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# FRENCH TELEVISION LAUNCHES FRANCE 2 IN UHD ON DTT WITH IMMEDIATE NATIONWIDE COVERAGE VIA EUTELSAT GROUP SUBSIDIARY FRANSAT

**Paris, 23 January 2024** – France Télévisions today announced that it will be broadcasting its France 2 channel in 4K-UHD (Ultra High Definition) from tomorrow via digital terrestrial television (DTT) and simultaneously on the FRANSAT free-to-air bouquet, a subsidiary of satellite operator Eutelsat Group. This will ensure extensive and immediate coverage of mainland

France just a few months ahead of the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

## **France 2, first DTT channel to be aired in UHD**

France Télévisions is the first French TV broadcaster to bring a domestic channel up to the standards of tomorrow's television, with picture clarity comparable to that experienced by the naked eye, and immersive true-to-life sound rendition. TV audiences will also be able to enjoy this cutting-edge viewing experience alongside France 2 and France 3's coverage of the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games (which will also be broadcast in UHD on DTT).

## **Instantly available to FRANSAT subscribers**

Regardless of signal quality or available bandwidth, the FRANSAT service delivers France 2 UHD to FRANSAT TV subscribers across mainland France using a free DTT UHD satellite dish and equipment.

To be eligible, FRANSAT viewers on individual reception must have a FRANSAT-compatible TV set with UHD-HDR 10 capability and the FRANSAT TV module to be inserted at the back of the TV screen. Over the next few months, the FRANSAT UHD-compatible product range will include new decoder models. For community free-to-air DTT reception via satellite with the FRANSAT PRO solution, assistance from an antenna installer is required to make sure that the new UHD signals are seamlessly integrated into the cable distribution system.

FRANSAT's ability to deliver this new UHD service as part of the expected move towards DTT modernisation confirms its role as a sustainable complement to terrestrial networks, securing nationwide access to free-to-air television.

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## **About Eutelsat Group**

Eutelsat Group is a global leader in satellite communications, delivering connectivity and broadcast services worldwide. The Group was formed through the combination of the Company and OneWeb in 2023, becoming the

first fully integrated GEO-LEO satellite operator with a fleet of 36 Geostationary satellites and a Low Earth Orbit (LEO) constellation of more than 600 satellites.

The Group addresses the needs of customers in four key verticals of Video, where it distributes more than 6,500 television channels, and the high-growth connectivity markets of Mobile Connectivity, Fixed Connectivity, and Government Services.

Eutelsat Group's unique suite of in-orbit assets enables it to deliver integrated solutions to meet the needs of global customers. The Company is headquartered in Paris and the Eutelsat Group employs more than 1,700 people across more than 50 countries. The Group is committed to delivering safe, resilient, and environmentally sustainable connectivity to help bridge the digital divide. The Company is listed on the Euronext Paris Stock Exchange (ticker: ETL) and the London Stock Exchange (ticker: ETL)

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