

Arianespace flight VA239 : Intelsat 37e / BSAT-4a

The launch readiness review (RAL) took place in Kourou on Friday, September 1st, 2017 and authorized count-down operations for Ariane Intelsat 37e / BSAT-4a.

For its ninth launch of the year, and the fifth Ariane 5 mission in 2017 from the Guiana Space Center in French Guiana, Arianespace will orbit Intelsat 37e for the operator Intelsat and BSAT-4a for the manufacturer SSL (Space Systems Loral) in the framework of a turnkey contract for the Japanese operator Broadcasting Satellite System Corporation (B-SAT).

With this 292th mission performed by its family of launchers, and the 239th utilizing an Ariane family launch vehicle - Arianespace is at the service of the latest innovation in space telecommunications.

The liftoff will be from the Ariane Launch Complex (ELA) in Kourou, French Guiana (South America).

Launch time



Liftoff is planned on **Tuesday, September 5th, 2017** as early as possible within the following launch window:

- > **Between 5:51 p.m. and 6:24 p.m.**, Washington, D.C. time
- > **Between 6:51 p.m. and 7:24 p.m.**, in Kourou, French Guiana
- > **Between 21:51 and 22:24**, Universal Time (UTC)
- > **Between 11:51 p.m. and 00:24 a.m.**, Paris time during the night of September 5 to 6
- Between 6:51 a.m. and 7:24 a.m.**, Tokyo time on September 6.

1 Telephotos

On this occasion two HD photos will be sent by e-mail through AFP, EPA, reuter'S, associated press, kyodo press service (via reuter's). In Europe via anp, ansa, apa, belga, dpa, efe, keystone, lusa, pressebild and in Japan via JJI press.

- 1.1 Ariane 5 launch vehicle on the ELA 3 launch pad (at sunset), **at 8:00 pm local time on September 4th, 2017 (i.e. 23:00 UT).**
- 1.2 Lift off of the Ariane 5, **starting from H0+1 hour 30min on September 5th, 2017 (i.e. 1:21 UT on September 06, 2017)** if lift off happens at the beginning of the launch window.

Important :

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2 Live TV and eurovision coverage

2.1 Live TV coverage:

Arianespace gives free of charge, for TV news purposes only, the live video transmission (or part of it) of the launch starting H-15 mn.

The signal is at your disposal at EBU Geneva center.

Contact EBU : worldfeed@eurovision.net – hotline +41 22 717 2790–. The video transmission is available with French and English technical commentaries. The signal is also available in the USA. Contact: Aaron Lewis +1 (202) 628-3936.

Any requests for use must be formalized in collaboration with our press office before 4 p.m. (Paris time) on September 4th, 2017. Arianespace copyright should be mentioned for each use.

The signal is available only for TV and not for video streaming on the Internet. For any use of the video streaming, please contact Arianespace Press Department (at least 3 days prior to the launch) which will indicate the conditions to create a link with the official Arianespace website (arianespace.com).

2.2 Eurovision coverage:

A short topic of the launch will be available in the EVN/EUROVISION.

Contact at the Eurovision News in Geneva: evn@eurovision.net

Thanking you in advance for taking advantage of these EVN/EUROVISION topics.

3 Live on Internet

Live, high-speed, full-screen: See the next Ariane launch on arianespace.com

No matter where you are, go online for the launch, scheduled during the night of September 5th, 2017. The webcast will start 15 mn before lift off

You can also watch the video transmission live on your iPad or iPhone, the Arianespace HD.App is available and it's free.

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