Second satellite for Galileo programme

GIOVE-B is the second satellite to test technology for Europe's Galileo global satellite navigation project, which aims to rival the existing U.S. Global Positioning System (GPS)

GALILEO
SYSTEM

GIOVE-B satellite

control systems

Global coverage: Even includes polar regions. More satellite viewing angles to avoid terrain blocking

► Global network 30 satellites to be placed in orbit by 2013, plus ground

- ▶ Accuracy: Positions determined to within a few centimetres – much more precise than GPS system
- ► Compatible with GPS: Civilian users receive common signal from GPS and Galileo satellites
- ▶ Independence: First civilian system to offer global coverage

Galileo in orbit: Signals from at least four satellites are needed for receiver to determine exact position on Earth.

