

Communiqué de presse - Press release

Arianespace Flight VV16: SSMS PoC Flight VEGA FLIGHT VV16: NEW LAUNCH OPPORTUNITY BEGINS ON SEPTEMBER 1

The launch readiness review (RAL) took place in Kourou on Monday, August 31, 2020, and authorized count-down operations for Vega Flight VV16.

Arianespace has rescheduled the 16th flight for Vega within a launch window from September 1 to September 4, with a more than 90% probability of the launch going ahead.

Flight VV16 has been pushed back several times, notably due to the persistence of exceptionally unfavorable winds aloft at the Guiana Space Center in French Guiana.

With this mission, Arianespace is underscoring its comprehensive range of innovative and competitive services to address the nano- and microsatellite market sub-segment, serving both institutional and commercial needs.

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

Launch time



Liftoff is planned on **Tuesday, September 1st, 2020**, at exactly:

- > **9:51:10 p.m.**, Washington, D.C. time,
- > **10:51:10 p.m.**, Kourou, French Guiana time,
- > **01:51:10**, Universal Time (UTC), on September 2,
- > **03:51:10 a.m.**, Paris and Rome time, on September 2.

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 Vega launch vehicle on the ELA 3 launch pad (at sunset), **at 08:00 p.m. Kourou time, on August 31, 2020 (i.e. 23:00 UTC).**
- 1.2 Lift off of the Vega, **starting from H0+1 hour 30min on September 2nd 2020, at 00:21 a.m., Kourou time (i.e. 03:21 a.m. UTC on September 2nd, 2020).**

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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.

Contact: Aaron Lewis -+1 (202) 628-3936.

Any requests for use must be formalized in collaboration with our press office before 04:00 p.m. (Paris time) on August 31, 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).

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 WORLDBLINK 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 VV16 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 September 1st, 2020. The webcast will start 15 min before liftoff.

4. Arianespace press contacts

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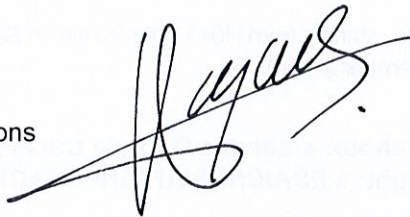
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