



Pierre- Etienne Franc

Chairman of the FCH 2 JU Governing Board



Vice President, advanced Business and Technologies Air Liquide Group

Pierre-Etienne Franc joined the Air Liquide Group in 1995 as business analyst, in charge of strategic and financial studies for the Group general management. He was then successively appointed Business Manager for energy markets (1997), Vice-president Strategy of the Venture Services Division (1999) and Vice-President in charge of the Metals Market (2001). From 2005 to 2008, he has served as CEO and Business Director of Air Liquide Large Industry operations in Benelux and then became Growth Program Director of the corporate strategy plan “ALMA”.

In June 2010, Pierre-Etienne Franc was appointed Head of Air Liquide Technologies of the Future, a division gathering Air Liquide advanced technology affiliate companies. He currently supervises a broad portfolio of technology businesses and initiatives, in the fields of energy and environment, space and aeronautics, cryogenics and industrial IT, with a staff of more than 1000 scientists, engineers, technicians and administrative personnel. Technologies of the Future notably include all Air Liquide activities related to fuel cells and hydrogen energy via the Group subsidiaries ALH2E and Axane.

In 2011, he was elected Chairman of the Fuel Cells and Hydrogen Joint Undertaking (FCH JU). In May 2013, Pierre-Etienne Franc was appointed Vice President of advanced Business and Technologies, which replaces the former Technologies of Future division, and includes a network of companies dedicated to serve and shape new markets with new technologies.

Pierre-Etienne Franc is a graduate from HEC Paris.

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