

Launch Campaign Newsletter #20 – Friday, 7. September 2018



Both modules, MTM and the mini stack (MPO/MMO) have been installed on their dedicated fuelling stands inside the S5B cleanroom. Dry mass weighting of the modules and the fuelling setup has been completed.



After completion of the Self Contained Atmospheric Protection Ensemble (SCAPE) training, the fuelling team has loaded and pressurized MPO with Mixed Oxides of Nitrogen (MON) on Wednesday. Thursday, the MON loading & pressurization has been completed on MTM.



The preparations for loading of MonoMethyl Hydrazine (MMH) into the tank of MTM took place today.



Due to technical difficulties encountered by Arianespace with pyrotechnical equipment of the launcher, the targeted launch of BepiColombo has been delayed by one day to 19. October at 22:45:28 KRU local time (= 20. October at 3:45:28 CEST).