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Filip Cornelis has been Acting Director for DG MOVE Directorate E in the European Commission, in charge of aviation since October 2015. He has also been Head of Unit for Aviation Policy since October 2016.

He joined the European Commission in 1994 and covered political, economic and commercial affairs in the European Commission's mission in Kiev as deputy to the Head of Mission. From 1998 on, he worked in the Task Force for Accession Negotiations, in charge of the European Union's accession negotiations with Hungary and of negotiating Chapters 2 (free movement of persons) and 21 (regional policy) on a multi-country basis. He then led the Commission team drafting the Treaties of Accession for the 12 new EU Member States. In 2003-2004, he was seconded to the University of Pittsburgh, USA, as European Union Fellow at the Center for West European Studies.

In January 2006, Filip Cornelis moved on to transport policy by joining the office of the Director-General for Energy and Transport, Matthias Ruete. He was the leading member of the office from 2008. He was then appointed Head of Unit for Aviation Security in the European Commission in September 2010. He moved on to become Head of Unit for Aviation Safety from December 2012 until October 2016.