

VACANCY NOTICE

Mission Planning Operations Engineer (2 posts)

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 Copernicus satellites 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 posts:

POSTS: Mission Planning Operations Engineer (2 posts)

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.

These positions are subject to approval in the 2019 EUMETSAT budget and as such may not be filled until 1 January 2019.

BACKGROUND: Within the Mission Planning Team of the Flight Operations (FLO) Division and reporting to the Mission Planning Manager, the two Mission Planning Operations Engineers will manage the planning of operations of satellites already in orbit (Metop, Sentinel-3, Meteosat Second Generation) and support the development and operations preparation of next generation (Metop-SG,

Meteosat Third Generation, Jason-CS/Sentinel-6) satellites. One post will focus on Low-Earth Orbit satellites and the other on geostationary satellites.

DUTIES:

The main duties will be as follows:

- Manage Mission Planning for routine and special operations, including scheduling, preventative maintenance, operational configuration updates, training of personnel, maintenance of operational documentation and preparations for launch and other special operations;
- Manage the life-cycle of evolutions of Mission Planning systems, software or processes, ranging from the identification of requirements to the verification, validation and acceptance of updates and including proposing evolutions where necessary;
- Manage relevant interactions with mission partners such as ESA, CNES, NOAA and NASA as required to coordinate mission planning and implement cross-support agreements;
- Through close liaison with other EUMETSAT operations teams (Flight Dynamics, Spacecraft Operations, Mission Control Systems and Data Processing), understand the operational needs of all space and ground segment that must be met through Mission Planning and support the definition and implementation of cost-effective solutions;
- Support the procurement and operations preparation of the Mission Planning systems for next generation satellite systems and any related systems or tools;
- Support the Mission Planning Manager, in particular in the management of the Mission planning support service, and replace him in his absence as required.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- University degree in engineering or equivalent qualification.

SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE:

- Proven professional experience in the field of Mission Planning, gained during the operations and/or development of satellite systems;
- Experience interfacing with external entities, coupled with good interpersonal skills;
- Experience of managing small teams or support contractors;
- Ability to work in a clear, structured manner with a minimum of supervision;
- Ability to detail and synthesise complex technical concepts in formal documents and verbal presentations;
- Evidence of personal initiative and action orientation in professional experience will be considered an 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: 14 November 2018

Interviews are tentatively scheduled for week 3/2019

Applications in English or French should be sent via our online form (attaching curriculum vitae and covering letter quoting Reference VN(18)69) at

www.eumetsat.int

This post is graded A2/A4 on the EUMETSAT salary scales. The minimum basic salary for this post is EURO 5,612 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.