

Bert De Colvenaer
Executive Director
Fuel Cells and Hydrogen Joint Undertaking

Bert De Colvenaer was appointed as the Executive Director of the Fuel Cells and Hydrogen Joint Undertaking as from 1 September 2010. As Executive Director, he is the legal representative of the FCH JU and the chief executive responsible for the day-to-day management of the FCH JU. Supported by the staff of the FCH JU Programme Office, this includes: manage the launch of the calls for project proposals and the evaluation and selection of projects; monitor and update the Multi-Annual Implementation Plan of the FCH JU; coordinate with other relevant programmes at national and regional levels; and communicate information on FCH JU activities.



Bert De Colvenaer has been involved for more than 20 years in the automotive industry in the field of power-train production engineering and advanced research. He has been working on fuel cell research from the early 90's and was involved in high level group activities and major EU research projects. In 2002 he established and led the Advanced Technology Division of Toyota Europe, focusing on breakthrough research in the field of fuel cell and hydrogen, robotics and new automotive production technologies. Prior to Toyota, he has been working for Volvo.

Bert De Colvenaer's academic background is in mechanical engineering and in industrial management.