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## Eutelsat takes home SSPI Better Satellite World Award for its support of the Crisis Connectivity Charter

Photo: Simon Gray (second from left), Eutelsat's Vice President of Humanitarian Affairs, surrounded by the other signatories of the Crisis Connectivity Charter. On his left, Arabsat; on his right, Hispasat, ESOA, Intelsat, SES and Global Eagle.

*Eutelsat has committed satellite resources and technical expertise towards emergency response efforts around the globe*

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International yesterday recognized the signatories to the [Crisis Connectivity Charter](#), including Eutelsat, with the Better Satellite World Award during a ceremony in London, which annually acknowledges the contributions of the satellite industry to the global economy, safety, security, governance, development and health.

The Crisis Connectivity Charter was signed in late 2015 between the Global VSAT Forum (GVF), the EMEA Satellite Operators Association (ESOA), the UN Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Aid (OCHA) and the Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC) to help the humanitarian community by enhancing their access to vital satellite-based communications when local networks are affected, destroyed or overloaded following disasters. It entered into its operational phase in May of this year through the signature of contribution agreements with the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP), on behalf of the ETC.

In the context of the Charter, Eutelsat has committed pre-allocated bandwidth on four of its satellites<sup>[1]</sup> across the globe, complemented on the ground by ready-to-deploy satellite kits, enabling emergency telecommunications services to be deployed in Europe, Africa, the Middle East and the Americas within 24 hours of a crisis.

Simon Gray, Vice President of Humanitarian Affairs of Eutelsat, commented on the award: *“We are honoured to be receiving this award as a signatory of the Crisis Connectivity Charter. The resilience and quick deployment of satellite solutions place our industry in a unique position to support relief efforts and we are proud to be the first industrial sector to be undertaking such a unified effort to standardise disaster response on a global scale.”*

<sup>[1]</sup> EUTELSAT 10A, EUTELSAT 21B, EUTELSAT 70B and EUTELSAT 65 West A

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efficiently connect to their clients wherever they may be. Eutelsat broadcasts nearly 7,000 channels, operated by the largest television groups, reaching an audience of one billion television viewers equipped for satellite reception or connected to land networks. Based in Paris, Eutelsat relies on a global network of offices and teleports. Its teams, comprised of a thousand employees from 46 countries strive daily to offer the best quality service.

Eutelsat Communications is listed on the Paris Stock Exchange (Euronext Paris) under the symbol ETL.

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