

VACANCY NOTICE

Ground Systems Engineer

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 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 Systems Engineer

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: The Multi-Mission Elements (MME) are a set of ground segment elements (software, facilities, tools) implementing the functions of data archive & retrieval, data distribution, ground systems monitoring and provision of support infrastructure. These functions support all current EUMETSAT operational satellite systems and are planned to be re-used and upgraded to support also the new systems under development. The upgrade activities are managed as dedicated projects.

Within the Generic Systems and Infrastructure (GSI) division, the Ground Systems Engineer, reports to the MME Systems Upgrade Team Leader. He is responsible for the system engineering of the MME upgrades and will be managing related projects. This includes responsibility for the definition, design, development and integration of MME upgrades fulfilling the requirements of the development of new satellite systems while considering the constraints of operations and maintenance. The initial focus will be on the upgrade activities for the Jason-CS programme.

DUTIES:

The main duties of the post will be as follows:

- System engineering and management of upgrade projects for MMEs, fulfilling the requirements of new satellite systems under development, from the architectural design phase until the handover to operations and maintenance, including support to relevant reviews;
- Lead the technical interactions with relevant satellite system development programmes and coordinate with the relevant engineering teams;
- Contribute to the generation and maintenance of the related Ground Segment requirements and architectural design in the area of MME;
- Contribute to the implementation of change control and baseline management processes;
- Initiate, manage and/or monitor external procurements and manage industrial development or engineering support contracts as required;
- Support the MME Systems Upgrade Team Leader in the management of resources shared across different upgrade projects.

QUALIFICATIONS:

University degree or equivalent in Computer Sciences or Software System engineering.

SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE:

- Proven experience in project management and ground systems development, preferably in the field of Earth Observation systems;
- Experience in system engineering lifecycle aspects (e.g. design, production, integration, verification and validation) of ground systems;
- Technical background in ground segment elements hardware and software aspects;
- Good knowledge of one of more of the following ground systems elements would be a distinct advantage:
 - Data archive & retrieval;
 - Distribution functions;
 - Ground systems monitoring;

- Support infrastructure functions.
- Knowledge of Project Management methodology e.g. PRINCE, ITIL would be an advantage;
- Strengths in analysis, synthesis and presentation of information
- Very good interpersonal skills and proven ability to apply them within and across teams.

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: 7 February 2016

Interviews are tentatively scheduled for week 10/2016.

Applications in English or French should be sent via our online form (attaching curriculum vitae and covering letter quoting Reference VN(15)46) 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.