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Herveline Gaborieau, new Executive Director of France Energies Marines

There has been a wind of change at the head of France Energies Marines with the beginning of the new year! Since 1 January, Herveline Gaborieau, previously Deputy Executive Director, has taken over as head of this Institute for energy transition focused on offshore wind energy. She succeeds Yann-Hervé De Roeck, who has managed the Institute since its creation in 2012.



Herveline Gaborieau joined France Energies Marines in 2016 as Head of Development and Valorisation. This position led her to take an increasing part in the strategic orientations and operational management of the Institute. Drawing on her leadership and commitment, she naturally became Deputy Executive Director in early 2022, before taking up the post of Executive Director on 1 January this year.

A career at the heart of technological innovation

An engineer by training, Herveline Gaborieau completed her studies with a doctorate in the field of energy at the Technical University of Berlin. After an initial experience as an R&D engineer within the Valeo group, she held several positions of responsibility focused on innovation and development, notably within the GEA industrial group and the Jules Verne Institute for Technological Research, which is dedicated to the competitiveness of strategic industrial sectors. Her career has led her to create, develop and structure highly innovative and operational teams and activities in several industrial fields, in particular the energy sector, as well as to implement product and service development strategies fully in line with the specific needs of cutting-edge industrial sectors.

A thorough knowledge of the offshore wind market and the associated R&D challenges

With her background and six years of involvement in France Energies Marines, Herveline Gaborieau has acquired a detailed knowledge of the offshore wind market and the technological, environmental, societal and economic challenges inherent to the development of this industrial sector. The Institute's Board of Directors has therefore chosen to appoint her as Executive Director, after an open recruitment process. This vote of confidence marks a willingness to continue and strengthen the work initiated several years ago, while instilling a clear and ambitious vision that firmly looks to the future. To achieve this, she will be able to count on the support of the staff and members of France Energies Marines, with whom she has established a working relationship marked by pragmatism and benevolence.

Mini bio

1974: Born in Quimper

2000: Obtained a PhD in energy systems

2001-2007: R&D Engineer and Technical Expert, Valeo thermal systems

2007-2013: Director of R&D Heat Exchangers, GEA Group

2013-2016: Director of programmes and projects at the IRT Jules Verne

2016: Arrival at France Energies Marines



"It is with great enthusiasm that I wish to accompany the Institute in its strong growth and its recognition as a centre of expertise renowned for its industrial impact on a European level. To this end, I will endeavour to consolidate and develop its historical collaborative R&D activity. This will enable us to consolidate the expertise of our collaborators and those of our academic partners. France Energies Marines will complement this activity by developing structuring programmes for the offshore wind industry based on major R&D infrastructures and programmes that will bring together the skills of this booming sector. The results of this work will further support the implementation of the offshore wind industry in the territories and its entire value chain, particularly the industrial SMEs. It is thanks to a united and professional team of more than 70 employees with solid complementary skills, now installed on all of the coastlines of Metropolitan France, that these challenges will be met!"

Herveline Gaborieau – Executive Director of France Energies Marines



"It is with conviction and confidence that the Board of Directors has overwhelmingly validated the appointment of Herveline Gaborieau to the position of Executive Director. The strength of the France Energies Marines Institute lies above all in the people who work within it. By capitalising on the exceptional work carried out by the teams of Yann-Hervé De Roeck, to whom I pay tribute here, Herveline Gaborieau brings us her unfailing knowledge of the marine renewable energy ecosystem and gives the Institute a renewed and ambitious drive. I am all the more optimistic about the future of France Energies Marines."

Jean-Philippe Pagot – Chairman of France Energies Marines

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