

## **EUROPEAN SPACE AGENCY**

### **Vacancy in the Directorate of Launchers**

ESA is an equal opportunity employer, committed to achieving diversity within the workforce and creating an inclusive working environment. Applications from women are encouraged.

**POST** Head of the Infrastructure Project in the [Directorate of Launchers](#).

This post is classified A6 on the Coordinated Organisations' salary scale. The contract duration is limited to 30 months. An extension is not planned.

**LOCATION** ESA Headquarters, Paris (France).

**DUTIES** Reporting directly to the Director of Launchers, the postholder is responsible, under this dedicated Project which runs from 1 March 2017 to 31 August 2019, for the evolution of the infrastructure linked to Europe's autonomous access to space.

Responsibilities notably include:

- assessing capacity at the Guiana Space Centre (CSG) with a view to the upcoming transitions to Vega C and Ariane 6, proposing a potential upgrade strategy for CSG facilities involving ESA;
- devising concepts for CSG evolution in a medium to long-term perspective, notably focusing on i) overall efficiency ii) public and private sector roles and responsibilities iii) the scope of activities;
- drafting a report on spaceports located on European territory, addressing the global context and societal evolution in Europe including economic aspects;
- proposing a strategy for ESA for future infrastructure linked to Europe's autonomous access to space.

## QUALIFICATIONS

Applicants should have a Master's degree or equivalent qualification in a scientific discipline. Extensive knowledge and experience of a spaceport's operations and the Agency's launchers programmes is a prerequisite. Other essential qualities are a strong customer focus and policy development skills.

For behavioural competencies expected from ESA staff in general, please refer to the [ESA Competency Framework](#).

The working languages of the Agency are English and French. A good knowledge of one of these is required together with a working knowledge of the other. Knowledge of another Member State language would be an asset.

## CLOSING DATE

The closing date for applications is **22 February 2017**.

Applications from external candidates should preferably be made [online](#) from the ESA website ([www.esa.int/careers](http://www.esa.int/careers)). Those unable to apply on-line should submit their CV to Human Resources, ESA, 8-10 rue Mario-Nikis, 75738 Paris, Cedex 15 (France).

ESA staff members wishing to apply should fill in the [Internal Application Form](#) and email it to [Apply2HQ](#).

Please note that applicants may be required to undergo aptitude testing, including recognised psychometric testing as well as problem-solving and decision-making exercises.

If you require support with your application due to a disability, please email [contact.human.resources@esa.int](mailto:contact.human.resources@esa.int).

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**Please note that applications are only considered from nationals of one of the following States: Austria, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and Canada.**

**In accordance with the European Space Agency's security procedures and as part of the selection process, successful candidates will be required to undergo basic screening before appointment.**