

## VACANCY NOTICE

### **Spacecraft Operations Team Leader (Meteosat Second Generation)**

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EUMETSAT is now inviting well qualified candidates from its Member States to apply for the following post:

**POST:** Spacecraft Operations Team Leader (Meteosat Second Generation)

**LOCATION:** Darmstadt, Germany

**DURATION  
OF INITIAL  
CONTRACT:**

The initial contract will be of 4 years' duration, with subsequent 5 year contracts being awarded thereafter, subject to individual performance and organisation requirements. There is no limit to the amount of follow-up contracts a staff member can receive up to the EUMETSAT retirement age of 63 and there are certainly opportunities to establish a long career perspective at EUMETSAT.

**BACKGROUND:** Within the Flight Operations (FLO) Division of the Operations and Services to Users (OPS) Department, the Spacecraft Operations Team Leader supervises the team responsible for the planning, supervision, and execution of the Meteosat Second Generation (MSG) space segment operations.

**DUTIES:**

The duties of the Spacecraft Operations Team Leader shall include:

- Ensuring the proper planning and execution of routine operations of the multi-satellite Meteosat Second Generation space segment;
- Ensuring maintenance of the operations procedures and databases for the Meteosat Second Generation spacecraft in routine operations;
- Liaising with the satellite prime contractors on all matters concerning the routine operations of the Meteosat Second Generation satellites, in particular for anomaly investigation;
- Planning and executing spacecraft special operations (mission swaps, station changes, technology tests, re-orbiting, etc.);
- Acting as Deputy to the Meteosat Spacecraft Operations Manager (SOM) for routine Meteosat Satellite Operations;
- Supporting the operational management of the elements of the Meteosat Mission Control Centre (MCC) system and the Meteosat Second Generation spacecraft simulator related to spacecraft monitoring and control;
- Support the Meteosat Spacecraft Operations Manager (SOM) in managing the annual review of Meteosat mission lifetime – preparing the review, presenting it and implementing its outcome;
- Assist in managing/coordinating the Spacecraft Team in their carrying out performance evaluation and trend analysis to monitor the in-flight behaviour of the Meteosat satellites in routine operations;
- Participating in the Operations Preparation activities for future Meteosat programmes as required;
- Support the Meteosat SOM in coordinating the phase-in of new Meteosat operational services with ongoing routine operations;
- Assisting in the provision of training to EUMETSAT Mission Control Centre operations personnel.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

A university degree in a relevant discipline is necessary.

**SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE:**

- Practical experience in one or more of the following is necessary:
  - routine operations of geostationary satellites;
  - operations preparation in a satellite system development project, preferably a geostationary satellite system;
  - spacecraft assembly, integration and test.
- Basic computer system architecture theory, knowledge and skills as applicable to satellite control facilities and simulators;
- Ability to understand and synthesise complex issues, to express ideas and issues clearly (i.e. analysis, synthesis and presentation skills);
- Demonstrated customer focus and achievement orientation;

- Strong interpersonal skills with a proven ability to apply these to interactions within a team and between teams;
- One or more of the following would be an advantage:
  - experience in development or operations of Earth observation/remote sensing satellite systems;
  - knowledge of system engineering standards and methodologies in aspects relevant to space operational systems.

The official languages of EUMETSAT are English and French. Candidates must be able to work effectively in English and have some knowledge of French.

**CLOSING DATE: 26 February 2018**

Interviews are tentatively scheduled for week 15/2018.

**Applications in English or French should be sent via our online form (attaching curriculum vitae and covering letter quoting Reference VN(18)01) at**

**[www.eumetsat.int](http://www.eumetsat.int)**

This post is graded A3/A4 on the EUMETSAT salary scales. The minimum basic salary for this post is EURO 6,717 per month (net of internal tax) which may be negotiable on the basis of skills and experience. The salary scale provides for increments on the anniversary of taking up employment, and scales are reviewed by the EUMETSAT Council with effect from 1 January each year. In addition to basic salary, EUMETSAT offers attractive benefits. Further information, including salary details, is available on the EUMETSAT web site.

**EUMETSAT is committed to providing an equal opportunities work environment for men and women.**

**Please note that only nationals of EUMETSAT Member States may apply. The EUMETSAT Convention requires that Staff shall be recruited on the basis of their qualifications, account being taken of the international character of EUMETSAT. EUMETSAT does not operate a nationality quota system but, in recruiting Staff members, the geographical distribution will be taken into account.**