

Eutelsat Communications: First Half 2022-23 Results

- All standalone Full Year 2022-23 and longer-term financial objectives confirmed
- Operating vertical revenues down 4.1% like-for-like; within the range of Full Year objectives
- Industry-leading profitability maintained, with a 73% EBITDA margin
- Successful launch of four satellites in H1, paving the way for return to growth in FY 2023-24
- Positive commercial momentum at OneWeb; combination deal on track for closing in calendar Q2/Q3 2023

PARIS--([BUSINESS WIRE](#))-- Regulatory News:

The Board of Directors of Eutelsat Communications (ISIN: FR0010221234 / Euronext Paris: ETL), chaired by Dominique D'Hinnin, reviewed the financial results for the Half Year ended 31 December 2022.

Key Financial Data	6M to Dec.		Change
	2021	2022	
P&L			
Revenues - €m	572.2	573.8	+0.3%
“Operating Verticals” revenues reported - €m	568.7	581.9	+2.3%
“Operating Verticals” revenues at constant currency and perimeter - €m	568.7	545.3	-4.1%
EBITDA ¹ - €m	435.7	419.0	-3.8%
EBITDA margin - % ¹	76.1	73.0	-3.1pt
EBITDA margin at constant currency - %	76.1	72.9	-3.2pt
Group share of net income - €m	166.0	51.9	-68.7%
Financial structure			
Reported Discretionary Free Cash-Flow - €m ¹	195.0	81.6	-58.2%
Adjusted Discretionary Free Cash-Flow - €m¹	231.3	120.6	-47.8%
Net debt - €m	3,081.0	2,996.0	-85.0 M€
Net debt/EBITDA ¹	3.53x	3.55x	+0.02 pt
Backlog – €bn	4.2	3.7	-11.4%

Commenting on the First Half, Eva Berneke Chief Executive Officer of Eutelsat Communications, said: “Eutelsat delivered a solid First Half, with revenues from our Operating Verticals within the range of our Full Year objectives and industry-leading profitability maintained with a 73% EBITDA margin. This financial performance enables us to confirm our standalone outlook for the Full Year 2022-23, and for the outer years. The start of the year has also seen considerable operational success, with the ongoing strong commercial ramp-up of EUTELSAT QUANTUM, and a record number of four satellite launches, providing both service continuity and incremental capacity which will pave the way for our return to growth in FY 2023-24. Elsewhere, OneWeb continues to deliver positive commercial ramp-up, and the proposed deal to combine our two companies is on track for closing in calendar Q2/Q3 2023. In the long term, our new orbital assets as well as the projected combination with OneWeb will unlock significant potential in markets where the demand for connectivity is booming.”

Notes: This press release contains figures from the consolidated half-year accounts prepared under IFRS and subject to a limited review by the Auditors. They were reviewed by the Audit Committee on 15 February 2023 and approved by the Board of Directors on 16 February 2023. EBITDA, EBITDA margin, Net debt / EBITDA ratio, Cash Capex, Discretionary Free Cash-Flow and Adjusted Discretionary Free Cash-Flow are considered Alternative Performance Indicators. Their definition and calculation are in Appendix 3 of this document.

KEY EVENTS

- First Half Operating Vertical revenues down 4.1% on a like-for-like basis, within the range of objectives for the Full Year.

- Industry-leading profitability with a 73.0% EBITDA margin in the First Half, despite revenue decline.
- Adjusted Discretionary Free Cash-Flow of €121m reflected the phasing of satellite programs and remains on track to reach full year objective.
- Operational successes, with the launch of four satellites in the First Half, paving the way for return to growth and ensuring seamless service for existing customer:
 - KONNECT VHTS with 500 Gbps of capacity dedicated to Fixed Broadband and Mobile Connectivity across Europe, and with ~€450m of secured backlog, namely from Orange, Telecom Italia, and TAS.
 - EUTELSAT 10B with incremental 35 Gbps of HTS Ku-band capacity addressing demand in Mobile Connectivity.
 - HOTBIRD 13F and HOTBIRD 13G to ensure broadcasting service continuity at our flagship 13° East position.
 - HOTBIRD 13G hosting the EGNOS GEO-4 payload.
- Rapid ramp-up of EUTELSAT QUANTUM with seven out of eight beams commercialized in its first year of service:
 - Active discussions for the commercialization of the final beam.
 - Five of the seven commercialized beams are incremental capacity.
 - Business shaping up to be more balanced towards Mobile Connectivity, reflecting buoyant demand.
- Further progress in our Telecom Pivot strategy, with the successful reorganization of the company structure along two business units (Video and Connectivity) to reinforce customer centricity and better address market opportunities, and the ramp-up of our Eutelsat Advance services.
- All standalone Full Year 2022-23 and longer-term financial objectives confirmed.
- OneWeb commercial ramp-up progressing according to plan
 - Secured backlog of \$0.8bn at end-December 2022, +€200m vs. October 2022's Strategic Update.
 - Revenues on track to reach the \$50m objective by end-June 2023.
- Closing of OneWeb deal expected in calendar Q2/Q3 2023, with regulatory approval workstreams progressing according to plan (no EU referral considered, FR and US still ongoing).

