



PRESS RELEASE

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KINÉIS,

future operator of the ARGOS system, is proud to share with you the successful launch of the MetOp-C satellite, placed in orbit during the night of November 6-7.

This satellite completes the ARGOS constellation, which now consists of 7 satellites. A constellation at the disposal of all connected project leaders who would like to test low-cost global connectivity. From 2021, Kinéis will offer a unique connectivity based on a new constellation of 20 nanosatellites, equipped with new generation ARGOS instruments developed specifically for connected objects.

AN UNPRECEDENTED ARGOS CONSTELLATION AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PROJECT LEADERS OF CONNECTED OBJECTS



The Kineis chipset is a radio frequency chip that provides satellite connectivity to any device. Very easy to integrate, it allows you to geolocate any object wherever it is on the planet.



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The future Kinéis satellite constellation will be composed of 20 nanosatellites, all equipped with a new generation ARGOS location and data collection payload.



Watches, cars, by 2030, more than 70 billion objects will be connected. Kinéis offers a capacity to locate and transmit data at any point, at any latitude, under any conditions.

Last night, the EUMETSAT Metop-C space weather agency's satellite was successfully placed in orbit by a Soyuz launcher from the Guyana Space Centre, Europe's space port.

This satellite carries a new ARGOS instrument.

ARGOS is a satellite tracking and data collection system, created by CNES in partnership with NASA and NOAA (National Oceanographic & Atmospheric Administration) and supported by international European and Indian cooperation (EUMETSAT - European Space Weather Agency and ISRO - Indian Space Agency).

From 2019, the ARGOS system will be operated by Kinéis and commercialized by CLS, both subsidiaries of CNES.

For almost 40 years, ARGOS has enabled biologists to study and protect biodiversity (more than 100,000 animals have been monitored). It is also used by many administrations to track fishing vessels and work towards sustainable management of marine resources.

ARGOS also contributes to the safety of crews of merchant ships (anti-piracy alert system) or skippers of the famous ocean races (location and possibility of sending requests for assistance).

Metop-C thus completes the ARGOS constellation, which is currently composed by 6 other satellites, and allows Kinéis to develop the space applications sector and more particularly the applications dedicated to location and data collection.

A constellation accessible to all connected project leaders who would like to test a global connectivity, simple to integrate and who need low power.

The ARGOS system will be fully democratized in 2021, with the launch of the Kinéis constellation.

A unique constellation, made up of 20 nanosatellites whose development led by Kinéis has the unconditional support of the CNES.

This constellation will carry new generation ARGOS payloads dedicated to the Internet of Things.

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