

Biography of Mr McMillan, Director General EUROCONTROL

David McMillan has been involved with transport issues at national and international level for over twenty years. He became Director General of EUROCONTROL, the European Organisation for the Safety of Air Navigation, on 1 January 2008.



Prior to joining EUROCONTROL, David McMillan held a range of posts in the UK's Department of Transport (DfT). Between 2004 and 2007, he was the UK's Director General of Civil Aviation. In this role he was responsible for domestic and international aviation policy issues including development of the Single European Sky, the relationship between aviation policy and environment, aviation competition, liberalisation, and air traffic control.

Between 2002 and 2004, he served as Director of Strategy and Delivery, responsible for the DfT's delivery agenda and for relations with the EU. Prior to this, he was DfT Director of Rail Restructuring, setting up a successful new operating company to take over as the UK's rail infrastructure provider.

From 1998 to 2001, he led the UK Department of Transport Division responsible for air traffic control policy, putting in place the Public Private Partnership for the future of the UK air navigation service provider, NATS.

Mr McMillan began his career in the UK Foreign Office in 1976, serving in Morocco and Zimbabwe. He has also worked as Transport Secretary at the British Embassy in Washington and Head of Information in the Department of Transport.

Between 2005 and 2007 Mr McMillan was the First Vice President of the European Civil Aviation Conference and the spokesman for Europe on aviation and environment at the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO). In 2006 and 2007, he participated in the EU's High Level Group on the future of aviation regulation in Europe.

Mr McMillan has a degree in French and Spanish from Edinburgh University.