

Christian Dupont - European Commission (DG for Energy and Transport)



Former Cadet of the Ecole Spéciale Militaire de Saint Cyr, with a Master of Police, Security and Society of the Institut d'Etudes Politiques of Toulouse, Christian Dupont started his career in the mid seventies in the French Army as an Officer.

In 1986, he joined the French Gendarmerie Nationale. After several posts of responsibility in the field of security and police, he has been involved since 1995 in the European police co-operation. He has successfully attended the French Joint Staff College (Ecole de Guerre). His last post in the Gendarmerie was as Justice and Home Affairs counsellor in the French Permanent Representation to the European Union in Brussels.

He retired with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel as he joined the European Commission in September 2002, as a principal administrator, in the DG for Energy and Transport, where he is in charge of maritime security. He is notably the author of the Communication of the Commission on enhancing maritime transport security and of the proposal for a Regulation on enhancing ship and port facility security, issued May, 2nd 2003 (now (EC) Regulation 725/2004). He is also in charge of the Directive 2005/65/EC on enhancing port security.

He is since 1st November 2004 Deputy Head of Unit for maritime security in the DG for Mobility and Transport of the European Commission, and he notably takes part on behalf of the European Commission to IMO and UN meetings pertaining to maritime security, including piracy