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Nathalie Meusy is, since November 2008, the Head of the Coordination Office on Sustainable Development at the European Space Agency (ESA) in the Director General's Cabinet Prior to the creation of this office, she launched the sustainable development initiative at ESA in 2007. She has, since then, developed the first framework policy on sustainable development for ESA, to be applied in its environment and energy activities, its programme activities and in the governance and ethics of the whole organisation. She has also conceived and launched the first report on sustainable development for ESA (the first one for a space agency in Europe), based on experts inputs, and has drawn up the basis of the first assessment scheme (with generic and specific indicators) in the sustainability field for the Agency. She has supported collaborative projects inside and outside ESA concerning sustainability issues and in particular started a dedicated cooperation with NASA for exchanging best practices and enlarging the debate with space actors as well as other stakeholders. Nathalie Meusy obtained law degrees from the Paris XI and Besançon Universities and studied thereafter social sciences at La Sorbonne University (Paris). She started her career in journalism and intellectual property related to photographic work (Magnum Photos Agency). Thereafter, Ms. Meusy joined ESA in 1987 as a lawyer/administrator in the Human Resources Department. She supported, as Head of Social Policies, all ESA establishments and directorates from a legal and social point of view for 15 years.

ESA is a Research and Development inter-governmental organisation in charge of space projects and programmes at European level, which now counts 20 Member-States (18 member-States in the EU plus Norway and Switzerland, 9 other EU Member States have Cooperation Agreements with ESA. Canada also takes part in some programmes under a Cooperation Agreement.

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