

Press release
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François Dellacherie, New Director of Télécom SudParis

François Dellacherie has been appointed Director of Télécom SudParis by Bruno Lemaire, Minister for the Economy, Finance and Recovery (the ministry with supervisory authority over Institut Mines-Télécom), Agnès Pannier-Runacher, Secretary of State to the Minister for the Economy, Finance and Recovery and Cédric O, Secretary of State to the Minister for the Economy, Finance and Recovery and to the Minister for Territorial Cohesion and Relations with Local Government through a [decree dated 19 November 2020](#). He will take over as head of the engineering graduate school on 1 December 2020. He will be succeeding Christophe Digne, who has joined the French National Frequency Agency (ANFR).

Up to now, he has been serving as Deputy Director of Technology for the French Ministry for the Armed Forces, where he managed centers of excellence in big data, cybersecurity, software development, telecommunications and artificial intelligence. François Dellacherie was responsible in particular for developing the innovation policy, recruiting young talent, collaborations with innovative companies in the digital sector and researchers from the academic world, and international cooperation in his field.

As the Director of Télécom SudParis, François Dellacherie's responsibilities will include continuing the school's development based on its fields of excellence (cybersecurity, data science and artificial intelligence, networks and Internet of Things, multimedia), developing and implementing the overall strategy of Institut Mines-Télécom (IMT), of which the school is a member, and helping build Institut Polytechnique de Paris (IP Paris).

François Dellacherie is a graduate of École Polytechnique. In 1991, he joined the Corps of Telecommunications Engineers. He continued his engineering training at Télécom Paris with a Diploma of Advanced Studies (DEA) in Applied Mathematics for Image Processing, before joining the French Ministry for Defense. From 1996 to 2014, he held management positions in a number of fields: as head of the R&D Office (information system security), then as department head (information system security and cryptology), where he managed all of the R&D activities in the fields of electronics and computer science, industry relations and international partnerships. In 2006 he led the department responsible for telecommunications, image processing and digital mobility laboratories. Since 2014, as Deputy Director he has actively contributed to the



development and operational implementation of the Ministry's digital strategy for defense and national security activities.

Upon being appointed Director, François Dellacherie declared, *"I am particular proud to take over as Director of Télécom SudParis! I've long been aware of the school's many strengths, and I look forward to working with the existing teams to continue its development – and to strengthen its role as an academic and economic player in the various digital ecosystems in France and internationally."*

Hervé Debar, Director of Research and Doctoral Programs at Télécom SudParis, is serving as interim director of the school until François Dellacherie's arrival.

About Télécom SudParis – www.telecom-sudparis.eu

Télécom SudParis is a French public engineering graduate school recognized as a leading institution for digital science and technology. The high quality of its training is based on the scientific excellence of its faculty and its teaching methods, which focus on team projects, groundbreaking innovation and entrepreneurship. Télécom SudParis counts 1,000 students, including 700 engineering students and around one hundred PhD students. Télécom SudParis is a member of Institut Mines-Télécom, the number-one group of engineering schools in France. The school is located on two campuses: in Evry-Courcouronnes, with IMT-BS, and in Palaiseau with Télécom Paris. Télécom SudParis is a member school of Institut Polytechnique de Paris (IP Paris), a world-class science and technology institute, along with Ecole Polytechnique, ENSTA Paris, ENSAE Paris and Télécom Paris.

About IMT www.imt.fr

Institut Mines-Télécom is a public higher education and research institution under the aegis of the French Ministry for the Economy, Industry and Digital Affairs, which groups together 8 graduate schools, 2 subsidiaries and a network of strategic and affiliated partners. Its activities in the fields of engineering sciences and digital technology support the education of engineers and managers, partnership-based research, innovation and economic development. Always attentive to the economic world, IMT combines strong academic and scientific legitimacy, close corporate relations and strategic positioning in the key transformations of the 21st century: digital technology, industry, energy and ecology, and education. IMT is a founding member of the Alliance for the Industry of the Future and co-founder of the Franco-German Academy for the Industry of the Future with Technische Universität München (TUM). It is recognized by 2 Carnot Institute accreditations for the quality of its partner-based research. Each year, IMT trains over 1,200 students, enters into nearly 70 million research contracts, and hosts some 100 start-ups in its incubators.



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