

# The Community of Ariane Cities

Creation of the CVA

1998

Founded in 1998 as a non-profit association, the Community of Ariane Cities (CVA) brings together European cities – referred to as Ariane Cities – and partner industrial firms working in European space transportation.

The CVA enables them to strengthen their cooperation, keep elected representatives and citizens informed about space activities in Europe and help train future space sector professionals. The CVA is a lively and dynamic organisation that holds a unique position among space-related associations. Created on the principle of a partnership between European cities, space transport industries and space agencies, it offers diversified programmes of events aimed at all types of public and bringing together its members and their interlocutors for moments of sharing.



**14 cities**  
**16 industrial firms**  
**3 space agencies**



## CVA Raison d'être

- Inform citizens about space-sector issues, the remarkable know-how of the aerospace industry and the role it plays in the Ariane Cities.
- Emphasise the economic and social implications of the European launchers programmes and the technological progress they bring about.
- Communicate the importance of Europe having independent access to space.
- Facilitate long-term cooperation between Ariane Cities, firms, space agencies, research institutes and educational bodies.
- Offer programmes of a technical, cultural and educational nature.
- Promote the strategic role of French Guiana and the Europe's Spaceport (CSG).