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CHARLES GUENÉ APPOINTED VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH TRANSPORT REGULATORY AUTHORITY

By decree of the President of the French Republic dated 5 September 2025, Charles Guené has been appointed Vice-President of the French Transport Regulatory Authority (ART) for a six-year term. His expertise, commitment, and extensive on-the-ground experience will bring valuable insight and a complementary perspective to the work of ART.

Holder of a postgraduate degree in tax law, Charles Guené served as Legal Director of the leather goods group P.J. Guené SA from 1978 to 1997, before practising as a tax lawyer.

Mayor of Vaux-sous-Aubigny from 1983 to 2015, he subsequently became Mayor of the newly established municipality of Montsaugéonnais from January 2016 to October 2017. He resigned in compliance with the legislation limiting terms of office, also stepping down from the inter-municipal cooperation body (EPCI in French) he had chaired since 1995. Member of the Haute-Marne General Council from 1992 to 2011, he was Vice-President of the General Council responsible for education, school transport and the "middle-school" plan from 1998 to 2008.

Charles Guené was Senator for Haute-Marne from 2001 to 2003. Member of the Finance Committee and the Senate Delegation for Local Authorities and Decentralisation – both of which he served as Vice-President – he also held the position of Vice-President of the Senate from 2011 to 2014.

Since June 2024, he has been a member of the High Council of the French Court of Auditors.

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About the French Transport Regulatory Authority (ART)

Since 2010, the French railway sector has had an independent authority to accompany its gradual opening to competition: the Autorité de régulation des activités ferroviaires (Araf). Law 2015-990 of 6 August 2015 on growth, activity and equal economic opportunity extended the regulator's powers to road activities - coach transport and motorways. On 15 October 2015, Araf became the Autorité de régulation des activités ferroviaires et routières (Arafer), with the mission to contribute to the proper functioning of public service and competitive activities for the benefit of rail and road transport customers.

With competence for the regulation of airport charges since 1 October 2019, Arafer became the Transport Regulatory Authority (ART) on that date. Lastly, Law No. 2019-1428 of 24 December 2019 -mobility act- extended ART's powers and missions to the opening up of mobility and ticketing data, as well as to the regulation of infrastructure manager activities and security activities carried out by RATP in Île-de-France. Its opinions and decisions are adopted by a college of five independent members chosen for their economic, legal or technical skills in the field of digital services or transport, or for their expertise in competition matters. It is chaired since 29 December 2023 by Thierry Guimbaud.