

Mission BRO-4 : A new launch for Unseenlabs, for the first time with Arianespace's VEGA launcher

Rennes, 10th August 2021 - This unprecedented, all-European collaboration will materialize in mid-August from Arianespace's launch complex in Kourou, French Guiana, with the liftoff of a VEGA launcher (Flight VV19) with BRO-4 on board. This fourth satellite in orbit will expand the Unseenlabs constellation, which has been operational since the launch of BRO-1 in August 2019.

After working with an American partner (Rocket Lab) for its two previous launches in 2019 and 2020, Unseenlabs, the European leader in ship geolocation by intercepting radio frequency signals from space, is now working with European's Arianespace group for the BRO-4 mission. This first collaboration shows how two European space companies, a large group on the one hand and a leader in newspace on the other, can make a significant contribution to Europe's sovereignty in this field.

"With the launch of BRO-4 exactly two years after BRO-1, Unseenlabs continues its development. Our constellation, which sees its performance multiply with each new launch, will have between 20 and 25 nano-satellites by 2025. As we are firmly convinced of the need to intensify collaboration between European newspace players to help keep France and Europe among the world leaders in space, we are delighted to be able to use VEGA for this mission," commented Clément Galic, co-founder and CEO of Unseenlabs.

"This fourth launch is the logical continuation of our short and medium-term objectives. Beyond the technological and commercial considerations, I think it is a great opportunity to test a new launcher that will help guarantee and accelerate our access to space," adds Jonathan Galic, co-founder and Chief Technology Officer of Unseenlabs.

About Unseenlabs

Founded in 2015, Unseenlabs is an innovative company of French origin, leader in Europe in RF satellite geolocation of ships at sea. Its proprietary on-board satellite technology allows any vessel at sea to be geolocated in near-real time, to the nearest kilometre, from a single nano-satellite. Unseenlabs provides a wide range of maritime stakeholders with accurate and up-to-date vessel position data, enabling better monitoring of activities at sea. Whether it is to meet the data needs of maritime businesses, or to help institutions and organisations combat illegal and anti-environmental behaviour, such as illegal fishing or illegal dumping, the Unseenlabs service is a tool for the oceans.

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