



Eric Banel is the French General Director for Maritime Affairs, Fisheries, and Aquaculture.

Appointed Director General for Maritime Affairs, Fisheries and Aquaculture on March 2, 2022 by the Council of Ministers, Eric Banel was since October 14, 2021 in charge of the creation and prefiguration of the new organization, merging all the maritime activities in one single directorate.

General Administrator of Maritime Affairs, Eric Banel was Director for Fisheries and Aquaculture at the Ministry of Agriculture and Food since 2020.

From 2018 to 2020, he was interregional director of the sea for the South-Atlantic in Bordeaux, at the Ministry of the Sea.

From 2017 to 2018, he was adviser to the Prime Minister for maritime economy, and ports at the General Secretariat for the Sea . From 2012 to 2017, Eric Banel was Managing General Director of Armateurs de France, the French shipowners association, member of the High Council of the Merchant Navy and of the National Council of the Sea and coastal.

From 2010 to 2012, Eric Banel was special adviser to the Minister of ecology and sustainable development, in charge of maritime affairs, ports, rivers, coastal and overseas territories.

From 2007 to 2010, he was the Director of Maritime Affairs in the Indian Ocean, for La Réunion and the Scattered Islands. Prior to this he was a fisheries and environment technical advisor to the Minister of Agriculture and Food, from 2006 to 2007.

From 2004 to 2006, he held various positions within the Department of Maritime Affairs, particularly in matters of environment, control and surveillance at sea.

Beginning his career in 2001 in Boulogne-sur-Mer as deputy to the interregional director of maritime affairs for the Channel and the North Sea. From 2002 to 2005, Eric Banel was also a fisheries inspector for the NEAFC (North East Atlantic Fisheries Commission).

A graduate of the *National School of Maritime Affairs* and the *Institute of Higher National Defense Studies*, Eric Banel holds a LL.M in political science, in international and European law and in Chinese literature and civilization. He is Knight of the Legion of Honour.

Eric Banel has a solid expertise in european and international institutions, maritime affairs, shipping, fisheries, energy and marine environment.

