



## **Christian Fontanel appointed Deputy Director of the École Centrale Paris**

(Châtenay-Malabry, October 3, 2011) – The École Centrale Paris announces the nomination of Christian Fontanel to the post of Deputy Director. From October 3, 2011, Christian Fontanel will share responsibilities with Hervé Biauxser, the School's Director, for the strategy and operations of the School.

**Aged 61, Christian Fontanel is a graduate of the École Centrale Paris (1974) and of the Center for Business Excellence (Executive MBA from the HEC Group – 1984).**

**Christian Fontanel has held numerous positions of responsibility throughout his career including Director of Strategy and then Director of Internal Audit at the EDF Group.**

**He has also had a number of teaching activities, particularly at the Centre for Business Excellence (Executive MBA of the HEC group) and at the École Centrale.**

Christian Fontanel started his career in 1975 in the social housing sector. After two years at the Ministry for Equipment, where he supervised many research and experimental activities in the field of energy saving, he was successively responsible for the control of energy at the Sonacotra Group, then at the National Centre of Technical Studies for Public Housing (CNEME/Tec).

In 1981 he becomes Managing Director of CNEME/Tec Habitat (a subsidiary for advising about energy movement in Public Housing) and develops this company for 11 years, diversifying its activities so that it became a national leader for advising in the exploitation of stocks of housing.

In 1992, Christian Fontanel joins the EDF Group's Institute of Management in order to assist in the preparation of the teams managing the opening of electricity markets to competition.

In 1995 he takes over the management of an operational unit of EDF GDF Services, and then returns in 1999 to the Group's senior management in order to prepare for the reorganisation of this unit.

In 2001 he is appointed Director of Strategy of the EDF Group, and in this role he participates actively in the group's transformation (internationalisation, opening up to competition, preparing for entry to the Stock Exchange...).

In 2005, he becomes Director for Audit and Internal Control, responsible to the President and Managing Director of the EDF Group.

Since April 2010 he has been responsible for driving the development of synergies between the 600 companies in the Group. He also supervises the management of the Purchasing Department, the Insurance Division and the Group's Financial Management Information Systems.

In parallel with these activities, Christian Fontanel has always cultivated his teaching activities, at the École Militaire (National Service), the University Institute of Technology for Thermal Engineering at

Ville-d'Avray (7 years), the Center for Business Excellence at the Paris Chamber of Commerce and Industry (14 years) and the École Centrale Paris (for the last 5 years).

*"I am very enthusiastic about the idea of re-joining the management of Centrale Paris. The School, which has undertaken a number of projects over recent years in order to become a major player in advanced education at the global level, is living a period of extraordinary challenges, one of the most important being its transfer to the Plateau de Saclay" said Christian Fontanel, who added "Giving back to the School and its students some of the richness that it allowed me to achieve in my professional career will remain my constant interest, together with Hervé Biauxser and in collaboration with the whole team".*

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