

## Space stakeholders gather at C'Space 2013

Celebrating 50 years of CNES efforts to inspire and engage youth

To mark its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, C'Space, the immensely popular gathering for students that has become a fixture of the space event calendar, organized by CNES in partnership with the French defence procurement agency DGA and the Planète Sciences non-profit association, was visited this Thursday by Geneviève Fioraso, Minister for Higher Education and Research, Alain Vidalies, Minister in charge of Parliamentary Relations, and CNES President Jean-Yves Le Gall.

C'Space offers young students from engineering schools, universities and clubs a unique opportunity to present high-tech space projects.

Over the last four days, DGA's test site in Southwest France has been turned into a base for mini-rockets as more than 200 youngsters, mainly from France but also from Austria, Japan, Russia and other countries, launch the experimental rockets and CanSats—mini-satellites no larger than a Coke can—they have taken several months to build.

Today's official visit day brought together a large contingent of stakeholders from the world of aerospace. At the end of the day, CNES President Jean-Yves Le Gall said: "I would like to congratulate everyone who organized and took part in this year's C'Space event, which once again has been a huge success. This gathering proves young people's interest in space and confirms how vital it is for CNES to support their projects and to inspire them by providing the resources they need to fulfil their ambitions, and by showcasing space to the broader public notably through a range of activities and live launch broadcasts along the sea front. I am also delighted to have Mrs Geneviève Fioraso and Mr Alain Vidalies with us here today. Their presence underlines the value of these activities."



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