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For more than 50 years of experience, the Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales (CNES) has been supporting scientific ballooning, which remains the most cost effective means to access to near space science.

This paper will give a quick overview of the CNES capabilities and services for operational balloon activities: Zero Pressure Balloon, Super Pressure Balloon and Sounding balloons. It will focus on the on-going development to improve them. The most recent balloon campaigns will be presented, as well as the future campaigns.

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