ANALYSIS OF REVENUES ²				
In € millions	6 months to Dec.	6 months to Dec.	Change	
	2021	2022	Reported	Like-for-like ³
Broadcast	350.5	338.5	-3.4%	-6.7%
Data & Professional Video	77.8	83.3	+7.1%	-2.5%
Government Services	73.9	66.9	-9.5%	-20.3%
Fixed Broadband	30.1	37.2	+23.6%	+17.0%
Mobile Connectivity	36.5	55.9	+53.2%	+32.7%
Total Operating Verticals	568.7	581.9	+2.3%	-4.1%
Other Revenues ⁴	3.5	-8.1	-331.4%	NR
Total	572.2	573.8	+0.3%	-6.1%
EUR/USD exchange rate	1.17	1.01		

Total revenues in the **First Half** stood at €574 million, up 0.3% on a reported basis and down by 6.1% like-for-like.

Revenues of the five Operating Verticals (ie, excluding 'Other Revenues') stood at €582 million. They were down by 4.1% on a like-for-like basis, excluding a positive currency impact of €37 million.

Second Quarter revenues stood at €286 million down 6.0% like-for-like. Revenues of the five Operating Verticals stood at €291 million, down 3.9% year-on-year and by 0.6% quarter-on-quarter on a like-for-like basis.

Unless otherwise stated, all variations indicated below are on a like-for-like basis, ie, at constant currency and perimeter.

Broadcast (58% of revenues)

First Half Broadcast revenues were down 6.7% to €339 million, reflecting the temporary headwind of the partial renewal of capacity with Nilesat at 7/8°West and the negative impact of the anticipated non-renewal of a capacity contract with Digitürk from mid-November, as well as lower revenues in Europe, related to volume decrease with certain resellers.

Second Quarter revenues stood at €169 million down by 6.0% year-on-year and 1.4% quarter-on-quarter, reflecting principally the phase-out of the Nilesat impact from mid-October, while the Digitürk impact started to materialize only from mid-November onwards.

The Full Year trend should see a slight deterioration compared to the First Half, as the impact of the sanctions against certain Russian and Iranian channels will be mainly embarked in the Second Half.

Data & Professional Video (14% of revenues)

First Half revenues stood at €83 million, down by 2.5% year-on-year.

In Fixed Data (two thirds of revenues), improved volume trends are now offsetting most of the negative impact of competitive pressure on pricing.

Professional Video (one third of revenues) recorded a mid-single digit decline, namely on the back of lower occasional use activity in Q1, especially in the Americas, as well as the ongoing structural headwinds.

Second Quarter revenues stood at €42 million, down 2.6% year-on-year, but up by 1.3% quarter-on-quarter.

Topline for the year as a whole is expected to decrease in the mid-single digit range, due to the seasonality of some contracts notably in Professional Video.

Government Services (12% of revenues)

First Half Government Services revenues stood at €67 million, down by 20.3% year-on-year, reflecting the negative carry-forward effect of prior US Department of Defence renewals with, in particular, a 65% renewal rate in the Fall 2022 campaign, following a 75% renewal rate in Spring 2022, due to the specific US geopolitical context.

Second Quarter revenues stood at €32 million, down by 23.0% year-on-year and by 8.9% quarter-on-quarter.

The Second Half will reflect the full effect of the above-mentioned headwinds.

Fixed Broadband (6% of revenues)

First Half revenues stood at €37 million, up 17.0% year-on-year. They reflected the contribution from the wholesale agreements with Orange, TIM, and more recently Hispasat and Swisscom as well as, to a lesser extent, the growth of the African operations.

