

Communiqué de presse - Press release

Arianespace Flight VV15: FalconEye1

The launch readiness review (RAL) took place in Kourou on Thursday, July 4, 2019, with a positive conclusion.

For its sixth launch of the year, and the 15th Vega mission since this launcher began its career at the Guiana Space Center in 2012, Arianespace will orbit the FalconEye1 satellite.

This Earth observation satellite for the United Arab Emirates was developed by Airbus Defence and Space as prime contractor and Thales Alenia Space as co-prime.

Flight VV15 marks the 12th Earth observation mission for Vega, a versatile light launcher.

The lift-off will be performed from the Vega Launch Complex (ZLV) in Kourou, French Guiana (South America).

Launch time



The targeted liftoff timing (subject to suitable weather conditions at the Guiana Space Center) is

Sunday, July 7, 2019 at exactly:

- > **9:53:03 p.m.**, Washington D.C., USA time
- > **10:53:03 p.m.**, Kourou, French Guiana time
- > **1:53:03** Universal Time (UTC) on July 8
- > **3:53:03 a.m.**, in Paris, France time, on July 8
- > **5:53:03 a.m.**, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (UAE) time, on July 8.

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 JIJI press.

- 1.1 Lift-off of the Vega, [starting from H0+1 hour 30min on July 8, 2019, at 00:23 a.m., Kourou time \(i.e. 03:23 a.m. UTC on July 8, 2019\).](#)

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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 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 Vega launch VV15 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 July 7, 2019 (Universal time). The webcast will start 15 min before lift-off.

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