

Communiqué de presse - Press release

Arianespace flight VS22: O3b Satellites

The launch readiness review (RAL) took place in Kourou on Wednesday, April 3, 2019 and authorized countdown operations for flight Soyuz VS22– O3b-F5.

For its fourth mission of 2019 — and the second this year with the Soyuz medium launcher from the Guiana Space Center (CSG) in French Guiana, Arianespace will be launching four more O3b satellites for SES.

By performing the 22nd Soyuz flight from the CSG, Arianespace is supporting — for the fifth time — SES in the expansion of its successful Non-Geostationary Satellite Orbit (NGSO) satellite constellation.

Operational since 2014, the O3b medium Earth orbit (MEO) satellite constellation delivers fiber-equivalent connectivity, and is part of SES's bold vision of connecting people and empowering them with opportunities.

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

Launch time



Liftoff is scheduled for **Thursday, April 4, 2019** at exactly:

- > **12:30:37 p.m.**, in Washington, D.C.
- > **01:30:37 p.m.**, in Kourou, French Guiana
- > **16:30:37** Universal Time (UTC)
- > **06:30:37 p.m.**, in Luxembourg and Paris
- > **07:30:37 p.m.**, in Moscow
- > **01:30:37 a.m.**, in Tokyo on April 5, 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 April 4, 2019 (i.e. 18:00 UT on April 4, 2019)** if lift off happens at the beginning of the launch window.

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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 – 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 noon (Paris time) on April 4, 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).

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

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 VS22 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 April 4, 2019 (Universal time). The webcast will start 20 min before liftoff.

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