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ARIANESPACE FLIGHT VV09: Sentinel-2B

The Launch Readiness Review (RAL) took place in Kourou on Saturday, March 4, 2017 and authorized count-down operations for Sentinel-2B.

For its third launch of the year - and the ninth to be performed by the Vega launcher since its first liftoff from the Guiana Space Center in 2012 - Arianespace will orbit the Sentinel-2B satellite, a part of Europe's Copernicus Earth observation program, on behalf of the European Commission within the scope of a contract with the European Space Agency (ESA).

As a multi-purpose launch vehicle that already has demonstrated its capabilities during the eight previous successful missions, Vega is now fully operational in commercial service - and will be performing its sixth flight for Earth observation.

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

LAUNCH TIME



Liftoff is scheduled for **Monday, March 6, 2017**, at exactly:

- > 08:49:24 p.m., Washington D.C. time
- > 10:49:24 p.m., local time in French Guiana
- > 1:49:24, Universal Time (UTC), on March 7th
- > 2:49:24 a.m., Paris and Brussels time, on March 7th

1. TELEPHOTOS

On this occasion a HD photo will be sent by e-mail through afp, EPA, reuter's, associated press, kyodo press service (via reuter's). In Europe via afp photo, to anp, ansa, apa, belga, dpa, efe, keystone, lusa, pressesbild and in Japan via JIJI press.

Lift off of Vega, **starting from H0+1 hour 30mn on March 6, 2017 (i.e. 3:19 am. UT).**

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2 LIVE TV AND EUROVISION COVERAGE

1.1 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 Hugo Pardo +41 22 717 2822. 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.

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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).

1.2 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 Vega launch on arianespace.com

No matter where you are, go online for the launch, scheduled during the night of March 6, 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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