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FLIGHT VS19 – ARIANESPACE AT THE SERVICE OF EUMETSAT'S POLAR-ORBITING WEATHER SATELLITE PROGRAM

For its eighth launch of the year, and the second Soyuz liftoff from the Guiana Space Center (CSG) in French Guiana in 2018, Arianespace will orbit Metop-C for EUMETSAT, the European Organisation for the Exploitation of Meteorological Satellites.

Metop-C is the third and final satellite of its Polar System (EPS), the Metop program dedicated to operational meteorology.

By launching the complete Metop fleet, Arianespace once again supports EUMETSAT and Europe in the improvement of global climate monitoring and weather forecasting.

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The Metop-C satellite

Metop-C is the third and final satellite in the EUMETSAT Polar System (EPS). It is also the 13th EUMETSAT satellite to be launched by Arianespace, following the most recent mission with MSG-4 in July 2015.

The polar-orbiting Metop satellites are essential for numerical weather prediction from 12 hours to 10 days in advance. The still-operational Metop-A and –B satellites, launched from Baikonur in 2006 and 2012, by Starsem make the single biggest contribution to the reduction in errors in weather forecasts one day in advance. Metop-C is therefore expected to enhance this.

Metop-C will be injected into a sun-synchronous "mid-morning" polar orbit which enables global observation of weather, atmospheric composition, oceans and land surfaces. Metop-C will have a five-year nominal life in orbit and will carry a payload of nine state-of-the-art instruments.

The EUMETSAT Polar System is Europe's contribution to the Initial Joint Polar System shared with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) of the United States. To provide enhanced coverage and a higher revisit frequency at mid latitudes, the Metop satellites fly in the "mid-morning" orbit, while NOAA's JPSS satellites fly in the complementary "afternoon" orbit.

Moreover, the Metop-C spacecraft is essential to ensure a smooth transition to the upcoming EUMETSAT Polar System – Second Generation. The first EPS-SG satellite is scheduled for launch in 2022. There currently are four additional EUMETSAT meteorological satellites in Arianespace's order book.

As of today, Arianespace has launched the entire EUMETSAT fleet.

Metop-C will be the 20th meteorological satellite – as well as the 66th Earth observation satellite – launched by Arianespace.

Earth observation satellites represent 10% of the total number of satellites orbited by Arianespace.

Developed and built by Airbus Defence and Space as prime contractor, Metop-C will be the 122nd satellite from this constructor to be orbited by Arianespace. There currently are 21 Airbus-built satellites in Arianespace's backlog.

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Arianespace at the service of European missions

With this eighth launch since the beginning of 2018, one-half of this year's launches by Arianespace will have been at the service of the commercial market and the other half for European institutional partners.

This reasserts the dual mission of European launchers: successes on the export market; but first and foremost, gatekeepers of reliable and independent European access to space. Metop-C will be the 163rd institutional satellite lofted by Arianespace for European partners.

Arianespace will continue delivering for the EUMETSAT GEO (geostationary Earth orbit) segment utilizing Ariane 5; and the follow-up for the Metop polar orbiter program, with Soyuz.

Vega C and Ariane 6 – whose service entries are scheduled for 2019 and 2020, respectively, will enable Arianespace to respond to the entire spectrum of European institutional launch requirements, from GEO to LEO (low Earth orbit).

MISSION DESCRIPTION

The 19th Soyuz launch from the Guiana Space Center (CSG) will place its satellite passenger into a polar Sun-synchronous orbit, at an altitude of 811 km.

The Soyuz ST-B launcher will be carrying a total payload of 4,212 kg.

The launch will be from the Soyuz Launch Complex (ELS) in Sinnamary, French Guiana.

DATE AND TIME

Liftoff is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 6, 2018** at exactly:

> **07:47:27 p.m.,** in Washington, D.C.
> **09:47:27 p.m.,** in Kourou, French Guiana
> **00:47:27,** Universal Time (UTC) on November 7, 2018
> **01:47:27 a.m.,** in Paris on November 7, 2018
> **03:47:27 a.m.,** in Moscow on November 7, 2018
> **09:47:27 a.m.,** in Tokyo on November 7, 2018

MISSION DURATION

The nominal duration of the mission (from liftoff to separation of the satellite) is:

1 hour, 00 minutes, 18 seconds.

