

VACANCY NOTICE

Mission Planning Application Engineer

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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 well qualified candidates from its Member States to apply for the following post:

POST: Mission Planning Application Engineer

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 Mission Control Applications and Tools Competence Area (MCAT CA) of the Generic Systems and Infrastructure Division (GSI), the Mission Planning Application Engineer is responsible for the engineering and maintenance of the mission planning software applications and the related tools used across EUMETSAT's ground systems, including management of relevant support and service contracts.

DUTIES:

The main duties are to:

- Perform the engineering and maintenance of software applications and related tools in the domain of Mission Planning functions supporting flight preparation and operations of EUMETSAT's satellite systems;
- Manage all technical aspects of maintenance and support contracts with industry/service firms, including monitoring and controlling contractors' performance against agreed contractual terms and service level agreements;
- Lead the definition and execution of maintenance procedures, lead reporting, correction of anomalies, handling of evolutions and improvement of maintenance processes and working practices;
- Interface with end-users of applications (Flight Control Team) for anomaly investigation, definition of corrective and evolving activities and mid-term planning of maintenance tasks and deliveries production;
- Support the definition, design and development of cost-effective, new or re-engineered, Mission Planning Applications adopting up-to-date technologies and ensuring consistency and consolidation of Mission Planning functions across EUMETSAT's systems;
- Support the design and development of new ground systems, through the definition of requirements and specifications for design, development and testing of relevant applications;
- Contribute to the maintenance and development of Mission Planning Applications knowledge and skill-base within the competence area.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- University degree (or equivalent) in a relevant discipline (i.e. Software Engineering, Computer Science).

SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE:

- Demonstrated experience of engineering, development, maintenance and testing of satellite operations Mission Planning Applications, in support to spacecraft mission operations lifecycle;
- Demonstrated knowledge of Mission Planning functions and algorithms used within Low-Earth Orbit (LEO) and Geostationary (GEO) missions;
- Knowledge of standards (e.g. CCSDS) relevant to the Space Mission Control domain and/or any open source, commercial or custom satellite operations Mission Planning System applications adopted by industry or satellite operators would be an advantage;

- Extensive experience maintaining large scale software systems in an operational environment, preferably related to high-availability (24/7) applications;
- Knowledge and demonstrated experience in the following software engineering areas:
 - Software development lifecycles with formal production and maintenance of technical documentation such as: Software Requirements Specifications (SRS), Architectural Design Documents (ADD) , Interface Control Document (ICD) and Test Plans;
 - Software design methodologies (e.g. OOA/OOD), design languages (i.e. UML) and CASE tools;
 - C++ and Java programming languages and related development environments as well as open source solutions and technologies;
- Maturity and resilience to stress, with excellent organisation and time management skills;
- Strong planning, analysis and presentation skills, coupled with a high-degree of interpersonal awareness and experience working as part of team.

CLOSING DATE: 17 June 2018

Interviews are tentatively scheduled for week 31/2018.

Applications in English or French should be sent via our online form (attaching curriculum vitae and covering letter quoting Reference VN(18)39) at

www.eumetsat.int

This post is graded A2/A4 on the EUMETSAT salary scales. The minimum basic salary for this post is EURO 5,443.81 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.