

TERIA: The GNSS Network for France

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SUMMARY

The French Union of licensed (private) Surveyors, Ordre des Géomètres Experts (www.geometre-expert.fr), is launching its own permanent network of GPS stations, with the intention of covering all the French territory by the end of 2005. It will be one of the largest GPS networks in the world. Till now, more than 600 surveyors (i.e. about one third of all French surveyors) have associated themselves to the project. A consortium of companies, bringing together Thales Navigation, Martec-Tekelec and Geo++, have been chosen for the implementation of the network, which will be compatible with the French national mapping agency (IGN) own network. It should provide any user, in particular the French surveyors, with a centimetre accuracy. It will also be accessible to any other interested user.