



Company Profile (01 January 2009)

Arianespace at a glance

Arianespace was founded in 1980 as the world's first launch Service & Solutions company. It now has 23 shareholders from 10 European countries (including the French space agency CNES with 34%, EADS Astrium with 30% and all European companies participating in the production of Ariane 5 launchers). Since its creation, Arianespace has launched 265 payloads for 70 customers, accounting for more than half of the commercial satellites now in service.

The company generated sales of about 1 billion euros in 2008. As of 01 January 2009, Arianespace had 309 employees, including 247 at the company's headquarters in Evry, near Paris, 50 at the Guiana Space Center in Kourou, French Guiana, launch site for Ariane 5, Soyuz and Vega, and 12 at local offices in Washington D.C., Tokyo and Singapore.

Operations

Arianespace offers launch Service & Solutions to satellite operators from around the world, both private companies and government agencies. The Arianespace family of launchers comprises:

- Ariane 5 heavy-lift launch vehicle, operated from the Guiana Space Center in French Guiana (42 launches, including 28 successful launches in a row).
- Soyuz medium launcher, which has been operated from Baikonur, Kazakhstan since 1999 (21 commercial launches, all successful), and will be launched from the Guiana Space Center starting at the end of 2009.
- Vega light launcher, to be operated from the Guiana Space Center starting in 2010.

In 2008 Arianespace successfully carried out six Ariane 5 launches and one Soyuz launch, orbiting the ATV cargo vessel for the International Space Station, ten communications satellites and a demonstrator satellite for the Galileo constellation. It will continue this launch rate in 2009, with six to eight Ariane 5 launches and the first Soyuz launch from the Guiana Space Center.

Capitalizing on its range of launchers, proven reliability and availability, Arianespace has won more than half of the commercial launch contracts open to competition worldwide in the last two years. This gives it a very healthy order book:

- 27 satellites to be launched into geostationary transfer orbit, using Ariane 5 or Soyuz for the smaller spacecraft.
- 8 government launches by Ariane 5, including 6 for the ATV cargo vessel.
- 7 dedicated Soyuz launches.

The technical performance of its launchers and a substantial order book have made Arianespace the world leader in satellite launch services for the last several years.

Management team

Arianespace's shareholders are represented by the Board of Directors. Jean-Yves LE GALL is Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Arianespace. Françoise BOUZITAT is Senior Vice President Finance, Philippe BERTEROTTIERE is Senior Vice President Sales, Marketing & Customer Programs and Louis LAURENT is Senior Vice President Programs.