



## Comat, winner of a « First Factory » France 2030 project

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Launched in 2022, the call for projects «First Factory» of France 2030 is intended for start-ups and innovative SMEs with an industrial vocation. This provision makes it possible to facilitate the industrialization on the French territory of very innovative productions in sectors crucial for the ecological and energy transitions. It is part of the dynamics of industrial reconquest initiated by the State with the France 2030 plan.

Comat's new «Saturn» eco-responsible factory will be dedicated to the industrialization of strategic and sovereign technologies for the New Space and Constellations. The high-performance deployment mechanisms and systems that will be produced there are an essential contribution to the performance of next-generation satellites. Such systems are aimed at a rapidly expanding market due to the increasingly important role of space for society: connectivity, climate, strategic issues...

These premises will have production lines to manufacture and assemble in large volumes the equipment necessary for the proper functioning of these satellites. With this aim, significant investments will be made to innovate in our industrialization and production processes (cycle optimization, pooling of production lines, development of a qualification framework) and to acquire a building and the necessary equipment (1,500 m<sup>2</sup> including 700 m<sup>2</sup> of ISO7 clean rooms, lifting facilities, test areas, etc.).

Contributing to the influence of the French space sector in Europe and in the world, this project will also have positive repercussions for the territory of the Occitanie region in terms of value creation and job generation (€25 million in turnover and 50 skilled jobs generated by the project by 2026).

The «Saturn» project also aims to encourage the many possible synergies with start-ups in the sector and with Comat's historical customers. Collaborative industrialization spaces will be opened for the benefit of these players who need a production tool to concretize the disruptive innovations they have made.

Finally, this project has also been designed with the aim of ensuring the lowest possible ecological footprint (renewable energy production, resource and energy saving, zero waste policy, etc.) to contribute to the global fight against climate change.

## About Comat

As a French manufacturer of space equipment, we are a European leader in the design and manufacturing of complex mechanisms.

What we offer: From innovation to MAIT, we can provide complete in-house services for all your equipment needs. In addition, we have developed our own ready-to-use products for smallsat applications. In order to better meet the needs of our customers, Comat is organized into 3 Business Lines: Exploration & Science – Telecommunication & Observation – Smallsat

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