TARGETED ORBIT

Orbit
SSO
(Sun synchronous orbit)

Altitude at separation
Approx. 811 km.
Semi major axis: 7,179 km.

Inclination
98.37 degrees

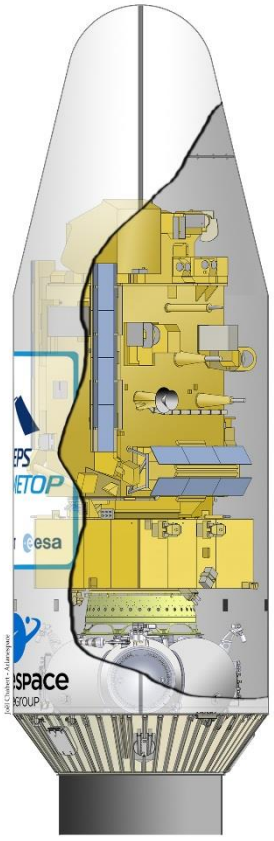
THE LAUNCH AT A GLANCE

Following liftoff from the Guiana Space Center, the powered phase of the lower three Soyuz stages will last approximately 9 minutes and 24 seconds. The launcher's third stage will then be separated from the upper composite, which comprises the Fregat upper stage and the Metop-C spacecraft. The three lower Soyuz stages and the payload fairing will be placed into a re-entry orbit.

Fregat will carry out three main powered phases:
• Its 1st burn, lasting about 3 minutes, to be followed by a ballistic phase lasting about 38 minutes and 43 seconds.
• Its 2nd burn, lasting approximately 1 minute and 15 seconds, followed by a second ballistic phase, lasting 6 minutes and 30 seconds.

The satellite will be released into the dedicated orbit.

A successive firing of the Fregat engine will place Fregat into an orbit safely below that of the Metop-C.



SOYUZ PAYLOAD CONFIGURATION

> Payload: Metop-C
> Mass at liftoff: 4,084 kg.
> ST Fairing

The Metop-C satellite

CUSTOMER	EUMETSAT
MANUFACTURER	Airbus Defence and Space
PLATFORM	SPOT MK3 bus (used for the SPOT series, ERS-1/2 and Helios-1A and 1B)
MISSION	Operational meteorology
LIFTOFF MASS	4,084 kg.
DIMENSIONS	17.5 m. x 3.4 m. x 3.45 m. (in-orbit configuration)
STABILIZATION	3 axis
ON-BOARD POWER	1,812 W (average power consumption)
LIFETIME	5 years
ORBIT	Polar-orbiting, 811 km.
COVERAGE	Global

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SOYUZ LAUNCH VEHICLE

The Soyuz launch vehicle family has provided reliable and efficient launch services since the start of space exploration. Soyuz rockets, which launched both the first artificial satellite and the first human into space, have performed more than 1,890 launches to date. Today, Soyuz is used for manned and unmanned flights to the International Space Station, as well as Russian government launches, and commercial launches with Arianespace as launch operator.

Introduced in 1966, Soyuz has been the workhorse of the Soviet/Russian space program. As the only manned launch vehicle in Russia and the former Soviet Union, Soyuz meets very high standards of reliability and robustness.

The first launch of the Soyuz 2-1a version on November 8, 2004 from the Plesetsk Cosmodrome represented a major step in the Soyuz launch vehicle's development program. This modernized version, also used to successfully launch Metop-A on October 19, 2006 from the Baikonur Cosmodrome, features a digital control system providing additional mission flexibility; it also enables control of the launch vehicle fitted with the 4.1-meter ST payload fairing. This was a necessary step towards the next-generation Soyuz 2-1b launcher, the culmination of a joint European/Russian upgrade program. It adds a more powerful third stage engine, significantly increasing the launcher's overall performance.

The upgraded Soyuz 2-1b launch vehicle's inaugural flight was successfully performed from Baikonur Cosmodrome on December 27, 2006, orbiting the Corot scientific spacecraft for the French CNES space agency.

