

VACANCY NOTICE

EARLY CAREER EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMME

Junior Ground Stations and External Interfaces Engineer

EUMETSAT is Europe's meteorological satellite agency. Its role is to establish and operate meteorological satellites to monitor the weather and climate from space - 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. This information is supplied to the National Meteorological Services of the organisation's Member and Cooperating States in Europe, as well as other users worldwide.

EUMETSAT also operates several Copernicus missions on behalf of the European Union and provide data services to the Copernicus marine and atmospheric services and their users.

As an intergovernmental European Organisation, EUMETSAT has 30 Member States (Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey and the United Kingdom).

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

POST: Junior Ground Stations and External Interfaces Engineer

LOCATION: Darmstadt, Germany

**DURATION
OF INITIAL
CONTRACT:**

The initial contract will be under the EUMETSAT Early Career Employee Programme, for two (2) years with grade A1 on the EUMETSAT salary scale. Subject to successful performance, a further contract of five years' duration will be awarded in a post graded A2-A4. Additional contracts may be 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: EUMETSAT operates shared systems with NOAA, cooperates with other international partners on data exchange, and coordinates spacecraft telemetry and telecommand data flows from external service providers.

Within the Ground Stations and External Interfaces (GSEI) Team of the Real Time Services and System Operations (RSO) Division, the post-holder will support operations of existing EUMETSAT Ground Stations, shared systems and interfaces with NOAA and other international partners, and external spacecraft telemetry and telecommand service providers.

DUTIES:

The main duties will be as follows:

- Support planning, co-ordination and reporting of day-to-day operations with external partners and service providers;
- Plan and organise upgrades, maintenance and evolutions of systems that affect either partner;
- Co-ordinate anomaly investigations within EUMETSAT and with external partners and service providers;
- Support the operations of existing EUMETSAT Ground Stations, including anomaly investigations, the definition and validation of engineering changes.

QUALIFICATIONS:

University Degree in a relevant subject.

SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE:

- Knowledge of ground station elements, RF engineering and/or satellite communication techniques gained through either academic study or practical experience;
- Demonstrated aptitude towards problem solving in a technical context;
- Ability in planning, organising and co-ordination of activities;
- Learning orientation;
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills and proven ability to work in a team;
- For this role, some of the following would be advantageous:
 - Experience of working in an international environment;
 - Demonstrated self-starting behaviours and willingness to accept responsibility.

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: 07 March 2018

Interviews are tentatively scheduled for week 19/2018.

Applications in English or French should be sent via our online form (attaching curriculum vitae and covering letter quoting Reference VN(18)07) at

www.eumetsat.int

This post is graded A1 on the EUMETSAT salary scales. The basic salary for this post is EURO 4,261 per month (net of internal tax). Similar to all our scales, the A1 salary scale provides for an increment on the anniversary of taking up employment. Scales are also reviewed by the EUMETSAT Council with effect from 1 January each year. In addition to basic salary, EUMETSAT offers attractive benefits. Further information 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.