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Galileo gives major backing to SuperHalfs Series

The European GNSS Agency (GSA) and SuperHalfs are delighted to announce that Galileo – the European Union’s global navigation satellite system - has thrown its support behind the international half marathon series as the new Presenting Partner.

Galileo is Europe’s independent, civilian and free system behind the location services that billions use every day in smartphones, cars, planes, fitness trackers and various other devices.

The Galileo constellation is the result of unprecedented cooperation and innovation between European Member States, industries, SMEs and user communities. Through SuperHalfs, a similar innovative and collaborative partnership has begun between the European cities of Lisbon, Prague, Copenhagen, Cardiff and Valencia as thousands of SuperHalfs runners plot their journey across the continent.

SuperHalfs will welcome a new wave of international participants and a global television audience when the series kicks off in Lisbon next month. Prague hosts the second leg before it heads to Copenhagen, across the North Sea to Cardiff and finishes up in the warm climes of Valencia in October.

Carlo Capalbo, SuperHalfs Founding Member commented: “One of the core values of SuperHalfs is to open up new horizons to runners, just as Europe is doing by providing timing and positioning services through Galileo, Europe’s civilian Global Navigation Satellite System.”

The appetite for the SuperHalfs series has exceeded all expectations, with three of the five events already sold out and the other two very close, after an influx of international participants chasing SuperRunner status.

Runners from around the world have created a virtual passport and started planning their journey ahead of the first race in Lisbon on 22 March. Many will be using Galileo-enabled devices as they plan their participation, using mapping apps or tracking their progress in training with a location-based fitness tracker.

“The SuperHalfs series gathers people who already understand the importance of accurate positioning and timing in monitoring sports performance, and to whom we want to pass the message that this accuracy is also being provided by Galileo, Europe’s global navigation satellite system, and is already available in their watches, smartphones or wearables. We are looking forward to seeing SuperHalfs runners run, and win, with Galileo,” **said Pascal Claudel, Acting Executive Officer of the European GNSS Agency.**



While general entries to the EDP Lisbon Half Marathon, Sportisimo Prague Half Marathon and Cardiff University Cardiff Half Marathon have sold-out, runners can still secure a place through the events' charity partners.

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More Info on the Series

The SuperHalfs is a series of the world's leading half marathons, including races in Lisbon, Prague, Copenhagen, Cardiff and Valencia. It offers running enthusiasts the opportunity to embark on their own running adventure whilst being rewarded for their efforts with exclusive benefits such as guaranteed entry, merchandise, stamps in a SuperPassport and a SuperMedal for completing the five-race circuit within 36 months.

All of the events are World Athletics' Gold Label races or are run on World Athletics (IAAF) World Championship courses. They are certified by AIMS or have been awarded a 5 Star Road Race standard by European Athletics. What's more, several races in the SuperHalfs group have played host to World Record performances.

More info: superhalfs.com

More info about Galileo

The GSA is the European Union Agency in charge of managing operations, security and service provision for Europe's Global Navigation Satellite System, Galileo and EGNOS.

Galileo, in particular, provides improved positioning and timing information thanks to its unique features such as signal authentication to prevent spoofing, additional frequencies for better accuracy in urban environments, and high accuracy service for more demanding applications.

Billions of users are already using Galileo in their mobile devices and wearables and are benefitting from better position performance. www.Usegalileo.eu

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