

*“Over the past decades, Europe has made significant technological progress in aviation. However, current and projected aviation emissions are not in line with the objectives of the Paris Agreement and the ambitions of the European Green Deal to bring about climate-neutrality in Europe by 2050. Effective and impactful research and innovation activities are essential to help achieve these goals. The Berlin Aviation Summit is a unique opportunity for policymakers, in the private and public sectors, to present new ideas for decarbonising aviation towards a greener future.”*

**Jean-Eric Paquet**, Director-General, DG Research & Innovation



**Jean-Eric Paquet** has been working as the Director-General for Research and Innovation (DG RTD) since April 2018.

Mr Paquet started working with the European Commission in 1993 and since then has worked in various areas throughout the Commission.

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