Second Quarter revenues stood at €19 million. On a like-for-like basis, they were up 13.2% year-on-year, and down by 1.2% quarter-on-quarter.

Over the Full Year, Fixed Broadband should be broadly stable, as the comparison basis now better reflects the above-mentioned contracts, namely in Europe and Africa. Growth is expected to re-accelerate in FY 2023-24 on the back of the entry into service of KONNECT VHTS.

Mobile Connectivity (10% of revenues)

First Half revenues stood at €56 million, up 32.7% year-on-year, reflecting in particular the commercial success of EUTELSAT QUANTUM, for which two additional beams were commercialized for incremental capacity in maritime mobility during the First Half, bringing the total number of beams commercialized for Mobile Connectivity to three.

Second Quarter revenues stood at €30 million, up 33.8% year-on-year and by 13.3% quarter-on-quarter, reflecting the timing of the commercialization of the third beam on EUTELSAT QUANTUM for a maritime mobility client.

This positive dynamic is expected to translate into double-digit growth for the Full Year, albeit at a slower pace compared to the First Half as the comparison basis will gradually reflect some of the above-mentioned as well as other incremental contracts.

Other Revenues

In the **First Half**, Other Revenues amounted to -€8 million versus €4 million a year earlier. They included a €12 million negative impact from hedging operations versus a negative effect of €2 million a year earlier.

BACKLOG

The backlog stood at €3.7 billion at 31 December 2022 versus 4.2 billion a year earlier and 4.0 billion at end June 2022. The natural erosion of the backlog in the First Half more than offset the contribution of the wholesale contract with Swisscom on EUTELSAT KONNECT as well as the new beams commercialized on EUTELSAT QUANTUM.

The backlog was equivalent to 3.2 times 2021-22 revenues, and Broadcast represented 59% of the total.

	31 Dec. 2021	30 June 2022	31 Dec. 2022
Value of contracts (in billions of euros)	4.2	4.0	3.7
<i>In years of annual revenues based on previous fiscal year</i>	3.4	3.5	3.2
Share of Broadcast application	64%	62%	59%

Note: The backlog represents future revenues from capacity or service agreements and can include contracts for satellites under procurement. Managed services are not included in the backlog.

PROFITABILITY

EBITDA stood at €419 million at 31 December 2022 compared with €436 million a year earlier, down by 3.8%. The **EBITDA margin** stood at 72.9% at constant currency (73.0% reported) versus 76.1% a year earlier, on the back of lower revenues, especially in the Broadcast vertical. **Operating costs** were €18m higher than last fiscal year reflecting higher Bad Debt, increased staff costs due to a changing revenue mix and, to a lower extent, salary inflation. They also included transaction costs incurred with Russian clients. This EBITDA margin is reflective of the progressive rebalancing of our business towards connectivity applications.

Group share of net income stood at €52 million versus €166 million a year earlier, down by 68.7% and representing a margin of 9%. This reflected:

- Lower **Depreciation** of -€234m versus -€243m a year earlier, due to lower in-orbit and on-ground depreciation.
- **Other operating expenses** of -€34m, compared to income of €84 million last year, which principally included the \$125m payment related to Phase I of C-Band proceeds.
- A **net financial result** of -€56 million versus -€35 million a year earlier, reflecting an unfavourable evolution of foreign exchange gains and losses.
- A **tax rate** of 1% versus 24% last year. The decrease was mainly due to a lower French tax rate as well as the benefits of the specific French Satellite tax regime. Last year's tax rate was inflated by the 30% taxation of the \$125m payment related to Phase I of C-Band proceeds.
- Negative **income from associates** of -€39 million, reflecting the full semester contribution of the stake in OneWeb, which last year was only from September 2021 onwards⁵.

CASH FLOW

In H1 2022-23, **net cash flow from operating activities** amounted to €353 million, €10 million lower than a year earlier due principally to the decline in EBITDA, which was partially compensated by lower working capital requirement needs, thanks to strong cash collection this semester.

Cash Capex amounted to €194 million, versus €98 million last year; it reflects the phasing of satellite program delivery and launch, with four satellites launched this semester, and is not representative of the expected Full Year figure.

Interest and other fees paid net of interest received amounted to €77 million versus €70 million last year. It notably reflected capitalized interest from the credit facility drawn down for the financing of satellite programs.

