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Lionel Suchet is a graduate of the Ecole Polytechnique engineering school and ENSAE (Sup'Aero), the French national aerospace school. He is an Ingénieur Général de l'Armement (IGA, armaments engineer). He was closely involved in human spaceflight from the very beginning of his career at CNES (1989) and was Project Manager for five manned missions on the Mir space station and the ISS. In 2004, he was put in charge of science missions at CNES and then in 2008 appointed Deputy Director in charge of orbital systems projects. From 2011 to 2015, he was Deputy Director of the Toulouse Space Centre. From 2016 to 2017, he was Director for Innovation, Applications and Science. The purpose of this new Directorate is to prepare the future for French orbital systems and space data utilization, by nurturing creativity and driving innovation. From 28 August 2017, he is CNES Chief Operating Officer.

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