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Dominique Schmitlin appointed Security Director for Channel Tunnel Concession

Dominique Schmitlin, a Lieutenant-Colonel from the Gendarmerie and an ex-army officer, served in the French military for 33 years before leaving the Gendarmerie to join Eurotunnel.

He started his career as a Squad Commander in the army's Combat Helicopter Regiment, then served as an officer in the Gendarmerie Nationale. For 10 years he was director of a number of French sites, gaining experience in management and the technical aspects of site protection – including nuclear plants – as well as assisting with the security of individuals and major events.

He subsequently transferred to the Direction de la Sécurité Aéronautique d'Etat and to the office of the Enquête Accident de la Défense (Air) as project leader. He has experience operating crisis management cells and has had the opportunity to work overseas, as well as in France.

From 1 February 2016, Dominique Schmitlin will be responsible for the Security and First Line of Response (FLOR) departments for the Channel Tunnel in both the UK and France, including 300 security personnel operational 24/7, 365 days a year.

The two states are jointly responsible for Border Security.

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