Discretionary Free Cash-Flow amounted to €82 million on a reported basis, down €113 million. **Adjusted Discretionary Free Cash-Flow** as per the financial outlook definition⁶, at the guidance rate, stood at €121 million, down €111 million or 48%. It is not representative of the expected Full Year figure because of the phasing of satellite programs this semester.

FINANCIAL STRUCTURE

At 31 December 2022, **net debt** stood at €2,996 million, up €182 million versus end-June. It reflected: i) the lower €82 million in Discretionary Free Cash-Flow generated in the First Half, ii) the lower dividend payment of €81 million following the payment of part of the dividend in shares under the scrip option, and iii) the outflow in respect of inorganic investments of €34m for OneWeb. Other items contributed to the increase in net debt for a net impact of €149 million, reflecting mostly the use of a debt-related finance lease for the financing of satellite programs, for €200m.

The **net debt to EBITDA ratio** stood at 3.55 times, compared to 3.53 times at end-December 2021 and 3.27 times at end-June 2022. As a reminder, December represents a peak in the annual leverage profile reflecting the timing of the dividend payment. It is also impacted this year by the phasing of investments.

The average cost of debt after hedging stood at 2.67% (2.5% in H1 2021-22). The weighted average maturity of the Group's debt stood at 4.1 years, compared to 4.5 years at end-December 2021.

Liquidity remained strong, with undrawn credit lines and cash around €1.3 billion.

DIVIDEND

The Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of 10 November 2022 approved the payment of a **dividend of €0.93 per share in respect of the Financial Year ended 30 June 2022**, and the option for the shareholder of receiving the entire part of the dividend either in cash or in new shares of the Company (scrip dividend). The option for payment of the dividend in shares by each shareholder had to be exercised from 21 November 2022 to 9 December 2022 inclusive.

It resulted that 62% of the rights were exercised in favour of the scrip dividend. The dividend was paid on 16 December 2022 and 18,381,330 new shares were issued and listed on Euronext Paris. They carry rights to the dividend for the Financial Year starting 1st July 2022 and rank *pari-passu* with existing shares from the issue date. The share issue had the effect of increasing Eutelsat Communications' share capital to 248,926,325 ordinary shares with a par value of €1 each.

The cash dividend was paid on 16 December 2022, for a total of €81 million.

FINANCIAL OUTLOOK

First Half revenues were within the range of our objectives for FY 2022-23.

Looking ahead, the impact of sanctions against certain Russian and Iranian channels will principally play out in the Second Half. This, combined with the anticipated non-renewal of Broadcast contracts in the MENA region, should lead to a slight deterioration in Broadcast revenues compared with the First-Half rate. Government Services revenues will be negatively impacted by lower renewal rates with the US Department of Defence, in a specific US geopolitical context. On the other hand, Mobility will continue to see double-digit growth, on the back of strong commercial traction, while the next step change for Fixed Broadband will be the entry into service of KONNECT VHTS by the second half of 2023 (calendar).

As a consequence, all financial objectives for FY 2022-23 and beyond are confirmed as follows:

- Revenues from the five Operating Verticals for FY 2022-23 expected between 1,135-1,165 million euros (based on a EUR/USD rate of 1.00).
- Cash Capex⁷ not exceeding €400 million per annum for each of the next two fiscal years (FY 2022-23 / FY 2023-24).
- Adjusted Discretionary Free Cash Flow expected at an average of €420 million per year at a €/€ rate of 1.00 for FY 2022-23 and FY 2023-24. This is equivalent to a cumulative Adjusted DFCF generation of €1,361 million over three fiscal years at a 1.00 €/€ rate (FY 2021-22, FY 2022-23, and FY 2023-24). NB/ Adjusted DFCF objectives exclude future payments related to the exclusive commercial partnership with OneWeb.
- Commitment to a sound financial structure and continue to target a medium-term net debt / EBITDA ratio of around 3x.

This outlook is based on the revised nominal deployment plan outlined in the 2022-2023 Half-Year Financial Report and the corresponding results presentation. It assumes no further material deterioration of revenues generated from Russian customers. It excludes the impact of the contemplated combination with OneWeb.

The next step change in the revenue trend will be the entry into service in calendar H2 2023 of new in-orbit assets with secured pre-commitments, in the Mobility, Government and Broadband applications, underpinning our expected return to growth in FY 2023-24.

