

## SPEAKER PROFILES

### *Opening Remarks*



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After being elected as deputy mayor of Grenoble in 2001, she also worked during the 3 years for a telecom operator, France Telecom, now Orange, as expert in innovative products and services for health and social applications. In 2003, she was appointed as CEO of Minatec entreprises (until 2012), a semi public-private company working on industrial projects in micro and nanotechnologies, and biotechnologies. It was in 2012 (until 2014) that she became Secretary of state for Higher Education and Research, including space. She was also the government's representative for Ministerial Conference of the European Space Agency in Napoli, 2012, and Luxembourg, 2014 where Ariane 6 launcher was decided by ESA members.