

Jack Metthey



Deputy Director-General of Directorate-General Research and Innovation – European Commission

Membership or presidency of other boards

Member of the Fuel Cells and Hydrogen Joint Undertaking Governing Board

Member of the Shift 2 Rail Joint Undertaking Governing Board

Member of the Bio-Based Industries Joint Undertaking Governing Board

Previous and other positions

Jack METTHEY received a Doctorate in Biological Sciences from Strasbourg University (France) and a Master of Science from the University of California (USA) where he worked as Research Assistant. He then worked as software engineer and joined a leading IT company as senior consultant.

He entered the European Commission in 1988, first in the Information Technologies Research programme (ESPRIT) and later as Assistant to the Director General and Head of the Unit for Research co-ordination and information society.

In 1995, he became Advisor of the European Commissioner for Research, Education and Youth. In 2002, he was appointed Director for Transport research, leading to the first research strategic agenda for European aeronautics and the inclusion of Space as a policy in the EU Treaty. He then launched in 2006 the European Research Council (ERC) and set up its Executive Agency, for which he was the first Director.

In January 2011, he became Director for the Framework programme and Policy Development at Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, in charge in particular of the preparation of the Horizon 2020 package (2014-2020) and its institutional negotiation with Council and Parliament.

Since February 2016 he is Director in charge of Climate Action and Resource Efficiency, dealing in particular with the COP21 follow-up and, since April 2017, deputy Director General (acting) in charge of Research Programmes.