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**Appointment of François RIAHI as an Advisor to François Pérol,  
Chief Executive Officer of Banque Fédérale des Banques Populaires and  
Chairman of the Management Board of Caisse Nationale des Caisses d'Épargne**

François Riahi has been appointed as an advisor to François Pérol, Chief Executive Officer of Banque Fédérale des Banques Populaires and Chairman of the Management Board of Caisse Nationale des Caisses d'Épargne. He is responsible, in particular, for coordinating work on the merger between the two institutions.

An *Inspecteur des Finances* (auditor at the French Treasury) and graduate of the Paris Institute of Political Science (*Sciences Po*) and of the Ecole Centrale de Paris school of engineering, he was appointed in May 2007 as an advisor of the President of the French Republic, responsible for the reform of State institutions and public finance.

After graduating from the prestigious *École Nationale d'Administration* school for high-flying civil servants (a member of the *Nelson Mandela* class), François Riahi joined the *Inspection Générale des Finances*, the department of the French treasury responsible for auditing public bodies. He was then appointed to the Government's Budget Department, first as a *chargé de mission* reporting to the Budget Director and subsequently as Head of the Budget Policy Office. He also served as *rapporteur* to the working group chaired by Michel Camdessus set up to examine brakes on economic growth (leading to the publication of the so-called Camdessus report).

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