ONEWEB UPDATE

Operational

OneWeb continues to see positive commercial momentum, with a secured backlog of \$0.8bn⁸ at end-December 2022, up €200m vs. October 2022's Strategic Update, on the back of key contracts won, namely with Airtel in Africa and Galaxy in Canada. Revenues are on track to reach the \$50m objective by end-June 2023.

Eslewhere, the company has launched three batches of satellites since October, meaning c.85% of the constellation is now in service, on track to be fully operational by January 2024.

Transactional

Following the issuance by the employee representative bodies of its opinion on the proposed combination between Eutelsat Communications and OneWeb announced on 26 July 2022, the Board of Directors of Eutelsat Communications approved the transaction. Consequently, Eutelsat and the main shareholders of OneWeb (Bharti, the UK Government, Softbank, and Hanwha) signed the final combination agreement on 14 November 2022.

Completion of the transaction remains subject to the customary conditions precedent, in particular the approval by the relevant regulatory authorities. Given the currently expected timetable for review by these authorities, the Extraordinary General Meeting of Eutelsat shareholders to approve the transaction is now expected to be held in the second or third quarter of calendar 2023.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Appointment of Christophe Caudrelier as Chief Financial Officer

Christophe Caudrelier was appointed Chief Financial Officer. Christophe Caudrelier brings a wealth of experience as CFO from his 30-year career in global industries where operational excellence and long-term investments are key to successfully addressing the evolving customer expectations.

Annual General Meeting

The Ordinary and Extraordinary Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of Eutelsat Communications was held on 10 November 2022 in Paris. All the resolutions submitted were approved. They included notably:

- Approval of the accounts;
- Ratification of the appointment of Mrs. Eva Berneke as Director;
- Appointment of Mrs. Fleur Pellerin as Director;
- Appointment of CMA-CGM as Director. CMA-CGM will be represented by Mr. Michel Sirat;

- Renewal of the mandate of Bpifrance Participations as Director. Bpifrance Participations will be represented by Mr. Samuel Dalens;
- Compensation of corporate officers and compensation policy.

The Board remains composed of 10 members, 50% of whom are women and 70% of whom are independent.

Corporate Social Responsibility

On November 1, 2022, a specifically dedicated ESG department was created, headed by a newly appointed ESG Director reporting to the Strategy and Resources Department, reflecting the place of ESG at the core of the Group's strategy.

The sustainable use of space is one of the core tenets of Eutelsat's ESG strategy and as a leading actor in the "Net Zero Space" initiative, Eutelsat is committed to the sustainable use of space by 2030. Upholding this commitment, Eutelsat was a signatory of ESA's "Joint Statement for a responsible space sector" on 21st November 2022.

Results presentation

Eutelsat Communications will present its results on **Friday, February 17th, 2023** by conference call and webcast at **9:00 CET**.

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Documentation

Consolidated accounts are available at: <https://www.eutelsat.com/en/investors/financial-information.html>.

Financial calendar

The financial calendar below is provided for information purposes only. It is subject to change and will be regularly updated.

- 11 May 2023: Third Quarter 2022-23 revenues
- 28 July 2023: Full Year 2022-23 results

About Eutelsat Communications

Founded in 1977, Eutelsat Communications is one of the world's leading satellite operators. With a global fleet of satellites and associated ground infrastructure, Eutelsat enables clients across Video, Data, Government, Fixed and Mobile Broadband markets to communicate effectively to their customers, irrespective of their location. Around 7,000 television channels operated by leading media groups are broadcast by Eutelsat to one billion viewers equipped for DTH reception or connected to terrestrial networks. Committed to promoting all facets of sustainable development across its business activities, Eutelsat leverages its in-orbit resources to help bridge the digital divide while

maintaining a safe and uncluttered space environment. As an attractive and socially responsible employer, Eutelsat assembles 1,200 men and women from 50 countries who are dedicated to delivering the highest quality of service. Eutelsat Communications is listed on the Euronext Paris Stock Exchange (ticker: ETL).

For more about Eutelsat go to <https://www.eutelsat.com/en/home.html>

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The forward-looking statements included herein are for illustrative purposes only and are based on management's views and assumptions as of the date of this document.