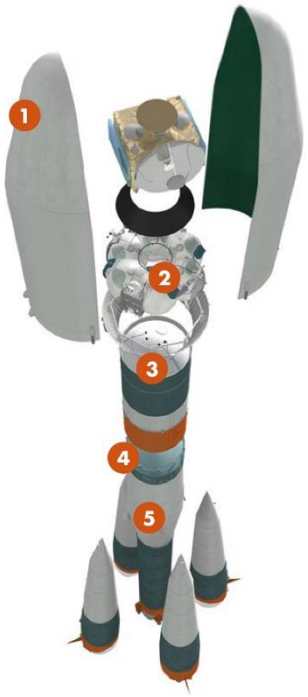
The decision of the European Space Agency to introduce Soyuz launch capability at the Guiana Space Center (CSG) in French Guiana marked a major step forward in expanding the range of missions. With the introduction of Soyuz at CSG, this famed medium-lift Russian launch vehicle is now an integral part of the European launcher fleet, together with the heavy-lift Ariane 5 and the lightweight Vega. Offered exclusively by Arianespace to the commercial market for launches from CSG, Soyuz becomes Europe's standard medium launcher for both government and commercial missions.

On October 21, 2011 Arianespace successfully launched the first Soyuz rocket from the Guiana Space Center, orbiting the initial two satellites in the Galileo constellation.

The Samara Space Center in Russia continues to produce Soyuz launchers. Because of sustained demand from the Russian government, International Space Station requirements and Arianespace's commercial orders, Soyuz is being produced at an average rate of 15 to 20 launchers per year. The manufacturer can also rapidly scale up to accommodate market demand. In fact, annual Soyuz production peaked in the early 1980s at 60 vehicles per year.

Soyuz is a reliable, efficient, and cost-effective solution for a full range of missions, from LEO (low Earth orbit) to interplanetary trajectories to Mars or Venus. Offering an unrivaled heritage, Soyuz already has performed almost every type of mission, from launching telecommunications, Earth observation, weather and scientific satellites to manned spacecraft. It is a very scalable and flexible launch vehicle.

The Soyuz version currently offered by Arianespace is a four-stage launch vehicle composed of: four boosters (first stage), a central core (second stage), a third stage, and the restartable Fregat upper stage (fourth stage). It also includes a payload adapter/dispenser and fairing.



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1 - Fairing
2 - Fregat upper stage
3 - Third stage
4 - Central core (2nd stage)
5 - Boosters (1st stage)

BOOSTERS (FIRST STAGE)

The four cylindrical-conical boosters are assembled around the central core. The booster's RD-107A engines are powered by liquid oxygen and kerosene, which are the same propellants used on each of the lower three stages. The kerosene tanks are located in the cylindrical part and the liquid oxygen tanks in the conical section. Each engine has four combustion chambers and four nozzles. Three-axis flight control is provided by aerofins (one per booster) and steerable vernier thrusters (two per booster). Following liftoff, the boosters burn for approximately 118 seconds and are then jettisoned. Thrust is transferred to the vehicle through a ball joint located at the top of the conical structure of the booster, which is attached to the central core by two rear struts.

CENTRAL CORE (SECOND STAGE)

The central core is similar in construction to the four boosters, with a special shape to accommodate the boosters. A stiffening ring is located at the interface between the boosters and the core. This stage is fitted with an RD-108A engine, also comprising four combustion chambers and four nozzles. It also has four vernier thrusters, used for three-axis flight control once the boosters have separated. The core stage has a nominal burn time of 286 seconds. The core and boosters are ignited simultaneously on the launch pad, 20 seconds before liftoff. Thrust is first adjusted to an intermediate level to check engine readings. The engines are then gradually throttled up, until the launcher develops sufficient thrust for liftoff.

THIRD STAGE

The third stage is linked to the central core by a latticework structure. Ignition of the third stage's engine occurs approximately two seconds before shutdown of the central core engine. The third stage engine's thrust enables the stage to separate directly from the central core. Between the oxidizer and fuel tanks is a dry section where the launcher's avionics systems are located. The third stage uses either a RD-0110 engine in the Soyuz ST-A version, or a RD-0124 engine in the ST-B version.

