

## SPEAKER PROFILES

### *Session 3: Leveraging a Multistakeholder Environment*



**Magali Vaissière | President of the IRT Saint Exupéry and Member of the Ministerial Space Steering Committee of France 2030, France**

After graduating from Telecom ParisTech in 1980, Magali Vaissière went on to earn a Master's degree in Electrical Engineering from Stanford University. In parallel with her professional activity, she also completed a Master of Business Administration at the Centre de perfectionnement aux affaires.



**Christine Klein | Head of the Industrial Policy and Auditing Department, ESA**

Christine Klein started working in the space domain as project team member in the area of ISS Commercialization at Kesberg, Buetfering & Partner, a German SME. She joined the German Space Agency at DLR in 2012 and was responsible for financial planning and controlling of German contributions to ESA programmes.



**David Bertolotti | Secretary-General, Eutelsat**

Since 2022, David Bertolotti has served as the Secretary General and General Counsel of the Eutelsat Group, one of the world's leading satellite communications companies. He was previously Director of Institutional and International Affairs from July 2020 to December 2022. Prior to joining the private sector, Mr. Bertolotti led a diplomatic career, serving 17 years at the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs.



### **Kurt Kober | Vice President Electronic Solutions, Beyond Gravity Austria**

Kurt Kober has more than 25 years of international professional experience with a focus on aerospace. In recent years, he has held various international management positions at the technology group Honeywell. After studying electrical engineering at the Vienna University of Technology, he started his professional career at the Austrian VATECH Group and the Viennese technology company TTTech. During his tenure at TTTech, he spent several years in the United States.



### **François Raffenne | Head of EU & NATO Public Affairs, ArianeGroup**

François Raffenne became Head of EU & Nato Public Affairs in 2023. Before that, Mr. Raffenne was the Manager for Strategic Planning and Analysis after holding the position of Marketing & Sales Manager for Missile Defence and Systems within ArianeGroup's Defence Division. From 2010 to 2012, he was responsible for EU & NATO Defence and Security topics within Astrium's Corporate Institutional Relations team. Before joining the industry, he held the position of Desk Officer for North America within the Policy Directorate of the French Ministry of Defence.



### **Eric Slesinger | Founder, 201 Ventures**

Eric Slesinger is the Managing Partner of 201 Ventures, investing in early stage companies that advance freedom and autonomy in Europe. He also founded and runs the European Defense Investor Network, privately organizing investors across Europe to develop the defense tech ecosystem.