Such forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks. For illustrative purposes only, such risks include but are not limited to: risks related to the health crisis; operational risks related to satellite failures or impaired satellite performance, or failure to roll out the deployment plan as planned and within the expected timeframe; risks related to the trend in the satellite telecommunications market resulting from increased competition or technological changes affecting the market; risks related to the international dimension of the Group's customers and activities; risks related to the adoption of international rules on frequency coordination and financial risks related, inter alia, to the financial guarantee granted to the Intergovernmental Organization's closed pension fund, and foreign exchange risk.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Additional financial data

Extract from the consolidated income statement (€ millions)

Six months ended December 31	2021	2022	Change (%)
Revenues	572.2	573.8	+0.3 %
Operating expenses	(136.5)	(154.8)	+13.4 %
EBITDA	435.7	419.0	-3.8 %
Depreciation and amortisation	(243.0)	(233.8)	-3.8 %
Other operating income (expenses)	83.7	(34.0)	-140.7 %
Operating income	276.4	151.2	-45.3 %
Financial result	(34.6)	(56.1)	-62.1 %
Income tax expense	(56.9)	(0.8)	-98.6 %
Income from associates	(12.5)	(39.1)	+212.8 %
Portion of net income attributable to non-controlling interests	(6.3)	(3.4)	-46.1%
Group share of net income	166.0	51.9	-68.7%

Change in net debt (€ millions - reported)

Half-year ending	31/12/2021	31/12/2022
Net cash flows from operating activities	362.9	353.3
Cash Capex	(98.2)	(194.3)
Interest and Other fees paid net of interests received	(69.7)	(77.4)
Discretionary Free Cash-Flow	195.0	81.6
(Acquisitions) / disposals	(494.9)	(34.0)
C-band proceeds	109.4	0.0

Distributions to shareholders	(221.5)	(80.6)
Other (including debt-related finance lease for the financing of satellite programs)	(13.5)	(148.6)
Decrease (increase) in net debt	(425.5)	(181.6)

Appendix 2: Quarterly revenues by application

Quarterly Reported revenues FY 2021-22 and FY 2022-23

The table below shows quarterly reported revenues.

In € millions	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	FY	Q1	Q2
	2021-22	2021-22	2021-22	2021-22	2021-22	2022-23	2022-23
Broadcast	177.6	172.8	172.5	173.9	696.9	170.1	168.5
Data & Professional Video	38.4	39.4	40.0	40.7	158.5	41.1	42.2
Government Services	37.0	36.8	34.6	36.0	144.4	34.7	32.2
Fixed Broadband	14.6	15.5	16.9	21.7	68.7	18.7	18.6
Mobile Connectivity	17.1	19.4	20.7	22.7	79.9	25.9	30.0
Total Operating Verticals	284.8	283.9	284.7	295.0	1,148.3	290.5	291.4
Other Revenues	2.6	1.0	2.1	(2.3)	3.3	(3.1)	(5.0)
Total	287.3	284.9	286.8	292.6	1,151.6	287.4	286.4

Appendix 3: Alternative performance indicators

In addition to the data published in its accounts, the Group communicates on three alternative performance indicators which it deems relevant for measuring its financial performance: EBITDA, Cash Capex and Discretionary free cash flow (DFCF). These indicators are the object of reconciliation with the consolidated accounts.

EBITDA, EBITDA margin and Net debt / EBITDA ratio

EBITDA reflects the profitability of the Group before Interest, Tax, Depreciation and Amortization. It is a frequently used indicator in the Fixed Satellite Services Sector and more generally the Telecom industry. The table below shows the calculation of EBITDA based on the consolidated P&L accounts for H1 2021-22 and H1 2022-23:

Six months ended December 31 (€ millions)	2021	2022
Operating result	276.4	151.2
+ Depreciation and Amortization	243.0	233.8
- Other operating income and expenses	(83.7)	34.0
EBITDA	435.7	419.0

The EBITDA margin is the ratio of EBITDA to revenues. It is calculated as follows:

Six months ended December 31 (€ millions)	2021	2022
EBITDA	435.7	419.0
Revenues	572.2	573.8
EBITDA margin (as a % of revenues)	76.1	73.0

At constant currency, the EBITDA margin stood at 72.9% as of 31 December 2022.

