

VACANCY NOTICE

GROUND STATIONS OPERATIONS MANAGER

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

POST: Ground Stations 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 Real-time Services & System Operations (RSO) Division and supported by a dedicated team of engineers, the Ground Stations Operations Manager will manage operations of all ground stations and associated network infrastructure supporting the Meteosat, EPS, Jason and Sentinel-3 missions, including coordination with providers of Telemetry, Tracking and Commanding (TT&C) services.

DUTIES:

The main duties will be as follows:

- Manage a team of operations engineers and analysts, ensuring effective use of team resources;

- Manage operations of all EUMETSAT ground stations and coordinate operations scheduling;
- Produce and maintain operational ground stations documentation (e.g. Operations Procedures, Operations Guides);
- Manage Telemetry, Tracking and Commanding (TT&C) services sourced from external providers and technical aspects of related contracts or agreements;
- Support operations of the EUMETSAT Remote Monitoring and Control Centres (RMCCs);
- Perform evaluation of ground stations, services and associated data flows, including trend analysis;
- Coordinate the medium and long term planning associated with the ground stations and external TT&C services;
- Coordinate with internal users the definition of requirements for evolutions of ground stations and external TT&C services, and participate in the implementation and validation of changes;
- Participate in operations preparation activities for future satellite systems in the area of ground stations and external TT&C services;
- Assist in the provision of training of EUMETSAT operations personnel.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- University degree in a relevant discipline

SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE:

- At least five years of experience in space and ground segment operations;
- Experience of management and coordination of operations with external service providers;
- Experience in system engineering and testing of real time systems;
- Experience in the provision of real time data services and end-to-end services;
- Experience of writing requirements documents for space-related projects;
- Ability to express ideas and issues clearly and in a concise manner;
- Proven interpersonal skills;
- Team management experience.

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: 22 October 2018

Interviews are tentatively scheduled for week 50/2018.

Applications in English or French should be sent via our online form (attaching curriculum vitae and covering letter quoting Reference VN(18)68) at

www.eumetsat.int

This post is graded A3/A4 on the EUMETSAT salary scales. The minimum basic salary for this post is EURO 6,925 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.