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## Next Soyuz mission from CSG to orbit Hispasat 36W-1

**Friday 27 January, Soyuz will lift off from Europe's spaceport in French Guiana carrying the Hispasat 36W-1 satellite built by OHB System AG in Bremen, Germany, for Spanish operator Hispasat. It will be Soyuz's first launch from the Guiana Space Centre (CSG) this year.**

For its 16<sup>th</sup> launch from the CSG, Soyuz is set to loft the Hispasat 36W-1 satellite into geostationary transfer orbit for Spanish satellite communications operator Hispasat, a leading distributor of content in Spanish and Portuguese. Hispasat 36W-1 is the first satellite to be built using Europe's new SmallGEO platform developed by OHB System AG under ESA's ARTES (Advanced Research in Telecommunications Systems) programme.

With a launch mass of 3,220 kilograms, Hispasat 36W-1, from its orbital position at 36 deg. West, will allow Hispasat to provide a wide range of telecommunications services for television and radio stations in Spain, Portugal, the Canary Islands and South America. The satellite has an expected service lifetime of 15 years.

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