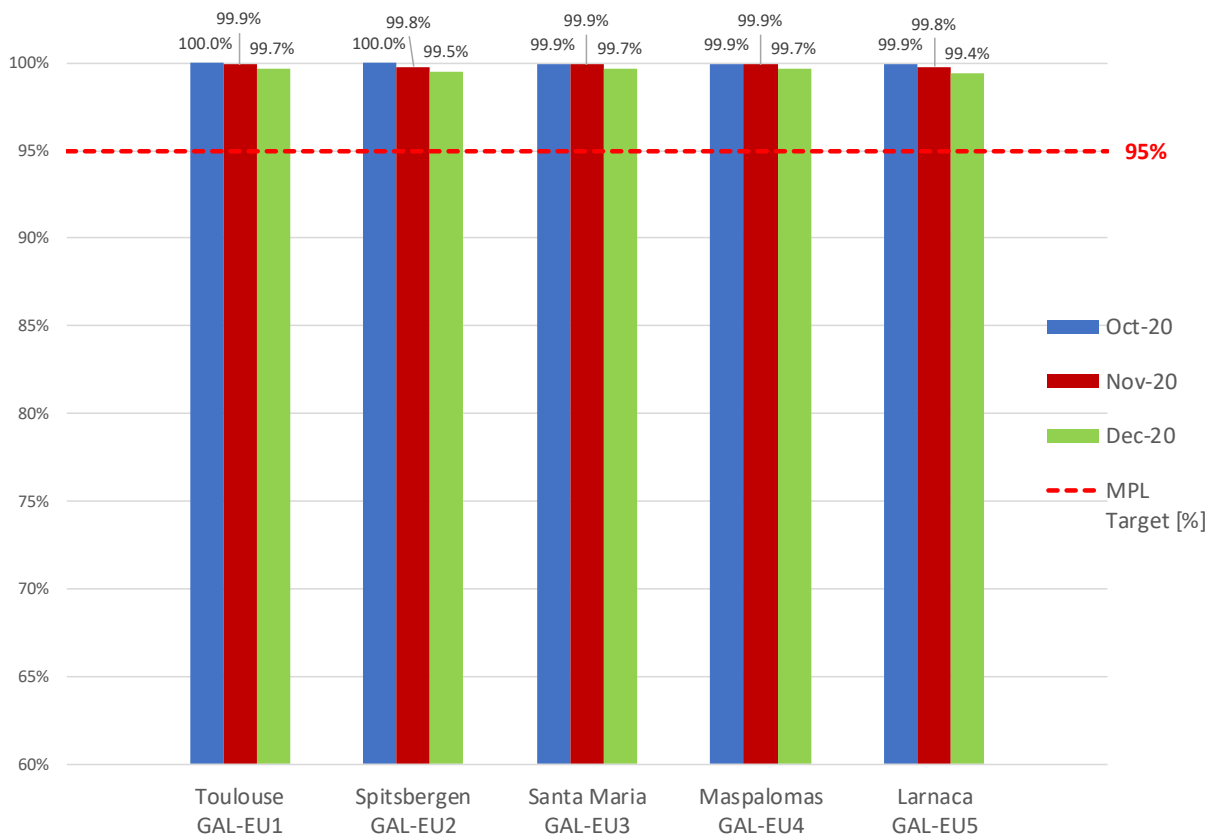


Figure 8: Per Reference Beacon Probability of 5km Accuracy in Multi-Burst [%]

4 RETURN LINK SERVICE PERFORMANCES

4.1 RETURN LINK SERVICE AVAILABILITY

The MPL for the Return Link Service availability is defined in the [SAR-SDD]⁹.

The Return Link Service availability MPL is defined over a period of twelve months (long-term), with a sliding window moving one month ahead every month. When 12 months of data are not yet available (from January until November), the value is normalized over the period for which data are available. The value reported in December (99.99%) represents the 12 months averaged availability value for which the MPL is defined.

