



THE FRENCH PRESIDENCY OF THE EU AND THE DYNAMICS OF EUROPEAN SPACE

Conseil Central de l'Economie, Brussels, Tuesday, July 2nd, 2008

The conference will be held in English

Welcome and registration (8:30am to 9am)

Introduction (9am to 9:15am):

Laurence Nardon, Head of the Space policy program at Ifri;

Panel 1 (9:30am to 11:00am): The French Space Programme in 2008

The first session will assess the challenges met by the French space policy today. It will also look at the space-related goals of the French Presidency of the European Union (PFUE). Current military programmes will be presented as well as the project of a "Code of Conduct in Space". The latter is a specific goal of the PFUE. Although not explicit in the current French agenda, Space for Africa is also given a voice.

Panellists:

Serge Plattard, Cnes representative at CLORA, on the space goals of the French presidency of the EU;

Rodolphe Paris, European Defense Agency, on current military space programmes;

Rosine Couchoud, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, on the Code of conduct project;

Declan Kirrane, ISC Intelligence for Science, on space for Africa;

Coffee Break (11:00am to 11:15)

Panel 2 (11:15am to 1:00pm): The Management of European Space

How do major space programmes shape the evolution of space policy management in Europe? The examples of Galileo, GMES and Space exploration will be addressed. How is it possible to organize a space programme with ESA, the EU, industry and member states as stakeholders? What lessons have we learned from the past difficulties of the Galileo programme? How is the management of GMES being set up? How should Europe set about exploring space? How should we organise our cooperation with Nasa?

Panellists:

Kevin Madders, Systemics Networks, on the general outlook for European space;

On Galileo:

Matthias Ruete, DG Energy and Transports, EU;

Didier Faivre, Head of the Navigation Programme, ESA;

On GMES:

Sylvia Kainz-Huber, DG Enterprise, EU;

Pierre Potin, GMES Space Office, ESA;

On European space exploration:

Richard Heidmann, Association Planète Mars;

Buffet lunch at the Conseil Central de l'Economie (1:00pm to 2:00pm)

Panel 3 (2:00pm to 3:45pm): Space for Innovation

The afternoon session will address the issue of high-tech innovation through space. Are space programmes a significant driver for innovation in Europe? What is the role of European institutions such as ESA? Representatives from the industry will present their particular case, with a focus on SMEs.

Panellists:

Leopold Summerer, Advanced Concepts Team, ESA, on space innovation in Europe;

Case studies of space-related innovation:

Pascale Lardin, Director European Affairs, Altran, France;

Arnab Basu, Managing Director, Kromek, UK;

Bruno Ramos de Carvalho, CEO, Active Space Technologies, Portugal;

Conclusion (3:45pm to 4pm)