

VACANCY NOTICE

EUMETSAT METimage 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 and Cooperating States in Europe, as well as other users worldwide.

From 2016 onwards, EUMETSAT will also operate the Copernicus Sentinel 3, 4, 5 and 6 missions on behalf of the European Union and provide data and 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: EUMETSAT METimage Manager

LOCATION: Bonn, Germany after an initial familiarisation period in Darmstadt.

**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: EUMETSAT is the system authority for the development of the EUMETSAT Polar System of Second Generation (EPS-SG) system, which includes 6 Metop-SG satellites developed and procured by ESA. EUMETSAT is also responsible for the delivery to ESA/Metop-SG of three METimage Visible and Infrared imagers developed and procured by the Deutsches Zentrum für Luft- und Raumfahrt (DLR) under a cooperation agreement with EUMETSAT.

EUMETSAT and ESA have established a joint Single Space Segment Team (SSST) to follow up the development of the Metop-SG satellites.

Reporting to the Instrument Team Leader in the EUMETSAT Low Earth Orbit division (LEO) within the Programme Preparation and Development Department (PRD), the EUMETSAT METimage Manager will support and follow-up all technical, managerial and programmatic aspects of the cooperation between DLR and EUMETSAT on METimage.

After a period of familiarisation at EUMETSAT, he/she will be based at the DLR premises in Bonn, Germany and will spend significant time at industrial premises.

DUTIES:

The main duties will be to:

- Support and follow-up all technical, managerial and programmatic aspects of the cooperation between DLR and EUMETSAT on METimage, including preparation of EUMETSAT-DLR bilateral meetings;
- Follow up the development and AIT of the three METimage instruments on behalf of EUMETSAT, monitor its compliance with Metop-SG and EPS-SG performance, technical, schedule and programmatic requirements, and deliver reports;
- Follow-up the development of METimage level 1 data processing algorithms and prototype processor, and their compliance to EUMETSAT EPS-SG requirements;
- Identify interface compatibility and other issues that may affect the development of the Metop-SG satellite and/or the EPS-SG system, assess their potential technical and programmatic impacts and risks, and propose solutions and risk mitigation actions;
- Represent EUMETSAT at METimage progress meetings with Industry and follow up critical test phases at Industry premises;
- Coordinate day-to-day interactions between the DLR METimage project, the Metop-SG Single Space Segment Team and the EUMETSAT EPS-SG teams;
- Support all METimage, Metop-SG, and EPS-SG (system and ground segment) Reviews, for METimage aspects;
- Support the Metop-SG launch campaign and in-orbit commissioning, for all METimage aspects.

QUALIFICATIONS: University degree or equivalent in a relevant discipline (e.g. physics, engineering, remote sensing).

SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE:

- Extensive experience in the development of space hardware, together with knowledge of spaceborne remote sensing systems;
- Proven experience in project management;
- Knowledge of space development and management standards;

- Experience in interfacing with space agencies (e.g. DLR, ESA) and industry;
- An ability to express ideas and issues clearly and concisely (i.e. analysis, synthesis and presentation skills).
- Good interpersonal and mediation skills with a proven ability to work as part of a team in a complex project.

The official languages of EUMETSAT are English and French. For this post however, candidates must be able to work effectively in English and German.

CLOSING DATE: 27 September 2015

Interviews are tentatively scheduled for week 45/2015.

Applications in English or French should be sent via our online form (attaching curriculum vitae and covering letter quoting Reference VN(15)17) at

www.eumetsat.int

This post is graded A2/A4 on the EUMETSAT salary scales. The minimum basic salary for this post is EURO 5,284 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.