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Philippe Merlo took up his duties as Director ATM at EUROCONTROL on 1 February 2014. He is responsible for the Air Traffic Management Directorate which has three main pillars. The first, ATM strategies, is tasked with the strategic development of ATM, with particular focus on ensuring coordination at a global level with the key actors. The second, R&D and SESAR Contribution Management, plays a core role in SESAR 2020, where EUROCONTROL leads eight projects and contributes to many more with the aim of achieving the objectives of the Single European Sky and the performance scheme, as well as ensuring full alignment of SESAR initiatives in accordance with the ATM Master Plan. The third, civil-military ATM coordination, ensures appropriate civil-military and military-military ATM coordination via EUROCONTROL's unique civil-military competences.

Philippe has spent his entire career in ATM, beginning as a flight test engineer in 1986 in the French DGAC (Directorate General for Civil Aviation) after graduating from the *École Nationale de l'Aviation Civile* in Toulouse. He would then steadily rise within the organisation to occupy a number of managerial functions of increasing responsibility, including four years as Head of the En-Route ATC Centre in Bordeaux and four years as Director of all Technical Systems and Innovation. In 2010 he became Deputy CEO of DSNA, the French air navigation service provider, in which capacity he was increasingly involved in ATM at a European level, before joining EUROCONTROL four years later.