During the reported period, the monthly RLS availability was **100%** every month, and the normalized value since service declaration in January 2020 was **99.99%** every month compliant with the MPL target of 99% defined over 12 months in particular in December.

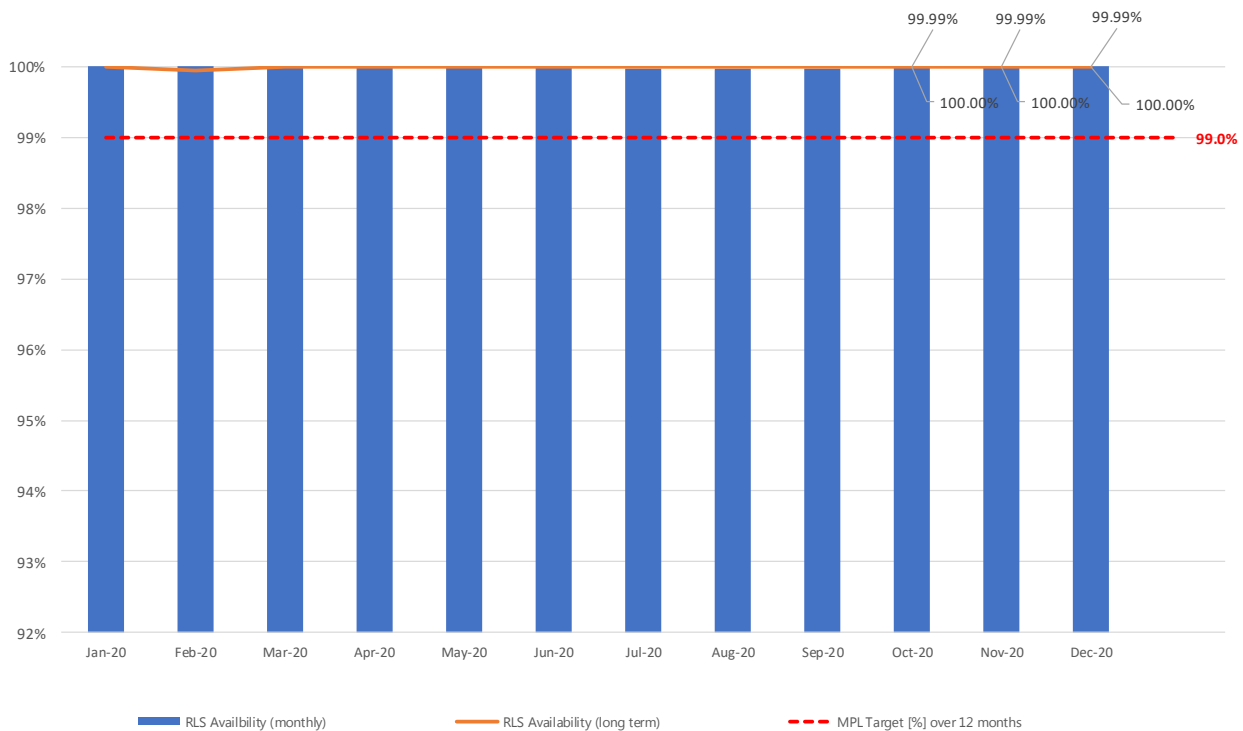


Figure 9: Return Link Service Availability - monthly and long term trend

⁹ Ref.: [SAR-SDD], §5.2.1 (Table 14)

4.2 RLM DELIVERY LATENCY AND RECEPTION PROBABILITY

The Galileo System delivery latency and RLM Reception Probability MPLs always refer to the percentage of time that the RLS is available and are bounded by transmission of the Galileo Navigation Message in the SIS and the probability of an error free decoding of the RLM fields of the Galileo Navigation Message retrieved from the SIS at the GNSS receiver in, or connected to, the originating alert beacon.

4.2.1 DELIVERY LATENCY

The RLS delivery latency within 15 [min] performance is computed over a calendar month. The boundaries of the monitored loop are defined in the [SAR-SDD] and the MPL is specified at 90%¹⁰.

