

Nathalie Guichard

DIRECTOR RESEARCH, TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION



Nathalie Guichard took up her duties as Director for Research, Technology & Innovation at EDA on 1 May 2024.

She is a military engineer (brigadier general armament). She graduated from Ecole polytechnique in 1988 and from Ecole nationale supérieure de l'aéronautique et de l'espace in 1990.

She was then transferred to Atelier industriel de l'aéronautique of Clermont Ferrand and appointed to the position of flying test bench modification project manager in September 1990. Two years later, she became head of the equipment maintenance department.

She was transferred to the aeronautical programs office of Délégation générale pour l'armement (French procurement agency) in Paris in 1998 and became Rafale manufacturing and support manager.

In 2001, she left the French MoD and was appointed to the position of information technology adviser of Auvergne regional prefect, to develop mobile phone and wide bandwidth networks as well as information society. She also dealt with European Fund for Regional Economic Development topics.

She joined Clermont Ferrand community of cities as very wide bandwidth network project manager and as innovation project manager to develop start up creation as well as technology transfer from university research centers to local SME.

She was promoted to the position of economic development director in 2012. She also passed a master degree in public management at Versailles-St Quentin en Yvelines university in 2013.

In 2016, she came back to the French MOD first as deputy managing director and chief operating officer of AIA Clermont Ferrand; AIA is a state owned military aircraft maintenance facility. It counts 1 400 employees and its turn over is around 200M€.

In 2020, she was promoted managing director.