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Ronan STEPHAN becomes the new Chairman of France Energies Marines

Ronan STEPHAN was appointed Chairman of France Energies Marines at the General Meeting on 5 September 2023. He succeeds Jean-Philippe PAGOT, who has held this position for the past three years.

Born in Brest and trained as a scientist, Ronan STEPHAN's career has been resolutely focused on research and innovation. For 15 years, he held senior positions in major public institutions such as the *Centre national de la recherche scientifique (CNRS)* and the *Université de technologie de Compiègne*, as well as Director General of Research and Innovation at the French Ministry of Higher Education, Research, and Innovation. Over a period of some 20 years, he also held senior management positions in major international industrial groups, including Thomson-CSF (now Thalès), Alstom, General Electric and Plastic Omnium. Ronan STEPHAN has in-depth knowledge of higher education, academic research, and the business world, combined with extensive experience of the productive interactions between these sectors.

Ronan STEPHAN has closely followed the creation and development of France Energies Marines, which he has supported during previous audits on behalf of the French government. His current aim is to position the Institute in ambitious collaborative projects that will contribute to a strong national industry and economy and strengthen the Institute's international recognition in research and technology. The General Assembly of France Energies Marines recognises Ronan STEPHAN's many qualities, which are a major asset for the development of the Institute.

France Energies Marines would like to thank Jean-Philippe PAGOT, Marine Environment Director at EDF Renewables, for his 3 years of commitment as Chairman of the Institute. He has given us the benefit of his extensive network of industrial and academic contacts. He was also a real support at a time when the joint-stock company (SAS), an entity created in 2018 to gradually succeed the initial associative structure, was in full development. Jean-Philippe PAGOT has agreed to remain Chairman of the Association until its forthcoming closure.



Jean-Philippe PAGOT

I am delighted and honoured to have been able to support the spectacular development of France Energies Marines as an Institute for the Energy Transition. With staff numbers, budgets and industrial partners increasing threefold, if this is how the future looks, then there is no doubt that the Directors have made the right choice for my successor. Ronan STEPHAN and the Institute's team will be able to drive forward the ambitions of offshore renewable energies alongside a committed French government, and a competent and organised sector. I wish him every success.



Ronan STEPHAN

Having closely followed the various steps of the Institute's development since its inception, I am now happy and enthusiastic to be joining the France Energies Marines adventure. The various audits to which I have contributed have convinced me of the quality and relevance of its strategic orientations and activities. The Institute has clear recognition, both scientific and technological, which will enable us to invest fully in the development of a French industrial sector with international ambitions.

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