During the reported period, the monthly delivery latency was above the MPL with an average value of **99.97%**.

SAR/Galileo RLS Delivery Latency within 15 min [%]	October 2020	November 2020	December 2020
MPL Target [99%]	100%	99.97%	99.95%

Table 4: Return Link Service Monthly Delivery Latency within 15 min, October – December 2020

4.2.2 RECEPTION PROBABILITY

The RLS reception probability performance is computed over a calendar month. The MPL defined in the [SAR-SDD] is set to 99%¹⁰.

During the reported period, the monthly reception probability was **100%** every month, above the MPL.

SAR/Galileo RLS Reception probability [%]	October 2020	November 2020	December 2020
MPL Target [99%]	100%	100%	100%

Table 5: Return Link Service Monthly Reception Probability, October – December 2020

¹⁰ Ref.: [SAR-SDD], §4.4 and §5.2.2 (Table 16)

5 SAR/GALILEO SPACE SEGMENT AVAILABILITY

The MPL defined in the [SAR-SDD] is set to 95%¹¹ for every single SAR transponder (SART), to be annually normalised. All Galileo SARTs obtained an excellent availability performance of **100%** every month, exception made for one specific event:

- GSAT-0103 SAR Transponder long term availability did not reach the MPL during October (94,33%) and November (94.84%). In December, the MPL was reached with a long term availability of 95.27%. The performance under the MPL in October and November is due to the on-board anomaly that occurred in March 2020 and was resolved in April 2020. As already stated, the SAR Transponder availability is normalised annually, therefore the anomaly in March still impacts the long-term availability although the monthly availability for the GSAT-103 was 100% for October, November and December.

¹¹ Ref.: [SAR-SDD], §5.3 (Table 18)

6 SUPPLEMENTARY METRICS

This section reports relevant performance metrics of the SAR/Galileo Service that are not MPLs.

6.1 LOCATION ACCURACY PERFORMANCE WITHIN 2KM

Multi-burst location accuracy within 2km is an Expected value defined in the [SAR-SDD] at 90%¹².

The expected value is met during the reporting period as displayed in Figure 10. The performance achieved is always better than the target value, with an average of **96.3%**, the best performing REFBE reaching **98.0%** and the worst one attaining **93.0%**.

