



## Press release

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# CNES Head Office hosts 9<sup>th</sup> CoSpace Steering Committee meeting

**Co-chaired by CNES President Jean-Yves Le Gall and Jean Loïc Galle, Chair of the Space Committee of GIFAS, the French aerospace industries association, and Chairman & CEO of Thales Alenia Space, the Steering Committee of the CoSpace government-industry space coordination committee met today, Friday 17 April, at CNES Head Office for the 9<sup>th</sup> time since its inception. Items on the agenda included the COP21 global climate summit and the role of satellites in the study of climate factors, currently the subject of intense discussions as space is playing a key role in laying the groundwork for this meeting in December.**

The CoSpace Steering Committee met again today after last February's session concentrating on satellites. Among the many items on the agenda, the committee discussed the European Commission's Horizon 2020 programme, the largest ever dedicated to research and innovation by the European Union; the deployment of fast-broadband Internet access; and the Boosters project designed to facilitate access to satellite data for players in the digital economy, with a view to fostering closer synergies between start-ups and research bodies. The Boosters request for proposals will be announced at the Paris Airshow. The upcoming COP21 global climate summit in December was also the subject of keen debate, in particular with regard to how space assets are helping to keep track of climate change, one of the points that will be getting a lot of attention at the summit.

The steering committee is the executive structure of CoSpace, founded in September 2013. CoSpace also comprises representatives from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy, as well as the presidents of CNES, GIFAS and French aerospace and defence research agency ONERA, CNES's Science Programmes Committee (CPS), and space industry operators, contractors, equipment manufacturers and SMEs. The third meeting of CoSpace, on 12 November 2014, was co-chaired by Geneviève Fioraso, Secretary of State for Higher Education and Research, Jean-Yves Le Drian, Minister of Defence, and Emmanuel Macron, Minister of the Economy, Industry and Digital Technologies.

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