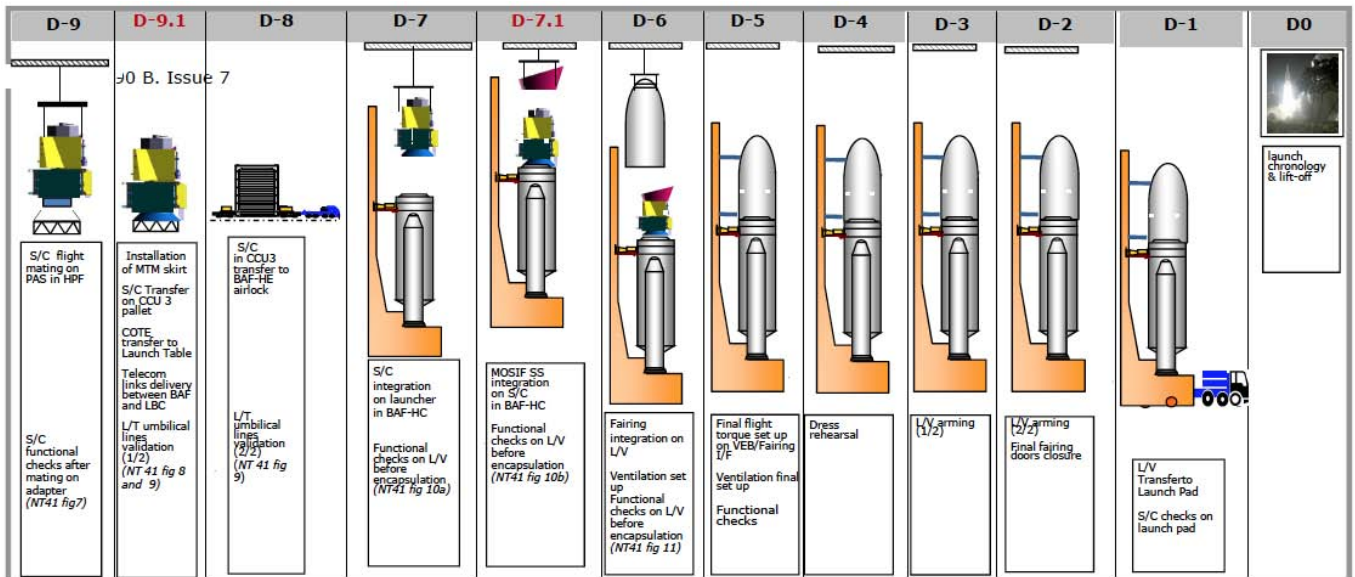


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The combined operations (POC) with BepiColombo Project and ArianeSpace are running full speed since Thursday last week.

MCS has been transported inside CCU 3 from S5B to BAF on Monday (D-8)

Tuesday (D-7) morning, MCS has been lifted to the top of the launcher for integration, followed by removal of non flight-items from MMO and further MLI finalisation and sewing. In parallel some functional checks have been performed to validate the electrical connection via the launcher.

Wednesday (D-7.1), after final removing of MMO GN2 purging, the MOSIF sunshield has been integrated. Gap closure MLI between MOSIF and MPO has been integrated and sewed. The PHEBUS pump has been removed and PHEBUS finalisation was

completed. All remaining red-tags have been removed.

Thursday (D-6), MPO purge line has been finally removed from the S/C, followed by the final MCS inspection. Since then, MCS is in flight configuration !

The fairing has been integrated on the same day, and finally torqued on Friday (D-5).