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Link hands: TG24's Flavio Maspes celebrates the new contract with SISLink MD, David Meynell

by David Fox

Sky Italia has ordered four uPOD SNG vehicles from SISLink for its news channel Sky TG24, which will be based in Rome, Milan, Padua and Turin. Besides news reports, they can be used for small events, as they will support up to three cameras with a vision mixer.

The key to the choice of uPOD was software that is easy to use, explained Flavio Maspes, external crews manager, TG24, so that "the operators don't have to be deeply specialised in satellite". It has been trialing the SISLink system for six months, including use at the World Cup, "and we have had no problems. We find the software quite easy to use."

The contract for the short wheelbase vehicles is for five years, with delivery in January. In the meantime, TG24 will use loan uPODs.

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