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Ladies and gentlemen, I am pleased to introduce Jean-Yves Le Gall, who is definitely the great figure in Europe for space activities. He has held the most important positions for decades now. He will make a presentation on space as a major technological and governance adventure. He will stress three fundamental dimensions of space activities: The first one is innovation. Space has a huge source of technological innovation, which is obvious but it has to be clarified.

The second dimension is perhaps less well known: the crucial importance of space activities for climate change, climate policy and more generally the human dimension of the future of planet Earth.

Last but not least is the great future adventure of the conquest of planet Mars, which is certainly the great dream, perhaps reality for the next quarter of the century or so.