

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION



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NASA and JPL (the Jet Propulsion Laboratory)

- are supporting CNES for overall system management,
- are supplying the launcher, launch operations and related infrastructures,
- are contributing to the payload by supplying the microwave radiometer, the precise GPS receiver and the laser retroreflector array,
- are responsible for evaluating the NASA/JPL instruments and are helping to develop the processing systems.

EUMETSAT

- is supplying the ground station facilities, together with the corresponding maintenance,
- is responsible for processing and distributing the operational data in near real-time at the European level,
- is providing the interface with operational users in near real-time at the European level,
- is responsible for archiving and distributing the products.

NOAA

- is supplying two ground stations,
- is supplying an operations centre,
- is responsible for routine satellite operations after the transfer from the CNES control centre,
- is responsible for processing and distributing the operational data in the United States,
- is providing the interface with the users,
- is responsible for archiving and distributing the scientific data.

