

ViaSat and Eutelsat

The close working relationship between ViaSat and Eutelsat spans many years. Some recent highlights:

2000

Eutelsat uses ViaSat LinkWay® family of satellite networking products to offer mesh (direct terminal-to-terminal) broadband communications.

2001

Eutelsat expands its Open-Sky broadband network to support multimedia requirements, using the ViaSat LinkStar® hub-based VSAT system on Ku-band satellites.

2003

Eutelsat buys ViaSat LinkStar DVB-RCS VSAT system for enterprise networking.

Eutelsat and ViaSat Comsat Laboratories division develop Skyplex Ka-band version of LinkStar VSAT for the Skyplex broadband system for multiplexed, high-speed multimedia communications, and begin to develop a future Ka-band system to take advantage of new high-powered Eutelsat satellites.

2006

Skylogic, Eutelsat's broadband affiliate initiates D-STAR aero with 40 business jets operating in Europe equipped with broadband in-flight communications using ViaSat Ku-band mobile satellite system.

2007

Eutelsat and ViaSat launch Tooway™ consumer broadband satellite service in several European markets. Uses the ViaSat SurfBeam® satellite DOCSIS® system similar to that used by WildBlue in the U.S.

SNCF inaugurates broadband services on TGV trains using Eutelsat satellite capacity and ViaSat mobile satellite system.

2008

Skylogic, the broadband subsidiary of Eutelsat, awards a \$50 million contract to ViaSat for on-ground baseband infrastructure for high-capacity KA-SAT Ka-band satellite system.

2009

\$18 million award for ViaSat antenna systems to supply gateway earth stations for Eutelsat KA-SAT high throughput satellite.

2010

Successful launch of Eutelsat KA-SAT marks the first implementation of ViaSat's transformational high-capacity Ka-band system architecture.

2011

KA-SAT, using the ViaSat SurfBeam 2 ground system, enters into commercial service with Tooway, marking the official beginning of a new-generation of satellite broadband service.

Eutelsat Overview

Eutelsat Communications is the holding company of Eutelsat S.A., the leading European satellite operator and one of the three top operators in the world for the supply of fixed satellite services. Where the space, telecoms and audiovisual industries converge, our Group is at the heart of the new challenges facing the digital economy through its ability to make broadband facilities available for people to access information worldwide. Due to its wide range of services for interconnecting and securing networks and broadcasting data, Eutelsat has become an essential source of high performance and flexibility for telecommunications operators and companies in more than 150 countries.

The Group operates a fleet of 29 satellites supplying capacity to operators who in turn provide their own customers with radio and TV broadcasting services, professional data networks and broadband Internet access. Eutelsat satellites provide coverage of Europe, the Middle East, Africa and a major part of the Asian and American continents, from 20 positions on the geostationary satellite orbit.