

## Communiqué de presse - Press release

# Arianespace Flight VA250: TIBA-1 and Inmarsat GX5

The launch readiness review (RAL) took place in Kourou on Wednesday, November 20, 2019, and authorized count-down operations for Ariane 5 Flight VA250.

On its fourth flight with Ariane 5 in 2019, Arianespace will orbit two telecommunications satellites at the service of long-term customers: TIBA-1 for Thales Alenia Space and Airbus Defence and Space, on behalf of the Government of Egypt; and the GX5 satellite for the operator Inmarsat.

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

VA250 will be the 250th launch of an Ariane rocket, which lifted off for the first time on December 24, 1979.

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

## Launch time



Lift-off is planned on **Friday, November 22, 2019** as early as possible within the following launch window:

- > **Between 4:08 p.m. and 5:43 p.m.** Washington, D.C. time
- > **Between 6:08 p.m. and 7:43 p.m.** Kourou, French Guiana time
- > **Between 21:08 and 22:43** Universal / London Time (UTC/UK time)
- > **Between 10:08 p.m. and 11:43 p.m.** Paris time, on the night of November 22
- Between 11:08 p.m. and 00:43 a.m.** Cairo time, during the night of November 22 to 23.

## 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 Ariane 5 launch vehicle on the ELA 3 launch pad (at sunset), **at 08:00 p.m. Kourou time, on November 21, 2019 (i.e. 23:00 UTC)**.
- 1.2 Lift-off of the Ariane 5, **starting from H0+1 hour 30min on November 22, 2019, at 07:38 pm., Kourou time (i.e. 22:38 UTC on November 22, 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-20min.

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

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Any requests for use must be formalized in collaboration with our press office before 04:00 p.m. (Paris time) on November 21, 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 on the EUROVISION NEWS EXCHANGE network:

Contact at the Eurovision News in Geneva: [evn@eurovision.net](mailto: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 VA250 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 November 22, 2019 (21:08 UTC). The webcast will start 20 min before lift-off.

## 4. Arianespace press contacts

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