The Net debt / EBITDA ratio is the ratio of net debt to last-twelve months EBITDA. It is calculated as follows:

Six months ended December 31 (€ millions)	2021	2022
Last twelve months EBITDA	873.4	844.9
Closing net debt ⁹	3,081.0	2,996.0
Net debt / EBITDA	3.53x	3.55x

Cash Capex

The Group on occasion operates capacity within the framework of leases, or finances all or part of certain satellite programs under export credit agreements or through other bank facilities, leading to outflows which are not reflected in the item “acquisition of satellites and other tangible or intangible assets”. Cash Capex including the outflows related to these elements is published in order to reflect the totality of Capital Expenditures undertaken in any financial year.

In addition, in the event of a partial or total loss of satellite, as previously reported cash Capex included investment in assets which are inoperable or partially inoperable, the amount of insurance proceeds is deducted from Cash Capex.

Cash Capex therefore covers the acquisition of satellites and other tangible or intangible assets, payments in respect of export credit facilities or other bank facilities financing investments as well as payments related to lease liabilities. If applicable it is net from the amount of insurance proceeds.

The table below shows the calculation of Cash Capex for H1 2021-22 and H1 2022-23:

Six months ended December 31 (€ millions)	2021	2022
Acquisitions of satellites, other property and equipment and intangible assets	(83.1)	(166.5)
Insurance proceeds	-	-
Repayments of ECA loans, lease liabilities and other bank facilities ¹⁰	(15.2)	(27.8)
Cash Capex	(98.2)	(194.3)

Discretionary Free Cash-Flow (DFCF)

The Group communicates on Discretionary free cash flow which reflects its ability to generate cash after the payment of interest and taxes. DFCF generally and principally serves investments to pursue the strategy of the company, shareholder remuneration and debt reduction.

Reported Discretionary free cash flow is defined as Net cash flow from operating activities less Cash Capex as well as Interest and other fees paid net of interest received.

Adjusted Discretionary free cash flow (as per financial objectives) is calculated at the guidance rate (based on a EUR/USD rate of 1.00) and excludes one-off impacts such as Hedging, effects of changes in perimeter when relevant, impacts from C-band proceeds and one-off costs related to specific projects, in particular to the COMETE project as well as the Eutelsat-OneWeb combination project for FY 2022-23.

The table below shows the calculation of Reported Discretionary Free Cash-Flow and Adjusted Discretionary Free Cash-Flow for H1 2021-22 and 2022-23 and its reconciliation with the Cash-Flow statement:

Six months ended December 31 (€ millions)	2021	2022
Net Cash-Flows from operating activities	362.9	353.3
Cash Capex (as defined above)	(98.2)	(194.3)
Interest and other fees paid net of interest received	(69.7)	(77.4)
Reported Discretionary Free Cash-Flow	195.0	81.6
Currency impact ¹¹	28.8	1.8
Hedging impact	2.3	12.4
One-off costs related to “LEAP 2” program, move to new headquarters (FY 2021-22) and to specific projects, in particular to the COMETE project as well as the Eutelsat-OneWeb combination project (FY 2022-23)	5.2	24.8
Adjusted Discretionary Free Cash-Flow	231.3	120.6

¹ Please refer to Appendix 3 for definition and calculation.

² The share of each application as a percentage of total revenues is calculated excluding “Other Revenues”.

³ Change at constant currency. The variation is calculated as follows: i) H1 2022-23 USD revenues are converted at H1 2021-22 rates; ii) Hedging impact is excluded.

⁴ Other Revenues include mainly the impact of EUR/USD revenue currency hedging, the provision of various services or consulting/engineering fees and termination fees.

⁵ In September 2021, Eutelsat held 20.52% of OneWeb. Its equity interest increased to 25.13% in late December 2021, after having participated in a portion of Bharti Global's last call option. As of March 2022, following Hanwha Systems UK Ltd.'s acquisition of an equity interest, Eutelsat's participation now stands at 22.91% of OneWeb's capital.

⁶ Please refer to Appendix 3.

⁷ Including capital expenditure and payments under existing export credit facilities and other bank facilities financing investments as well as payments related to lease liabilities.

⁸ Of which \$275m is with Eutelsat.

⁹ Net debt includes all bank debt, bonds and all liabilities from lease agreements and structured debt as well as Forex portion of the cross-currency swap, less cash and cash equivalents (net of bank overdraft). Net Debt calculation is available in the Note 6.4.3 of the appendices to the financial accounts.

¹⁰ Included in lines "Repayment of borrowings" and of "Repayment of lease liabilities" of cash-flow statement

¹¹ H1 2021-22 discretionary Free Cash-Flow has been converted at H1 2020-21 rates.

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