

Brig Gen (Armement) Jean-François RIPOCHE

DGA (French MoD procurement agency): R&T director

ONERA (French Aerospace Research Institute): Member of the board



Jean-François Ripoche is a General (IGA) of the Military Armament corps and was appointed on 18 June 2014 as Research and Technology director at the Strategy Directorate, of the DGA, the French MoD Procurement Agency, located in Paris.

Jean-François Ripoche began his career at the DGA in 1998 at the Tactical Missile Program Service as an engineer in charge of R&T for missile optronic equipments. He then became responsible for the Polyphem fiber optic missile program in cooperation with Germany and Italy. In 2001, he took charge of the tactical UAVs program office where he managed several programs and armament operations for the benefit of the Army, in a marked cooperation spirit: multi-mission multi-sensor UAVs, Sperwer, CL289....

In 2005, Jean-François Ripoche turned to defence research and technology as head of the R&T office of the weapons systems directorate. The same year, he was appointed to the Plans, Budget and Management Department as Head of the Office in charge of the operational budget for Helicopters, Land Systems, Missiles and UAVs programs.

Jean François Ripoche joined the strategy directorate in 2008, where he first held the position of Deputy Director for Industrial Affairs in charge of the electronics, land systems and naval systems industries. He was a member of the Board of Directors of GIAT Industries, AREVA Nuclear Cycle and TSA Holding. In 2012, he became head of capability development for C4ISTAR, where he notably participated in the launch of the CERES, GEODE 4D and DESCARTES programs as well as the establishment of the Cybersecurity capabilities master plan.

Jean-François Ripoche graduated from Ecole polytechnique (X90) and the Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Techniques Avancées in Paris. He holds a PhD in laser physics at the Laboratory of Applied Optics, and was auditor for the 48th national session "Armement - Defense Economy" of the Institute of Advanced Studies and National Defence. He is married with three children.