FREGAT UPPER STAGE (FOURTH STAGE)

Flight qualified in 2000, the Fregat upper stage is an autonomous and flexible stage that is designed to operate as an orbital vehicle. It extends the Soyuz launcher's capability, now covering a full range of orbits (LEO, SSO, MEO, GTO, GEO and Earth escape). To ensure high reliability for the Fregat stage from the outset, various flight-proven subsystems and components from previous spacecraft and rockets are used. The upper stage consists of six spherical tanks (four for propellants, two for avionics) arranged in a circle and welded together. A set of eight struts through the tanks provide an attachment point for the payload, and also transfer thrust loads to the launcher. The upper stage is independent from the lower three stages, as Fregat has its own guidance, navigation, attitude control, tracking, and telemetry systems. The stage's engine uses storable propellants – UDMH (unsymmetrical dimethyl hydrazine) and NTO (nitrogen tetroxide) – and can be restarted up to 20 times in flight, thus enabling it to carry out complex missions. It can provide the customer with three-axis or spin stabilization of their spacecraft.

The Fregat upper stage is encapsulated in a fairing with the payload and a payload adapter/dispenser

THE FAIRING

Soyuz launchers operated by Arianespace at the Guiana Space Center use the ST fairing in a standard configuration, with an external diameter of 4.1 meters and a length of 11.4 meters.

ROSCOSMOS AND THE RUSSIAN LAUNCHER INDUSTRY

The Roscosmos State Corporation for space activities is responsible for license allocations and intergovernmental relations. It is the launch authority in charge of range operations. RKTs-Progress (the Samara Space Center) is responsible for the design, development, and manufacture of launch vehicles, including the Soyuz launch vehicle's first, second, third stages and fairing. It also integrates vehicle stages and handles flight operations. NPO Lavochkin manufactures and integrates the Fregat upper stage, and is responsible for its launch operations. TsENKI is in charge of launch planning and the provision of associated services, including systems engineering, the design, and technical and operational management of the launch pad and associated facilities dedicated to the Soyuz launcher.

LAUNCH CAMPAIGN:

CAMPAIGN CALENDAR FOR THE SATELLITE AND LAUNCH VEHICLE

DATE	ACTIVITIES WITH THE SATELLITE	LAUNCH VEHICLE ACTIVITIES
June 26, 2018	Arrival in Kourou of the Metop-C satellite	Campaign start review - Integration and control of the three Soyuz stages at the Soyuz launcher preparation building (MIK)
September 13, 2018		Fregat upper stage preparation at the Soyuz MIK
October 2, 2018	Transfer Metop-C from the S1B to S3B building	
October 4, 2018		Transfer of the Fregat upper stage to the FCube building for fueling operations
October 8 to 10, 2018	Metop-C fueling operations	
October 8 to 12, 2018		Fregat upper stage N2O4 fueling operations in the FCube building
October 12 to 17, 2018		Fregat upper stage UDMH fueling operations in the FCube building
October 17 to 19, 2018		Fregat upper stage N2H4 fueling operations in the FCube building
October 16 to 19, 2018		Pneumatic and propulsion system tests on the lower three Soyuz stages in the MIK
October 23 to 26, 2018		Electrical tests on the lower three Soyuz stages in the MIK
October 24, 2018		Fregat upper stage transfer to the S3B building
October 25, 2018	Metop-C integration on the Fregat upper stage	

FINAL CAMPAIGN CALENDAR FOR THE SATELLITE AND LAUNCH VEHICLE

DATE	ACTIVITIES WITH THE SATELLITE	LAUNCH VEHICLE ACTIVITIES
Monday, October 29, 2018	Final preparations of Metop-C	Final preparations of the lower three Soyuz stages in the MIK
Wednesday, October 31, 2018		Fregat upper stage final preparation; Encapsulation in the payload fairing
Friday, November 2, 2018	Rollout of the payload upper composite from S3B to the launch zone; integration on the launcher	Rollout from MIK to the launch zone;
Saturday, November 3, 2018	Payload checks	
Monday, November 5, 2018	Upper composite functional tests and checks Launch rehearsal	Final launcher verification; Launch rehearsal at the Spaceport facilities Preparation for fueling operations; Launch readiness review (RAL)
Tuesday, November 6, 2018		Launcher final preparations; Launch countdown; Launch vehicle fueling operations

COUNTDOWN AND FLIGHT SEQUENCE

The countdown comprises all final preparation steps for the launcher, the satellite and the launch site. If it proceeds as planned, the countdown leads to the ignition of the core stage engine and the four boosters.