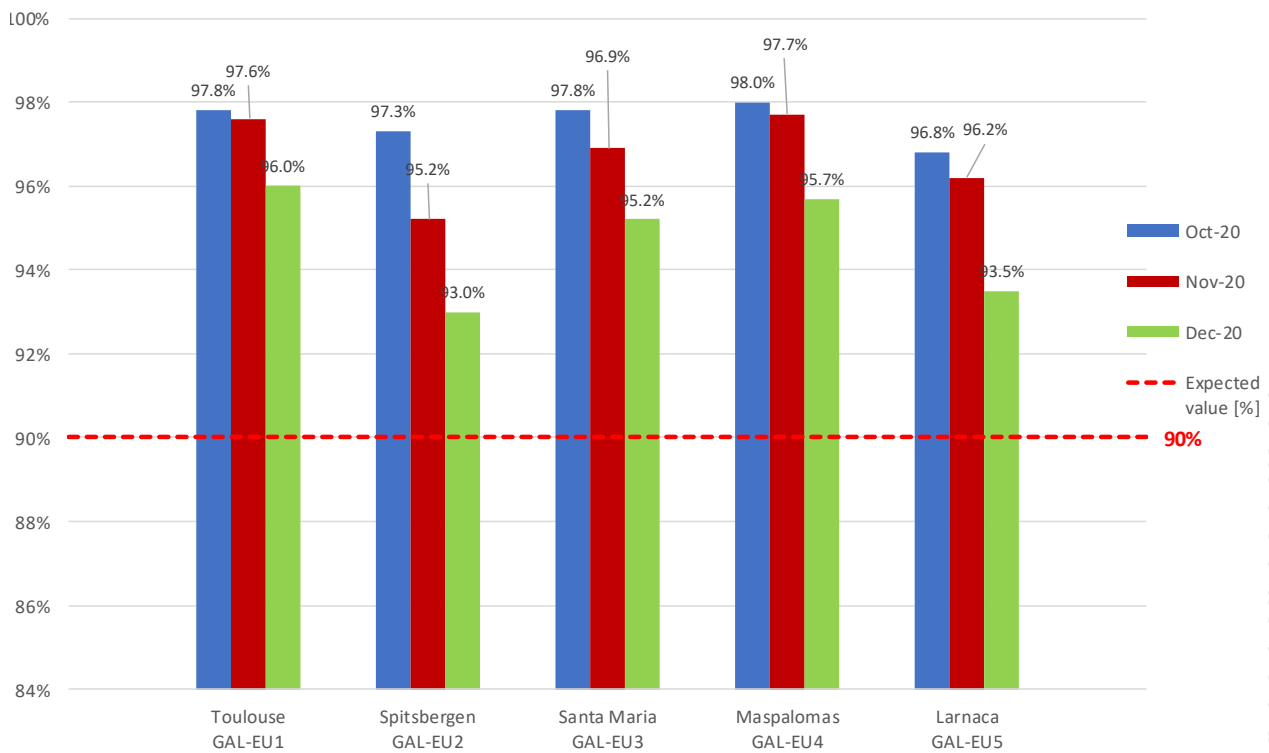


Figure 10: Per Reference Beacon Probability of 2km Accuracy in Multi-Burst [%]

¹² Ref.: [SAR-SDD], §5.1.4 (Table 13)

6.2 SAR/GALILEO SERVER AVAILABILITY

The [SAR-SDD] does not define a specific target for the SAR/Galileo Orbit Data Server availability, nevertheless it achieved an average value of **98%** during the reporting period.

The monthly average availability of orbital data for all Galileo satellites equipped with SAR Transponders and declared available for service is shown in Table 6 for information.

Other SAR/Galileo Ground Segment Elements	October 2020	November 2020	December 2020
SAR/Galileo Orbit Data Server Availability [%]	97.58%	97.08%	99.33%

Table 6: SAR/Galileo Orbit Data Server Monthly Availability, October – December 2020

7 REFERENCES

This section identifies the documents explicitly referenced in this SAR/Galileo Enhanced Service Public Performance Report.

[SAR-SDD] *European GNSS (Galileo) SAR/GALILEO Service Definition Document (SAR-SDD), Issue 2.0, European Union, January 2020.*

The [SAR-SDD] defines the SAR/Galileo Enhanced Service and its associated Minimum Performance Levels (MPLs).

8 LIST OF ACRONYMS

Acronym	Definition
<i>Cospas-Sarsat</i>	Cosmicheskaya Sistyema Poiska Avariynich Sudow-Search and Rescue Satellite-Aided Tracking
<i>EU</i>	European Union
<i>FLS</i>	Forward Link Service
<i>GSA</i>	European GNSS Agency
<i>GSAT</i>	Galileo Satellite
<i>GNSS</i>	Global Navigation Satellite System
<i>GSC</i>	European GNSS Service Centre
<i>MEOLUT</i>	Medium Earth Orbit Local User Terminal
<i>MPL</i>	Minimum Performance Level
<i>MTCF</i>	MEOLUT Tracking Coordination Facility
<i>PRN</i>	Pseudo-Random Noise
<i>REFBE</i>	SAR/Galileo Reference Beacon
<i>RLM</i>	Return Link message
<i>RLS</i>	Return Link Service
<i>SAR</i>	Search and Rescue
<i>SARN</i>	Search and Rescue Network
<i>SART</i>	Search and Rescue Transponder
<i>SDD</i>	Service Definition Document
<i>SGC</i>	SAR/Galileo Coverage

Acronym	Definition
<i>SIS</i>	Signal In Space
<i>SV</i>	Space Vehicle

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