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## NFI new industrial policy on view at the Elysée Palace France's space team a key player in NewSpace

**Monday 23 May at the Elysée Palace in Paris, France's space team of government representatives, industry contractors, operators and CNES marked the anniversary of France's NFI new industrial policy alongside French President François Hollande, Emmanuel Macron, the Minister of the Economy, Industry and Digital Technologies, and Thierry Mandon, Secretary of State for Higher Education and Research. On this occasion, CNES President Jean-Yves Le Gall gave a briefing on the work the government, CNES and its industry partners are pursuing on telecommunications satellites through which this team is playing a leading role in NewSpace.**

Jean-Yves Le Gall gave a briefing at the plenary conference about work being done on the Trust in Digital Solution. He began by pointing to the current wave of unprecedented innovations in telecommunications satellites and hailed the dynamic efforts of public and private stakeholders working together to gear up the nation's industry. He then outlined the prospects for the industry offered by the advent of a new generation of all-electric Internet satellites and projects to deploy new constellations in low Earth orbit that will bring permanent global connectivity to both people and objects. CNES's President also underlined the need to pursue this innovation and transformation to ready France to take full advantage of these prospects and leverage its undisputed technological and industrial assets. He concluded by hailing the new opportunities afforded by the Trust in Digital Solution established by France's NFI new industrial policy and stressed the huge effort engaged to improve the complementarity and integration of terrestrial and satellite telecommunications networks in order to make them a key differentiator for the nation's industry in export markets.

President Hollande and the Ministers then visited the exhibition devoted to telecommunications satellites, where representatives of the government, industry, operators and CNES showed them the results of development work accomplished with government funding in recent years. Particular emphasis was placed on the fact that satellites are not only remarkable telecommunications systems but also big purveyors of data, another asset that France has at its disposal to be a pivotal player in the new knowledge and data economy.

After the conference, Jean-Yves Le Gall commented: "On the occasion of the anniversary of the NFI new industrial policy, I was greatly honoured to be able to show President Hollande and the Ministers the accomplishments of France's space team. After the unwavering efforts in pursuit of our scientific ambition of putting the Philae lander on the surface of a comet and of combating climate change through the COP21, we are today fully committed to building the most innovative telecommunications infrastructures that are going to fuel the development of a national data economy with huge potential. Through the NFI initiative, government, industry, operators and CNES have worked together to become a force to be reckoned with in NewSpace. In short, we are already doing what others are only talking about!"

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