TIME			EVENT
- 5 hrs.			Beginning of the meeting for launcher fueling authorization (BTR)
- 4 hrs.	30 min.		Launch vehicle fueling begins
- 1 hr.	35 min.		End of fueling operations
- 1 hr.	10 min.		Mobile gantry withdrawal
	- 5 min.	10 s	Key on start
	- 5 min.		Fregat transfer to onboard power supply
	-2 min.	25 s	Upper composite umbilical drop-off command
		- 40 s	Ground-onboard power transfer
		- 28 s	Lower stage umbilical mast retraction
		- 16 s	Ignition
		- 14 s	Preliminary thrust level
		- 01 s	Full thrust level
HO		00 s	Liftoff
	+ 1 min.	58 s	Jettisoning of boosters
	+ 3 min.	36 s	Jettisoning of fairing
	+ 4 min.	48 s	Separation of central core (second stage)
	+ 9 min.	24 s	Separation of 3rd stage
	+ 10 min.	24 s	First Fregat burn
	+ 13 min.	40 s	First Fregat burn cut-off
	+ 52 min.	23 s	Second Fregat burn
	+ 53 min.	38 s	Second Fregat burn cut-off
+ 1 h	00 min.	18 s	Separation of Metop-C
+ 1 h	52 min.	35 s	Third Fregat burn
+ 1 h	52 min.	55 s	Third Fregat burn cut-off
+ 1 h	53min.	05 s	End of the Arianespace mission

