



# ARISS EUROPE

Amateur Radio on the International Space Station

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Dear Sir, Dear Madam,

Dear School, Dear Youth Organization,

Between February and April 2016, ARISS-Europe received 56 applications and educational projects from schools and youth organizations in the European region, targeting an ARISS school contact in the period extending from February to June 2017. The European School Selection Manager (ESSM) stored the applications in an online database. The mentors reviewed the applications and, if necessary, gathered missing information from the schools.

In accordance with the regional guidelines, provided by the ARISS-international Educational Outreach and School Selection Committee, we expect 12 opportunities for space conversations in the European ARISS Region for the February to June 2017 Contacts Window.

In May 2017, the EuroSchools Working Group (ESWG) met weekly by teleconference and selected a number of candidate schools, compliant with the expected opportunities. For the 12 expected contact slots in the first half of 2017, 16 schools were selected. That could be done because 7 schools accepted to share the space conversation with one or two other schools.

Eight out of the 12 contact slots were reserved for France. Indeed, early in 2017, the French ESA astronaut Thomas Pesquet will be on board and, traditionally, ARISS-Europe reserves 2/3 of the available contacts to the country of an ESA astronaut. These 8 ARISS events will involve 12 French schools, 4 schools sharing the conversation with another school.

As a limited number of options for a telebridge contact in the second half of 2016 were still open, schools requesting a telebridge event were offered the possibility of an ARISS event in late 2016. ARISS-Europe received confirmation from 10 schools which would be available for a telebridge contact. The ESWG therefore decided to put these schools in the international waiting list for an attempt to schedule a contact in the autumn of 2016.

We are happy to announce, that your school was selected for a possible ARISS contact in the first semester of 2017. An ARISS Mentor will assist you during the preparation period, up until the successful event.

Thank you for your interest in the ARISS project.

Best wishes,

The EuroSchools WG

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