

## **CNES partners 'Space for our Future' exhibition in Brussels**

**CNES President Jean-Yves Le Gall was at the opening today, Tuesday 28 October, of the 'Space for our Future' exhibition in Brussels alongside José Manuel Durão Barroso, President of the European Commission, and Jean-Jacques Dordain, Director General of ESA, co-organizers of the event, with numerous members of parliament.**

CNES President Jean-Yves Le Gall was at the opening today of the 'Space for our Future' exhibition running until 14 November at the Berlaymont building, the headquarters of the European Commission in Brussels, at the intersection of the Rue de la Loi and the Boulevard Charlemagne.

Partnered by CNES, ESA, Arianespace and several European and international operators including Inmarsat, Eutelsat and Eumetsat, the exhibition is aimed at MEPs, journalists, foreign delegations, schools and members of the public (by invitation only). Visitors will discover a large image on the floor of the building of the city of Brussels acquired by one of the Pleiades satellites.

The exhibition comprises a series of large frescoes depicting the key domains of space, advances in our understanding of the Universe, space applications in citizens' daily lives, exploration of the solar system, the study of our planet, disaster management and more, complemented by a presentation of current programmes showing the synergies between the European Union, ESA and member states, including France (represented by CNES). It provides a vision of the innovative solutions that space offers to meet the major challenges of the coming decades, emphasizing how it benefits the economy through launchers and satellites, innovation boosting competitiveness and growth, and education.

At the opening, Jean-Yves Le Gall underlined the goals of the exhibition: "Showcasing space like this is the best way to illustrate its many scientific and social benefits in our daily lives. It also reminds us of the things that bring out the best in all of us: our spirit of discovery and our desire to build and invent our future. I would like to warmly thank the European Commission and ESA for associating CNES with this remarkable exhibition. We must continue to strengthen Europe's excellence in space and pursue the efforts undertaken over more than 30 years to stay ahead, fly Europe's colours and contribute to the pride we share as Europeans."

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