

## **Eutelsat satellites mobilised for TV coverage in Europe and Middle** East of the US presidential election

Paris, 6 November 2012 - As the US presidential election enters into the final phase, capacity on three satellites operated by Eutelsat Communications (Euronext Paris: ETL) has been mobilised by broadcasters and news agencies covering this event of international interest.

Space on EUTELSAT 12 West A, EUTELSAT 8 West A and EUTELSAT 10A has been booked for periods between 2 November and 9 November to transmit live coverage, interviews and breaking news from Washington DC and key states across the Atlantic into TV studios in Europe and the Middle East.

Clients integrating Eutelsat capacity in the overall broadcasting infrastructure mobilised for the election include the EBU for the EUROVISION network, AP, Al-Jazeera, Argiva, Telenor Satellite Broadcasting and TIMA. Over 120 MHz of capacity in all has been booked, capping a stellar year for newsgathering operations that have included elections in France and Greece, UEFA Euro 2012 and the 2012 London Olympics.

Eutelsat's Booking Centre coordinates the allocation of occasional-use satellite capacity from minimum periods of 15 minutes for SNGs up to several days for the coverage of sporting, political and breaking news events.

## **About Eutelsat Communications**

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