

Communiqué de presse - Press release

Arianespace Flight VA249: Intelsat 39/EDRS-C

The launch readiness review (RAL) took place in Kourou on Friday, August 2nd, 2019, and authorized count-down operations for Ariane 5 Flight VA249.

For its third flight with Ariane 5 this year, Arianespace will orbit two telecommunications satellites for long-term customers: Intelsat 39, for the operator Intelsat; and the EDRS-C satellite, based on a public-private partnership between the European Space Agency (ESA) and Airbus.

Through this mission, Arianespace highlights its ability to be at the service of innovative satellite solutions for commercial and institutional needs.

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

Launch time



Lift-off is planned on **Tuesday, August 6, 2019** as early as possible within the following launch window:

- > **Between 3:30 p.m. and 5:51 p.m.** Washington DC time
- > **Between 4:30 p.m. and 6:51 p.m.** Kourou, French Guiana time
- > **Between 19:30 and 21:51** Universal Time (UTC)
- > **Between 9:30 p.m. and 11:51 p.m.** Paris time

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 JIJ press.

- 1.1 Ariane 5 launch vehicle on the ELA 3 launch pad (at sunset), **at 08:00 p.m. Kourou time, on August 5, 2019 (i.e. 23:00 UTC).**
- 1.2 Lift-off of the Ariane 5, **starting from H0+1 hour 30min on August 6, 2019, at 06:00 pm., Kourou time (i.e. 21:00 UTC on August 6, 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-15 min.

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 –

The video transmission is available with French and English technical commentaries. The signal is also available in the USA.

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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 on the EUROVISION NEWS EXCHANGE network:

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

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

A complete registered VT program in broadcast quality will also be available on 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 in the company's responsive website and YouTube channel.

We invite you to enjoy the Ariane 5 launch VA249 in 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 August 6, 2019 (19:30 UTC). The webcast will start 15 min before lift-off.

4. Arianespace press contacts

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