

VN 25/68 Copernicus Atmospheric Missions Manager (Closed)

EUMETSAT is seeking an experienced professional to join the Copernicus Programme Office (CPO) in the Operations and Support to Users (OPS) Department. The position will play a significant role in managing key Earth observation missions under the Copernicus Programme, with a focus on the Copernicus atmospheric missions, such as Sentinel-4, Sentinel-5, CO2M, and, relevant Third-party atmospheric missions, i.e. Microcarb.

The role will support the Copernicus Programme Manager (CPM) in overseeing mission-related activities and ensuring alignment with the obligations of the Copernicus Agreement between EUMETSAT and the European Commission (EC).

The **Copernicus Atmospheric Missions Manager** will be responsible for leading Sentinel-4, Sentinel-5 and CO2M programme interactions with the EUMETSAT EPS-SG and MTG programme teams, EC, ESA and ECMWF, once in operations. Activities include the coordination of mission operations, ground segment upgrades, and future evolutions in collaboration with stakeholders. This role involves managing stakeholder relations, ensuring the seamless operation and evolution of these missions, and maintaining agreements with partners such as ESA, the EC, and international collaborators.

Duties

- Coordinates the Sentinel-4, -5, CO2M and Microcarb operational tasks as outlined in the Copernicus Agreement between EUMETSAT and the EC, in close coordination the EUMETSAT user support, operations, science and engineering teams and international partners;
- Manages the relevant agreements with partners
- Prepares Copernicus atmospheric missions operation status reports to the EUMETSAT Management Board, member states and the EC;
- Interfaces with the Copernicus Services and users for programmatic matters, ensuring efficient two-way communication to guarantee that current



LOCATION

Darmstadt,
Germany



QUALIFICATIONS

University degree in a relevant field such as engineering, space systems, earth observation



LANGUAGES

The official languages of EUMETSAT are English and French. Candidates must be able to work effectively in English and have some knowledge of French



DEADLINE

2 February 2026

and external stakeholders as it concerns Copernicus missions in operation;

- Coordinates, in close cooperation with the Copernicus user support, engineering, operations and science teams, the analysis and implementation of change requests initiated by the Commission, ESA, international partners or other Copernicus entities, ensuring optimal communication between the teams;
- Maintains the Copernicus baseline documentation and related plans of Copernicus Atmospheric missions in operation;

and planned EUMETSAT activities related to the Copernicus atmospheric missions continue to meet the needs of users;

- Liaises with EPS-SG, MTG programme teams and the Copernicus development teams and supports the transition of the Copernicus atmospheric missions from development to operations;
- Supports Copernicus outreach activities and manages the Copernicus Atmospheric Missions outreach plan, in close coordination with the User Services and Communication teams.

Skills and Experience

- A minimum of 5 years' experience directly working in international, highly operational and time critical environments, preferably directly related to satellite operations, earth observation or management of large-scale space-related activities;
- Very strong technical background in ideally one or more fields of: satellite operations, engineering and data services;
- Excellent understanding of the use of satellite data for operational applications, specifically on air quality and greenhouse gas monitoring;
- Innovation oriented mindset and ability to understand and synthesise complex issues and apply these to decision making processes;
- Excellent interpersonal, team working and communication (both oral and in writing) skills, with a proven ability to apply these to working within and across international and diverse teams.

Employment Conditions

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.

This post is graded A3/A4 on the EUMETSAT salary scales. The minimum basic salary for this post is EURO 9,058 per month (net of internal tax but excluding pension contribution and insurances) 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.

About EUMETSAT

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.)

[Apply Now](#)