

## Communiqué de presse - Press release

# Arianespace flight VS21: OneWeb

The launch readiness review (RAL) took place in Kourou on Tuesday, February 26, 2019 and authorized countdown operations for flight Soyuz VS21 – OneWeb.

For its second mission of the year — and the initial flight in 2019 with the Soyuz medium launcher - Arianespace will perform the first launch for the OneWeb constellation.

By operating this maiden flight, out of 21 launches on behalf of the global satellite operator, Arianespace participates in the fulfilment of its customer's ultimate ambition: providing Internet access for everyone, everywhere.

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

## Launch time



Liftoff is scheduled for [Wednesday, February 27, 2019](#) at exactly:

- > 04:37 p.m., in Washington, D.C.
- > 06:37 p.m., in Kourou, French Guiana
- > 21h37 Universal Time (UTC)
- > 10:37 p.m., in Paris
- > 00:37 a.m., in Moscow on February 28, 2019
- > 06:37 a.m., in Tokyo on February 28, 2019.

## 1 Telephotos

On this occasion a 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 JIJI press.

Lift off of the Soyuz, [starting from H0+1 hour 30min on February 27, 2019 \(i.e. 23:07 UT on February 27, 2019\)](#) if lift off happens at the beginning of the launch window.

Important : **Crédit photo : « Service Optique CSG ».**  
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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-20 mn.

The signal is at your disposal at EBU Geneva center and through the EUROVISION'S WORLDFEED SERVICE.

Contact EBU : [worldfeed@eurovision.net](mailto:worldfeed@eurovision.net) – hotline +41 22 717 2790.

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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 February 26, 2019. Arianespace copyright must 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](http://arianespace.com)).

## 2.2 Eurovision coverage:

A short topic of the launch will be available in the EUROVISION NEWS EXCHANGE network:

Contact at the Eurovision News in Geneva: [evn@eurovision.net](mailto:evn@eurovision.net)

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

A complete registered VT program in broadcast quality will also be available in the EUROVISION WORLDLINK video on demand platform (<https://www.eurovision.net/worldlink/>) less than two hours after the end of the live VT broadcast.

## 3 Live on Internet

Live, high-speed, full-screen: Arianespace's video transmissions are now available on the company's responsive website and YouTube channel.

We invite you to enjoy the Soyuz launch VS21 on our live broadcasts and past programs:

- Arianespace website: <http://www.arianespace.com>
- Arianespace on YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/arianespace>

No matter where you are, go online for the launch scheduled on February 27, 2019 (Universal time). The webcast will start 20 min before liftoff.

## 4 Arianespace press contacts

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