

VACANCY NOTICE

Meteosat Spacecraft Operations Manager

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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.

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

POST: Meteosat Spacecraft Operations Manager

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: Reporting to the Head of the Flight Operations, the Meteosat Spacecraft Operations Manager manages the operations of the Meteosat space segment, currently consisting of a fleet of four Meteosat Second Generation (MSG) satellites.

He/she will be responsible for the management of the health and safety of the fleet, its exploitation for the delivery of operational products and services to users, maintaining the continuity of operational services.

He/she will also support operations preparation for the next generation Meteosat Third Generation system to be deployed in 2021-2023, and will manage the operations of its space segment after transition into routine operations.

DUTIES:

The main duties of the post will be to:

- Lead the Meteosat Spacecraft Operations Team and manage routine operations of the Meteosat space segment;
- Plan and execute routine operations of the Meteosat space segment;
- Maintain the spacecraft operations procedures and databases for all Meteosat spacecraft;
- Manage the Meteosat spacecraft monitoring and control system and spacecraft simulators;
- Manage the support to spacecraft operations provided by the spacecraft manufacturer;
- Perform evaluation, trend analysis and monitoring the in-flight behaviour of the Meteosat spacecraft, and lead annual lifetime reviews;
- Manage the risks associated with spacecraft in-orbit operations;
- Supervise the participation of the Meteosat Spacecraft Operations Team in the operations preparation for the next generation Meteosat Third Generation (MTG);
- Support the in-orbit verification of the MTG spacecraft and the validation of the successive versions of the MTG system;
- Manage the transition into routine operations of the successive configurations of the MTG space segment;
- Manage the provision of spacecraft operations training to EUMETSAT Control Centre operations personnel.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- University degree in a relevant Engineering discipline.

SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE:

- Significant experience in a management role in operations preparation or operations of complex space systems, together with excellent team working and team building skills;
- Proven technical and management capabilities in a complex operations/operations preparation environment;
- Practical experience in one or more of the following:
 - o routine spacecraft operations;
 - o operations preparation in a satellite system development project;
- Excellent interpersonal skills, with a proven ability to manage teams of engineers;
- Ability to express ideas and issues clearly, and in a concise manner;

Experience of managing a fleet of spacecraft to minimise operations risks and maximise mission return would be a distinct advantage.

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: 13 August 2018

Interviews are tentatively scheduled for week 38/2018.

Applications in English or French should be sent via our online form (attaching curriculum vitae and covering letter quoting Reference VN(18)46) at

www.eumetsat.int

This post is graded A4/A5 on the EUMETSAT salary scales. The minimum basic salary for this post is EURO 8047 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.