



**Michel Wachenheim**  
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Michel Wachenheim is an engineer, a graduate of Ecole Polytechnique (Paris) and of the French National Civil Aviation School in Toulouse (ENAC). He started his aviation career in air traffic services in 1977. He then got appointed in the airport sector and was in charge of Paris airport operations until 1983, and responsible for French airports technical research later. In 1986, he switched to air transport economics consultancy services as Technical Director within the private Institute of Air Transport (Paris). In 1991, he got an appointment with the French development bank (AFD) and managed investment funding projects regarding all transportation modes in different regions of the world.

After 1995, he was adviser to the French Minister of Transports, later Chief of Staff of the President and the CEO of Paris Airports. In 2002, he was appointed Director General of Civil Aviation, managing 12 000 people and a budget of 2 billion euros. From 2007 to 2013, he was a Chief of Staff of the French Minister of Transports. After that, he accepted a position as Ambassador, Representative of France on ICAO Council. He chaired the Council Air Transport Committee and the Finance Committee. He has been elected Chairman of the 38th ICAO Assembly in 2013.

In 2014 he was recruited by AIRBUS as Senior Adviser to the President and CEO and since that time has chaired the Civil Aviation Business Unit of the Aerospace and Defence Industries Association of Europe. He is also a Vice-Chair of Air and Space Academy, member of the "Aeroclub de France".