

Space-To-Ground Team



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Proposal

Involve Galileo/ESA in an ESA colleagues **Panda-Raid project** taking place in an **uncommon area of interest** (route through North to South of Europe and African Sahara Desert) in which the **Galileo services** (Search and Rescue, Receiver, Mobile apps) can be **utilized onboard** (e.g. to assess and verify signal, to cross-compare signal and position, to retrieve dynamic data, etc.)



Panda Raid Definition

Neither a holidays time nor a guided trip, it is an unique rally experience, an adventure and an **un-comfortable trip!**

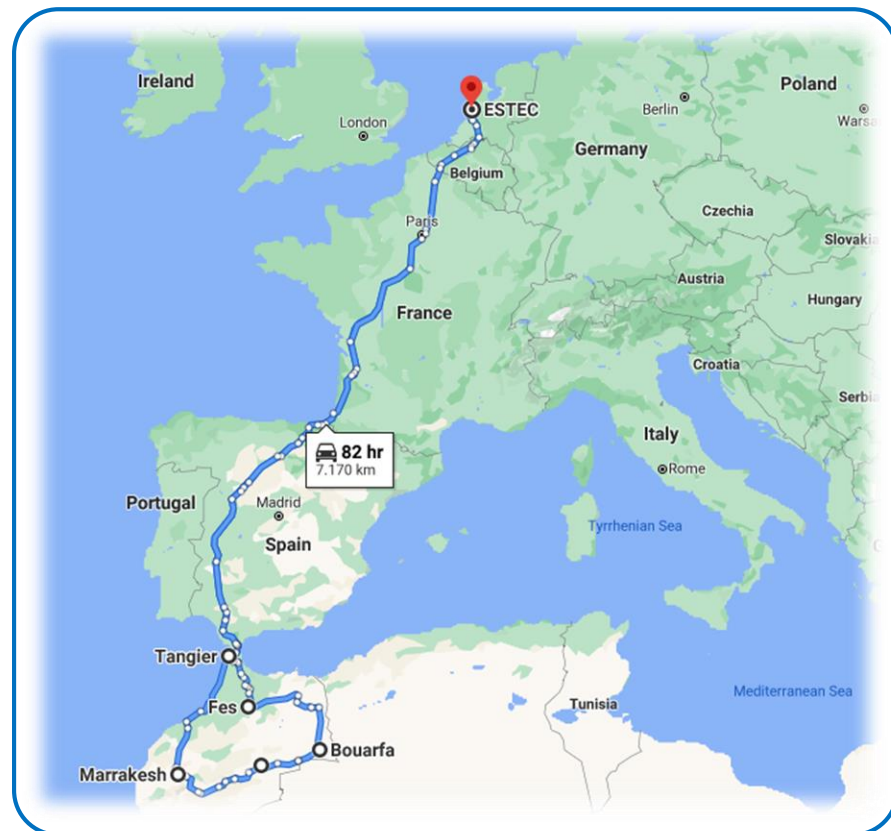
The **challenge is to make** it until the end, velocity and time are not the objectives!



Panda Raid in numbers and Route

Panda-Raid in numbers:

- **7** stages
- **8000** km in total (50°N-30°N and 5°E-10°W)
- **3000** km along Sahara Desert
- **350** teams
- Driving classic **20** years old Fiat Panda



ESA Space-To-Ground Team

- Team-name: **Space-To-Ground**
- **2x ESTEC** adventurer and enthusiastic **engineers**:
 - Cesar Bernal TEC-SPS
 - Javier Fernandez TEC-SWF
- Return Trip ESTEC-Morocco Rally-ESTEC (**8000km**)
- Use of **Space related technologies** on board
- 2000 Fiat Panda, 900cc



- **Unconventional use case for Galileo Verification:**
 - Isolated area (Sahara desert/Morocco)
 - Lower latitude (constellation configuration and observability., different atmospheric effect)
 - Dynamic time acquisition (days span)
 - Dynamic space (8000km) ESTEC (50°N) to Morocco (30°N)
- Use of **Galileo Search and Rescue** with personal beacon for real and simulated events.
- Comparison between **Galileo receiver** vs. **mobile apps**
- Comparison between **Galileo** vs. **pre-established route**
- Comparison between **Galileo** vs. **other constellations**

- **IoT** (Internet of the Things) **CubeSat Constellation** use for transference of telemetry data
- On board space technology in the extreme earth conditions, & using new future techniques research by ESA (MDE/CBSE/AI).
 - Software frames in order to speed up the development process (i.e TASTE).
 - RTOS prequalified in the space, RTEMS 5.1 SMP
 - Space hardware based on evaluation boards

Outreach and Advertisement

- Galileo/ESA logo large **stickers** on the car
- **Website** with real time information including Galileo/ESA logo
- Team **Shirts** and **caps** with Galileo/ESA logo
- **Posters** and **presentation/paper** after the activity to present results



Coming Next

- **Mongol Rally 2022** (Same car, team & approach)
- **16.000 km** during **6-8 weeks**
- Crossing **Europe and Asia** from London to Mongolia (0-55°E)
- <https://www.theadventurists.com/adventures/mongol-rally>