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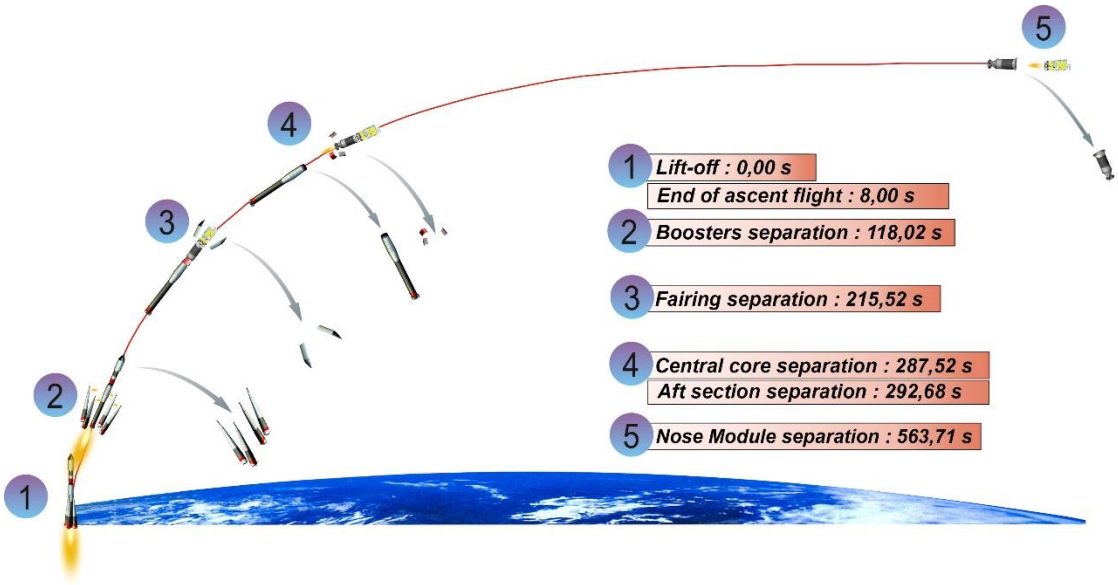
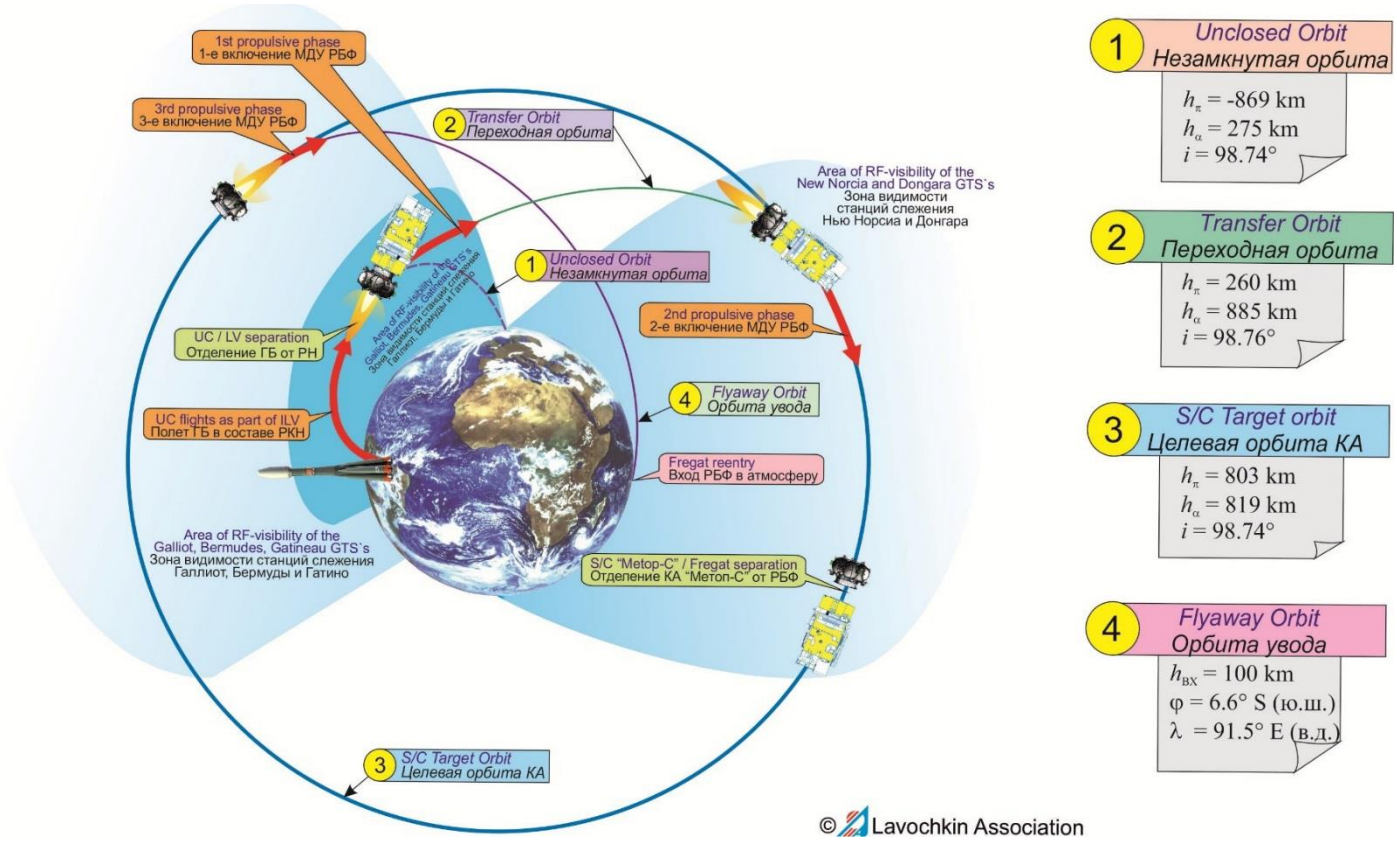
MISSION PROFILE FOR THE THREE SOYUZ STAGES



THE FREGAT MISSION PROFILE



ARIANESPACE AND THE GUIANA SPACE CENTER

ARIANESPACE: THE WORLD'S FIRST LAUNCH SERVICES COMPANY

Arianespace was founded in 1980 as the world's first launch Services & Solutions company. Arianespace is a subsidiary of ArianeGroup, which holds 74% of its share capital; the balance is held by 17 other shareholders from the European launcher industry.

