

## Communiqué de presse - Press release

### VA251: ARIANESPACE'S FIRST LAUNCH IN 2020, USING ARIANE 5 AT THE SERVICE OF EUTELSAT AND ISRO

The launch readiness review (RAL) took place in Kourou on Tuesday, January 14, and authorized count-down operations for Ariane 5 Flight VA251.

For its initial flight of 2020, Arianespace will orbit two telecommunications satellites using an Ariane 5 launch vehicle from the Guiana Space Center: EUTELSAT KONNECT for the operator Eutelsat; and GSAT-30 for the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO).

Arianespace will confirm its leadership in the geostationary launch services market segment through this 107th Ariane 5 mission, to be performed as the company celebrates 40 years since its creation.

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

#### Launch time



Lift-off is planned on **Thursday, January 16, 2020** as early as possible within the following launch window:

- > Between 4:05 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Washington, D.C. time
- > Between 6:05 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Kourou, French Guiana time
- > Between 21:05 and 23:00 Universal time (UTC)
- > Between 10:05 p.m. and 12:00 a.m. Paris time, in the night of January 16 to 17
- Between 2:35 a.m. and 4:30 a.m. New Delhi time, in the morning of January 17.

#### 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 January 15, 2019 (i.e. 23:00 UTC).**
- 1.2 Lift-off of the Ariane 5, **starting from H0+1 hour 30min on January 16, 2020, at 07:35 pm., Kourou time (i.e. 22:35 UTC on January 16, 2020)** if lift-off happens at the beginning of the launch window.

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#### 2. Live TV and eurovision coverage

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### 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-15min.

The signal is at your disposal at EBU Geneva center and through the EUROVISION'S WORLDFEED SERVICE.

Contact EBU: [worldfeed@eurovision.net](mailto: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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Any requests for use must be formalized in collaboration with our press office before 04:00 p.m. (Paris time) on January 15, 2020. 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 VA251 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 January 16, 2020 (21:05 UTC). The webcast will start 15 min before lift-off.

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