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Anne Laurent and David Valence appointed as Vice-Presidents of the French Transport Regulatory Authority

By decree of the President of the French Republic dated November 5, 2026, Anne Laurent and David Valence were appointed Vice-Presidents of the French Transport Regulatory Authority (ART). Their complementary backgrounds —combining in-depth expertise in economic regulation and European policies with experience in transportation policy, infrastructure, and land-use planning—will help enrich the work of ART's board.

ANNE LAURENT, IN-DEPTH EXPERTISE IN ECONOMIC REGULATION AND EUROPEAN POLICY



Graduated of École Polytechnique and Télécom Paris, Anne Laurent began her career at the Ministry of the Economy, where she held several positions in the fields of digital technology and telecommunications.

From 2010 to 2012, she served as a technical advisor in the office of the Minister of Energy and Climate. She then joined the Directorate General for Enterprise (DGE), where she served as Deputy Director for "Europe and International Affairs" from 2012 to 2018, playing a key role in the development and negotiation of European policies on competitiveness, industry, and services.

From 2018 to 2023, she held several positions at the French Regulatory Authority for Electronic Communications, Postal Services, and Press Distribution (Arcep), notably as Director of "Mobile and Innovation," and later as Director and Advisor to the President.

In 2023, Anne Laurent became deputy director of the École des Mines – PSL.

DAVID VALENCE, AN IN-DEPTH UNDERSTANDING OF TRANSPORTATION POLICY AND LAND-PLANNING



Certified history teacher and graduated from the Paris Institute of Political Studies, David Valence first worked as a professor and researcher, then as deputy director general of the Charles de Gaulle Foundation.

Mayor of Saint-Dié-des-Vosges and president of its intermunicipal association from 2014 to 2022, David Valence, was elected regional councilor for the Grand Est region in 2016. There, he served notably as vice president in charge of transportation, mobility, and infrastructure from 2017 to 2022, and as chair of the regional committee responsible for these areas from 2016 to 2017, and again beginning in 2022.

Member of the National Assembly representing the Vosges department from 2022 to 2024 and a member of the National Assembly's Committee on Sustainable Development and Regional Planning, he chaired, notably, the parliamentary commission of inquiry on the liberalization of rail freight in 2023, as well as the Delegation for Local Governments and Decentralization from 2023 to 2024.

Appointed chair of the Infrastructure Policy Council in 2021, he coordinated several reports on the development, investment, and financing of transportation infrastructure. In December 2024, he became a special advisor to the CEO of Voies navigables de France (VNF).

Anne Laurent and David Valence succeed Patrick Vieu and Florence Rousse, who were appointed vice presidents by decree on May 19, 2020, for a six-year term. ART thanks them for their dedication, expertise, and contribution to the Board's work throughout their term.

ART Board now consists of Thierry Guimbaud, Chair; Sophie Auconie; Charles Guené; Anne Laurent; and David Valence. Three of its members, including the Chair, are appointed by the President of the Republic, while the other two are appointed by the President of the National Assembly and the President of the Senate, respectively.

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About the French Transport Regulatory Authority (ART)

Established in 2010 to support the opening up of the rail sector to competition, the French Transport Regulatory Authority (ART) is an independent public authority whose jurisdiction has been gradually expanded to include road activities - coach transport and motorways, airport charges digital mobility services and certain RATP operations in the Île-de-France region.

ART ensures the smooth economic functioning of the sectors it regulates and the maintenance of effective and faire competition, for the benefit of users and the transportation system.

Its opinions and decisions are adopted by a board composed of five independent members chosen for their economic, legal or technical skills in areas related to transportation regulation. It is chaired since 29 December 2023 by Thierry Guimbaud.