Since the outset, Arianespace has signed over 530 launch contracts and launched 580-plus satellites. More than half of the commercial satellites now in service around the globe were launched by Arianespace. The company posted sales of approximately 1.3 billion euros in 2017.

The company's activities are worldwide, with the headquarters in Evry, France (near Paris); the Guiana Space Center in French Guiana, where the Ariane, Soyuz and Vega launch pads are located; and offices in Washington, D.C., Tokyo and Singapore. Arianespace offers launch services to satellite operators from around the world, including private companies and government agencies. These services call on three launch vehicles:

> The Ariane 5 heavy-lift launcher, operated from the Guiana Space Center in French Guiana.

> The Soyuz medium-lift launcher, currently in operation at the Guiana Space Center and the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan.

> The Vega light-lift launcher, also operated from the Guiana Space Center.

Building on its complete family of launchers, Arianespace has won over half of the commercial launch contracts up for bid worldwide in the past two years. Arianespace now has a backlog of more than 700 satellites to be launched.

THE GUIANA SPACE CENTER: EUROPE'S SPACEPORT

For more than 40 years, the Guiana Space Center (CSG), Europe's Spaceport in French Guiana, has offered a complete array of facilities for rocket launches. It primarily comprises the following:

> The CNES/CSG technical center, including various resources and facilities that are critical to launch base operations, such as radars, telecom network, weather station, receiving sites for launcher telemetry, etc.

> Payload processing facilities (ECPU), in particular the S5 facility.

> Ariane, Soyuz and Vega launch complexes, comprising the launch zones and launcher integration buildings.

> Various industrial facilities – including those operated by Regulus, Europropulsion, Air Liquide Spatial Guyane and ArianeGroup - all participate in the production of Ariane 5 components. A total of 40 European manufacturers and local companies are involved in the launcher operations.

Europe's commitment to independent access to space is based on actions by three key players: the European Space Agency (ESA), the French CNES space agency and Arianespace. ESA is responsible for the Ariane, Soyuz and Vega development programs. Once these launch systems are qualified, ESA transfers responsibility to Arianespace as the operator. ESA has helped change the role of the Guiana Space Center, in particular by funding the construction of the launch complexes, payload processing buildings and associated facilities. Initially used for the France's space program, the Guiana Space Center has evolved into Europe's own Spaceport, according to the terms of an agreement between ESA and the French government. To ensure that the Spaceport is available for its programs, ESA takes charge of the lion's share of the CNES/CSG fixed expenses, and also helps finance the fixed costs for the ELA launch complexes.

The French CNES space agency has several main responsibilities at the Guiana Space Center. It designs all infrastructure and, on behalf of the French government, is responsible for safety and security. It provides the resources needed to prepare the satellites and launchers for missions. Whether during tests or actual launches, CNES is also responsible for overall coordination of operations and it collects and processes all data transmitted from the launcher via a network of receiving stations to track Ariane, Soyuz and Vega rockets throughout their trajectories.

ARIANESPACE IN FRENCH GUIANA

In French Guiana, Arianespace is the contracting authority in charge of operating the family of three launchers: Ariane, Soyuz and Vega.

For Soyuz, Arianespace supervises the launcher's integration and functional checks in the MIK facility, carried out by RKTs-Progress for the three lower stages, and by NPO-Lavochkin for the Fregat upper stage. It also coordinates Fregat propellant loading operations in the Fregat Fueling Facility (FCube), and satellite preparations in the EPCU payload preparation facility operated by CNES/CSG. Arianespace then integrates the satellite(s) on the Fregat stage in the S3B building, transfers the launcher and upper composite to the Soyuz launch zone and, along with the Russian entities in charge of the launcher, conducts the final countdown and liftoff operations from the Soyuz Launch Center (CDLS). Arianespace deploys a top-flight team and technical facilities to prepare launchers and satellites for their missions.

Building on this unrivalled expertise and outstanding local facilities, Arianespace is now the undisputed benchmark in the global launch services market.