ATV Jules Verne embarks on an extraordinary journey

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Sunday, March 9th, on its 37th launch—the first in its ES-ATV configuration—Ariane 5 successfully placed the European Jules Verne ATV into elliptical Earth orbit. In 3 weeks’ time, it will be approaching and docking with the International Space Station (ISS).

"With a payload of 19.4 t to place into a highly inclined orbit relative to the equator, the launch of the Jules Verne ATV was a first for Ariane 5. [...] This unique mission mobilized all of the expertise at CNES’s Launcher’s Directorate (DLA),” said CNES President Yannick d’Escatha while congratulating all of the teams involved.

Learn more by reading the CNES press release.