



Eric Beranger's Biography

Eric Beranger is to be MBDA's new Chief Executive Officer, with effect from 1 June 2019, replacing Antoine Bouvier. Prior to joining MBDA, Eric was the Chief Executive Officer of OneWeb, scaling up this high technology, disruptive Unicorn aimed at offering affordable Broadband Internet access for everyone everywhere.

Since starting his career in 1988, he has held management positions in engineering, operations and finance at France Telecom, Société Générale, and Matra Marconi Space (now Airbus Defence and Space). At the inception of EADS in 2000, he was appointed Senior Vice President Marketing for all space activities, and successfully led the negotiations of the Skynet 5-Paradigm secure satcoms PFI project with the UK Ministry of Defence.

He subsequently created Astrium Services in 2003. Under his leadership as the CEO, the company has grown its revenues and workforce more than 15 fold from 2003 to 2012 and achieved major successes with contracts including Skynet 5 (UK), Satcom BW (Germany), Yahsat (UAE), Passerel (France) and the acquisition of Vizada at the end of 2011.

In 2012 he became CEO of Astrium Satellites, and major milestones for earth observation satellites contracts were achieved. In 2014, as the head of Programs in the new organization "Airbus Defence and Space", his contribution led to the award of the first full electric propulsion commercial satellites contracts from SES and Eutelsat.

In 2006, he was awarded the prestigious Chevalier de la légion d'honneur for his accomplishments in developing space activities.

Born in 1963, Colonel in the citizen reserve of the French Air Force, he is a graduate engineer from the Ecole Polytechnique and Telecom Paris. Married with two children, his interests include flying -he holds a pilot's licence, sports and science.